

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

200 Bricker Hall

January 8, 2020

3-5 PM

MINUTES

Attendance

Faculty:

- ✓ Dr. Rebecca Andridge (Public Health)
- ✓ Dr. Anika Anthony (Educational Studies)
- ✓ Dr. Eric Bielefeld (Speech and Hearing Sciences), Co-Chair
- ✓ Dr. Kevin Evans (School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Sara Fowler (College of Dentistry)
- ✓ Dr. Jennifer Higginbotham, Co-Chair (English)
- ✓ Dr. Roberto Myers (Materials Science and Engineering)
- ✓ Dr. Melvin Pascall (Food Science and Technology)
Dr. Maria Pruchnicki (College of Pharmacy)
- ✓ Dr. Paul Rose (College of Law)
- ✓ Dr. Karl Whittington (Department of History of Art)

Staff:

- ✓ Mr. Peter Spreitzer (University Exploration)

Students:

- ✓ Mr. Nat Crowley (USG, Finance)
- ✓ Mr. Ryan Slechta (CGS, Computer Science and Engineering)
- ✓ Mr. Blake Szkoda (CGS, Chemistry and Biochemistry)
- ✓ Mr. Sridhar Uppalapati (USG, Engineering Physics)

Administrator:

- ✓ Dr. W. Randy Smith (Office of Academic Affairs), Vice Chair

Guests:

- Dr. Alicia Bertone (Graduate School)
- Ms. Danielle Brown (College of Education and Human Ecology)
- Ms. Lisa Delaney (Office of the University Registrar)
- Dr. Jan Edwards (School of Music)
- Dr. David Horn (College of Arts and Sciences)

Dr. Tim Judge (Fisher College of Business)
Dr. Alan Kalish (Office of Academic Affairs)
Ms. Lisa Klupp (Office of Enrollment Services)
Dr. Andrew Martin (Office of Academic Affairs)
Dr. Jeanne Osborne (College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences)
Dr. Anna Parkman (Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics)
Ms. Laura Pearce (Graduate School)
Dr. Andrea Prud'homme (Fisher College of Business)
Ms. Rosie Quinzon-Bonello (College of Engineering)
Ms. Gail Stephenoff (Office of Student Academic Success)
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (College of Arts and Sciences)

The meeting came to order at 3:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE CO-CHAIR – PROFESSOR JENNIFER HIGGINBOTHAM

Higginbotham will present the following Council proposals at the January 9, 2020 Faculty Council meeting: proposal for degree title changes in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and the proposal to suspend the Masters of Business Engineering Logistics. If approved, the proposals will go to the University Senate meeting on January 30, 2020.

COMMENTS FROM THE CO-CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Smith welcomed David Horn to his first Council meeting as Associate Executive Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Brad Myers is serving as Interim University Registrar until Jack Miner's replacement is hired. The University is doing a national search for the position. Higginbotham is co-chair of the search committee.

The University will undergo its four-year review with the Higher Learning Commission in February 2021. Smith has assembled a working group to start working on the report.

The Office of Student Academic Success is hosting the annual Focus on First Year Experience Conference on January 21, 2020.

The Sesquicentennial Summit 2 is being held on January 28, 2020. The summit will focus on the University's urban mission.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) is convening meetings on next steps with general education, and transfer initiatives. Smith and Martin, Associate Vice Provost, attend these meetings.

On December 17, 2019, Smith and Martin met with representatives from the OSU Transfer Credit Center to talk about how transfer is going at Ohio State.

Smith has convened a working group on next steps with College Credit Plus. Bielefeld and Michele Brown, Office of Academic Affairs, are serving as co-chairs.

Smith is also convening a group on workforce development. The group's goal is to submit a position paper by the end of Spring 2020.

The Business-Higher Education Forum (BHEF) is hosting its annual meeting on February 13-14, 2020 in Washington, DC. Smith hopes to attend. This group is tied to workforce development.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Guest: Andrea Prud'homme, Associate Dean, Fisher College of Business

The Fisher College of Business (FCOB) would like to modify its Enrollment Limitation Plan (ELP).

The FCOB ELP was approved by this Council in Spring 2018. It was proposed as a way to try to right-size the college with respect to the number of students, faculty, and facilities. The ELP worked too well, however, and the college has a shortage of 270 students. A large graduating class also contributed to the shortage.

The revised ELP is not a request to increase the size of the student body. The revised ELP will hopefully help the college reach its goal of 7,400 students.

In order to reach its goal, Fisher would like to adjust its standards for transfer students (internal and external transfer students). The new admission requirements would be 'flex' standards that would be adjusted yearly as needed to be communicated appropriately.

Smith noted that this proposal has support from Provost McPheron, as well as the Office of Business and Finance. FCOB continues to have conversations with Enrollment Services about the Enrollment Limitation Plan. In the next two years, the University will have a new enrollment plan. That process will be a good opportunity to re-evaluate the ELP.

Please contact Smith if you have any questions or concerns about the ELP.

At the February 5, 2020 CAA meeting, representatives from the Fisher College of Business will give a college update on academic programming.

PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D – PROFESSORS JENNIFER HIGGINBOTHAM AND W. RANDY SMITH

- **Proposal to revise the Bachelor of Music Education – College of Arts and Sciences**

Guests: Jan Edwards, Associate Professor, School of Music

The School of Music proposes to revise the Bachelor of Music Education.

The Bachelor of Music Education (BME) degree program prepares teacher candidates for Ohio's multi-age music teacher licensure. On the completion of the BME and Ohio's licensure requirements, the successful music teacher candidate is qualified to seek employment as a music teacher in Ohio's elementary, middle, and high schools. The BME is designed to prepare candidates to teach and specialize in the following areas: choral music, general music, and instrumental music education for elementary and secondary learners.

The proposed changes seek to broaden the elective choices of the BME student and increase his/her preparation to teach music to all learners. The school would like to bring the choral and general music specializations into alignment with the instrumental specialization. Changes include: additions to the elective list and changes to course titles and descriptions.

Whittington noted that the total credit hours for the general music track are increasing from 125 to 129. Should the Council be concerned about this given the Ohio Department of Higher Education's (ODHE) 120 credit hour limit? Edwards responded the total number of credit hours is typically for the School of Music. Their programs have high credits because of licensure and accreditation requirements. Higginbotham added that it is important for the choral and general music students to have the same educational opportunities as the instrumental music students. She and Bielefeld also noted that this is not an example of a program increasing the major because of a decrease in the general education program. Smith responded that he will inform ODHE of the change, but he does not expect concerns because it is a licensure program.

Smith reminded the Council that the University Teacher Educator Council (UTEC), a subcommittee of this Council, monitors license issues in the State. UTEC plans to look at issue of high-credit hour licensure programs.

Higginbotham moved approval of the recommendation; it carried unanimously.

- **Proposal to revise the Agribusiness and Applied Economics (AAE) major program – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guests: Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; Anna Parkman, Assistant Professor-Clinical, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics

The Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Developmental Economics proposes to revise the Agribusiness and Applied Economics (AAE) major.

The proposed changes are in response to feedback from students, alumni, faculty, and industry. Changes include: change mathematics preparation requirement from Calculus to College Algebra; require two new courses (AEDE 300 and 3105) and drop one required course (AEDE 4002.02); expand the credit hours of AEDE 4002.01 from two to three; increase the number of major electives required from eight to nine credit hours, and; add new courses to elective list. Overall, there is no change in the credit hours required for degree completion, and the credit hours required in the major have been revised from 36-43 to 42.

All course change requests have been approved.

A transition plan is in place for students. The plan will depend on where a student is in his/her career.

Osborne noted that the major change for this major is the move away from Calculus to College Algebra. This decision was made after the department received input from industry that Calculus is not needed in the modern Agribusiness and Applied Economics workforce. Osborne confirmed that the Department of Mathematics was consulted about this change and they concurred.

In the proposal, there is mention of an issue regarding the availability/accessibility of Calculus courses. The Council asked if that is a scheduling issue at the University. Osborne replied that it is not a scheduling issue at the University. The proposal was referring to transfer issues related to mathematics courses. There is a wide variety of content among universities, which makes transferring credits difficult. Smith confirmed that this is an issue statewide. Luis Casian, Department of Mathematics, is spearheading an ODHE initiative to review mathematics transfer courses.

Some on the Council expressed concern and disappointment that Calculus will no longer be a part of this program's curriculum.

Higginbotham moved approval of the recommendation; it carried forward with two opposed.

- **Proposal to revise the Agribusiness-AS program – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guest: Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Ohio State ATI proposes to revise the Associate of Science (AS) Agribusiness program.

The proposed curricular changes will align the requirements of the Agribusiness-AS program with the revised Bachelor of Science Agribusiness and Applied Economics program (see above). As with the BS, the changes are in response to feedback from students, alumni, faculty, and industry. Changes include: change mathematics preparation requirement from Calculus to College Algebra; add a new major course (AEDECON 3105), and; add two-three credit hours of electives. As a result of the proposed changes, there is an overall change from 61 to 61-62 credits required to complete the major.

The Council did not express any concerns.

Higginbotham moved approval of the recommendation; it carried forward with one opposed.

- **Proposal to revise the Environment and Natural Resource-AS program, Natural Resources Management Specialization – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guest: Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Ohio State ATI proposes to revise the Associate of Science Environment and Natural Resources Program, Natural Resources Management Specialization.

The proposed curricular changes will align the requirements of the Natural Resource, Natural Resources Management Specialization with the revised Bachelor of Science Environmental Policy and Decision Making program. The program would like to add BIO 1114 as a choice for the specialization's Biology course requirement. Currently, students only have the option to take BIO 1113. There is no change in the overall credits required for the major.

The Council did not express any concerns.

Higginbotham moved approval of the recommendation; it carried forward with one opposed.

- **Proposal to revise the Agriscience Education-AS program – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guest: Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Ohio State ATI proposes to revise the Associate of Science (AS) Agriscience Education program.

The proposed curricular changes will align the requirements of the Agriscience Education-AS with the revised Bachelor of Science Agriscience Education program. The changes to BS were prompted by recommendations from a recent accreditation visit. Changes to the AS include: add two courses and remove two courses. As a result of the proposed changes, there is an overall decrease from 65 to 64 credits required to complete the major.

The Council did not express any concerns.

Higginbotham moved approval of the recommendation; it carried forward with one opposed.

- **Proposal to revise the Agricultural Communication -AS program – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guest: Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Ohio State ATI proposes to revise the Associate of Science (AS) Agricultural Communication program.

The proposed curricular changes will align the requirements of the Agricultural Communication-AS with the revised Bachelor of Science Agricultural Communication program. Changes include: the addition of a new required course and the removal of a required course. As a result of the proposed changes, there is an overall increase from 63 to 64 credits required to complete the major.

The Council asked how many Associate of Science programs are offered by Ohio State ATI. Osborne responded that the campus offers 26 AS programs.

Higginbotham moved approval of the recommendation; it carried forward with one opposed.

Smith asked Osborne if the college is heading in a particular direction regarding academic programming. Osborne responded that the dean wants academic programs to align with industry demands. Nationwide, agricultural programs are not graduating enough majors. Only 65% of industry hiring needs are being met. Demand is so high that Ohio State ATI loses many students to their college internships. Industry will hire the students without a completed degree.

Smith encouraged the Council to visit Ohio State ATI. It is an impressive campus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – PROFESSORS ERIC BIELEFELD AND W. RANDY SMITH

At an upcoming Academic Program Advisory Committee (APAC) meeting, the college curricular deans will discuss how to better define “program change”. How do we define a change of 50% or more? How should we handle minor curricular changes?

All the subcommittee reports from the GE Implementation Committee are available to review. Please submit comments, if you have any. Feedback is being taken very seriously.

Whittington commented that the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee report is very important. He encouraged Council members to read it.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed