Academic Planning Faculty Committee Meeting Minutes

**Chair:** Dr. Dan Greenberg  
**Date:** February 4, 2022, at 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Zoom  
**Present:** David Hansen, Bob Mignone, Amy Rogers, Thomas Spade, Dan Greenberg, Gracie Pace, Piotr Gaibas, Simon Lewis, Sebastian van Delden, and Mark Del Mastro

**Proceedings:** Meeting called to order by Dan Greenberg at 1:00 pm on Zoom.

**First Agenda Item – Biomedical Engineering Proposal**

Dr. Sebastian van Delden, Dean, School of Sciences and Mathematics, began the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the historical process of implementing the current engineering programs offered at the College. The presentation concluded with Sebastian underscoring the need to grow additional programs to meet the needs of surrounding industries. He noted that students are drawn to the College because of its location and these programs will be attracting students to fill these needs. Sebastian presented a 10-year plan for implementing new engineering programs including a Biomedical Engineering program. The plan includes three phases with Phase 1 to establish the program, Phase 2 to grow the program, and Phase 3 to launch a new school.

Sebastian fielded several questions from the committee members that led to a consensus that this initiative could equip the College to provide meaningful programs that address the market needs while maintaining liberal arts distinction.

Vote passed to support the program with five yes and one abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Rogers  
Academic Planning Committee Member

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