COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ZOOM

April 1, 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. Tami Augustine (Department of Teaching and Learning)
Dr. David Barker (Department of Horticulture and Crop Science)
Dr. Paulette Curtis (College of Education and Human Ecology)
Ms. Lisa Delaney (Office of the University Registrar)
Ms. Patricia Gardner (College of Dentistry)

Dr. Robert Griffiths (Office of Distance Education and eLearning)
Ms. Jill Hampshire (Office of Enrollment Services)
Dr. Rebecca Henderson (College of Dentistry)
Dr. David Horn (College of Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Alan Kalish (Office of Academic Affairs)
Dr. Andrew Martin (Office of Academic Affairs)
Dr. Jeanne Osborne (College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences)
Ms. Rosie Quinzon-Bonello (College of Engineering)
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (College of Arts and Sciences)

The meeting came to order at 3:02 p.m.

Higginbotham welcomed everyone to the Council's first Zoom meeting. She gave some tips on how to best use the program.

DIGITAL FLAGSHIP SWIFT CODING CERTIFICATE UPDATE – MR. CORY TRESSLER

The Digital Flagship's Swift Coding Certificate received support from this Council at its meeting on May 2, 2019. So far, there are over 2,300 students participating in the online certificate program. The students are Ohio State faculty, staff, and students. The University is expanding the certificate offering to Ohio State alumni, although that is currently paused because of COVID-19. The certificate is free for those in the Ohio State community.

Digital Flagship is looking at offering the certificate to the public, at a cost. This would support the University and State's workforce development initiatives. Since the certificate has no prerequisites, it is accessible to many people. Apple is also interested in the certificate being open to the public because it uses their coding language (Swift).

At this point, there is no price point or marketing/communication plan for a public offering of the certificate.

The Council asked if there is any chance that the certificate will become available as continuing education credit, which could be advantageous for some professions—especially K-12 educators. Tressler agreed that it could benefit K-12 teachers. He also added that it is conceivable that the certificate could be offered for high school credit.

The Council asked about the certificate's completion rate. Tressler responded that no one has completed the coursework yet, but that is as expected because of the rigorous curriculum. The first course was launched in November. Most students are in Class 1. The Digital Flagship had hoped that the first certificate would be completed at the end of 2019-20, but that may be affected by COVID-19.

Smith noted that Tressler still needs to give an update to the college curricular deans.

Higginbotham thanked Tressler for the presentation.

COMMENTS FROM THE CO-CHAIR – PROFESSOR JENNIFER HIGGINBOTHAM

The Council's May meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2020 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

At its meeting on March 26, 2020, the University Senate overwhelmingly approved the College of Veterinary Medicine's proposal to amend its clinical faculty cap.

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

Smith commented that this is the Council's first virtual meeting in its history.

In addition to special leadership meetings surrounding COVID-19, the University's day-to-day work is continuing. Smith is hosting weekly discussions with the college curricular deans to discuss the many issues arising related to the University's physical closure, as well as normal business.

Smith has been in touch with the Higher Learning Commission about the University's move to online course delivery for Spring and Summer 2020.

There have been several curricular changes related to the COVID-19 closure. Those include moving to online teaching in spring and summer semesters; giving students a Pass/Not Pass option for eligible courses in SP20; and starting SU20 one week later than planned. Smith is working with the college curricular deans and the Registrar's Office on how to change the mode of delivery for summer courses.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – W. RANDY SMITH

As Smith noted at the March 4, 2020 Council meeting, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) asked that the University change the title of the new Translational Data Analytics graduate program. The original proposal had the degree as a Professional Science Masters (PSM), but ODHE does not allow for that type of degree. Rather than offering a PSM, Ohio State will now offer a Masters of Translational Data Analytics (MTDA). Since there were no programmatic changes to the new degree, the University Senate leadership said that this change can be made at the Council-level. Smith asked if there were any concerns with this change. The Council supported the degree name change.

The College of Engineering established two certificates of completion: a Coding Boot Camp Certificate and a MATLAB Programming for Engineers Certificate. Smith noted that certificates of completion do not require formal approval by this Council.

The Coding Boot Camp Certificate is a 24-week program that combines front-end and back-end web development, as well as big-picture training to participants. Areas of focus will include: theory, application, browser-based technology, databases, service-side deployment, and quality assurance and testing. The certificate is a partnership between the Ohio State and Triolgy Education Services. Ohio State will provide the curriculum and instructors.

Slechta asked if the certificate will be advertised as an Ohio State curriculum. Quinzon-Bonello applied in the affirmative.

The MATLAB Programming for Engineers Certificate will provide working engineers with the in-depth knowledge of the MATLAB programming language and built-in numerical analysis capabilities needed to solve real engineering problems.

The Council did not express any concerns.

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

- **Proposal to withdraw the Minor in Landscape Design and Management – Department of Horticulture and Crop Science, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guests: David Barker, Professor, Department of Horticulture and Crop Science; Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

The Department of Horticulture and Crop Science proposes to withdraw the undergraduate minor in Landscape Design and Management.

The department no longer offers a significant portion of the courses in the minor and it no longer offers any courses that have a design component, belying the name of the minor. In addition, student interest has shifted to more targeted programs. There are no active minors and there have not been any for some time.

Obsorne noted that the department once offered a major in this area, but it was also withdrawn. Students interested in this area do have the option to pursue an applied degree at Ohio State ATI or the Knowlton School of Architecture's program.

The Council asked why students lost interest in the program. Osborne replied that students looked at the cost of tuition relative to the potential salary. Most students are interested in more targeted programs.

Higginbotham moved approval of the recommendation; it carried unanimously.

- **Proposal to revise the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program – College of Dentistry**

Guests: Patricia Gardner, Assistant Director, College of Dentistry; Rebecca Henderson, Assistant Professor-Clinical, College of Dentistry

The College of Dentistry proposes to revise its Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program.

Changes include: the replacement of a 2-credit hour course with a 1-credit hour course; the addition of a new 1-credit hour course; the separation of a 4-credit hour course into a 1-credit hour and a 3-credit hour series, and; the separation of a 3-credit hour course into a 1-credit hour course and a 2-credit hour series.

Higginbotham noted that the changes are a result of the college's review process for its upcoming accreditation visit.

Griffiths added that the changes are across the delivery modes, which includes online delivery.

The Council did not express any concerns.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Smith provided updates on topics related to the University and COVID-19.

Smith stated that University administrators are still discussing how the health science colleges will offer clinical courses this summer.

College responses to the General Education Revision will now be due in early Autumn 2020.

The Council asked if/when a decision about autumn semester courses will be made. Smith responded that it is too early to know about AU20. There does seem to be some interest in increasing the number of online offerings for this fall. Administrators will discuss this after the end of spring semester.

Whittington commented that faculty may not be prepared for the workload for transitioning fall courses to online. Many faculty viewed spring semester's change to online as a stop-gap.

Concern was also expressed for high-risk faculty and students being able to return to campus this fall.

Rose told the Council that the Moritz College of Law is trying to plan for many fall scenarios.

Smith said that the Council will be involved with any big picture, curricular questions that come out of this crisis.

Smith thanked the Office of Distance Education and eLearning and the Office of the University Registrar for all its work over the past few weeks.

Higginbotham thanked everyone for coming to the meeting during a crisis and wished everyone good health.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed