

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ZOOM

September 2, 2020

3-5 PM

MINUTES

Attendance

Faculty:

- ✓ Dr. Rebecca Andridge (College of Public Health)
Dr. Eric Bielefeld (Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Patricia Enciso (Department of Teaching and Learning)
- ✓ Dr. Kevin Evans (School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences), Chair
- ✓ Dr. Sara Fowler (College of Dentistry)
- ✓ Dr. Jill Galvan (Department of English)
- ✓ Dr. Pasha Lyvers Peffer (Department of Animal Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Maria Pruchnicki (College of Pharmacy)
Dr. Paul Rose (Moritz College of Law)
- ✓ Dr. Karl Whittington (Department of History of Art)

Staff:

- ✓ Mr. Peter Spreitzer (University Exploration)

Students:

- ✓ Mr. Ross Bales (IPC, Medicine)
- ✓ Mr. Brandon Bishop (USG, Political Science)
- ✓ Ms. Aviva Neff (CGS, Theatre)
- ✓ Dr. Dustin Servello (CGS, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology)
- ✓ Mr. Sridhar Uppalapati (USG, Engineering Physics)
Mr. William Vu (IPC, Dentistry)

Administrator:

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

Guests:

- Dr. Anika Anthony (Graduate School)
- Ms. Adrienne Bricker (Office of the University Registrar)
- Ms. Danielle Brown (College of Education and Human Ecology)
- Dr. Paulette Curtis (College of Education and Human Ecology)
- Ms. Lisa Delaney (Office of the University Registrar)
- Dr. Rob Griffiths (Office of Distance Education and eLearning)

Dr. Kate Hallihan (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)
Dr. David Horn (College of Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Arpana Inman (College of Education and Human Ecology)
Dr. Alan Kalish (Office of Academic Affairs)
Dr. Andrew Martin (Office of Academic Affairs)
Dr. Andrea Prud'homme (Fisher College of Business)
Ms. Rosie Quinzon-Bonello (College of Engineering)
Ms. Gail Stephenoff (Office of Student Academic Success)

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

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – PROFESSOR KEVIN EVANS

Evans welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting of the 2020-21 academic year. He thanked Council members for their service. Evans noted that the different academic disciplines are well-represented on this Council.

Evans encouraged Council members to reach out with any questions and concerns. He also wished everyone continued good health and safety.

ANNUAL DINNER WITH THE PROVOST – PROFESSOR KEVIN EVANS

The Council's annual dinner with Provost McPheron is scheduled for February 3, 2021. The dinner will be held directly after that afternoon's meeting.

CAA SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – PROFESSOR KEVIN EVANS

Council members are assigned to one of four subcommittees.

Subcommittee A is composed of Andridge, Enciso, Fowler, Neff, Uppalapati, and Whittington. Whittington will chair Subcommittee A. This year, Subcommittee A will have a special focus on certificates.

Subcommittee B is composed of Bales, Bielefeld, Bishop, Lyvers Peffer, and Pruchnicki. Bielefeld will chair Subcommittee B. This year, Subcommittee B will have a special focus on centers/institutes.

Subcommittee C is composed of Galvan, Rose, Servello, Spreitzer, and Wu. Rose will chair Subcommittee C.

Subcommittee D is composed of Evans and Smith. Evans will chair Subcommittee D.

Evans also noted that Fowler, Lyvers Peffer, Servello, and Whittington have agreed to serve on the Graduate School / CAA Combined Curriculum Committee.

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

Smith thanked returning Council members and welcomed new Council members. The Council is composed of 18 voting members. Nine members are needed at a meeting to reach a quorum. In addition to voting members, the Council has regular visitors who attend from college and administrative offices.

Revisions are nearly completed to a major revision of the Office of Academic Affairs' (OAA) Academic Organization and Curriculum Handbook. The handbook should be used as a resource when reviewing proposals.

Smith gave a brief overview of the process for moving classes to an online format for Summer and Autumn 2020. Courses that received temporary distance-learning (DL) status in Summer and/or Autumn will continue to have that status all academic year. In addition to his work with courses, Smith also worked on Covid-related international student issues and now on the Spring 2021 academic calendar.

Four committees report to this Council: College Credit Plus, Student Evaluation of Instruction Oversight Committee, University-Level Advisory Committee on General Education, and the University Teacher Education Council. The College Credit Plus group is looking at the status of dual enrollment at Ohio State. This body should expect to see a report from that work group.

Ohio State is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The University's last decennial review was in 2017. HLC requires institutions to submit a four year after each decennial review. Our report is due in January 2021. HLC will conduct a virtual review in February 2021.

The annual University Assessment Conference will be held virtually on November 6, 2020. There will be follow-up activities offered throughout the year.

Smith is leading a university-level initiative on workforce development.

The colleges are currently in the process of responding to the revised general education (GE) implementation report. Six out of 12 undergraduate colleges have approved. The new GE is expected to begin in Autumn 2022.

PROCESS TO REVIEW CENTERS/INSTITUTES AND CERTIFICATES – PROFESSOR KEVIN EVANS AND W. RANDY SMITH

This Council is charged by the University Senate to review university-level centers and institutes. It has no role in the review of college-level centers. The OAA Academic Organization and Curriculum Handbook has language on what is required for the review of a center/institute. Bielefeld is working on a review template that will hopefully streamline the process.

Evans would like the Council to take stock of the certificates that have been created and approved over the past few years. Evans and Whittington will work on a template that can be used in the review of existing certificates. In addition, Subcommittee A will look at the current certificates creation template to see if any updates need to be made. Smith commented that we need stronger language around outcomes of certificates.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Members discussed university-wide issues that could be at featured upcoming meetings. Suggestions included: diversity and inclusion initiatives; funding of special university initiatives vs. funding of existing programs; curricular training at the university; academic freedom and freedom of speech; and, lessons from Covid-19 for future terms.

Smith introduced Adrienne Bricker to the Council. Adrienne Bricker is the new University Registrar. The Office of the University Registrar implements the proposals that this Council approves. A staff member from the Registrar's Office always attends Council meetings.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed