

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ZOOM

January 20, 2021

3-5 PM

MINUTES

Attendance

Faculty:

- ✓ Dr. Rebecca Andridge (College of Public Health)
- ✓ Dr. Anika Anthony (Department of Educational Studies, Graduate School)
- ✓ 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. Jules Angel (Department of Anthropology)
- Ms. Danielle Brown (College of Education and Human Ecology)
- Dr. Paulette Curtis (College of Education and Human Ecology)
- Dr. Marymegan Daly (Office of Student Academic Services)
- Ms. Lisa Delaney (Office of the University Registrar)

Dr. Kristen Gremillion (Department of Anthropology)
Dr. Kate Hallihan (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)
Dr. David Horn (College of Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Andrew Martin (Office of Academic Affairs)
Dr. Andrea Prud'homme (Fisher College of Business)
Ms. Leslie Roberts (College of Engineering)
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (College of Arts and Sciences)
The meeting came to order at 3:02 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – PROFESSOR KEVIN EVANS

President Johnson announced that she is going to invest in graduate housing, which was a recommendation that Servello made at the Faculty Cabinet meeting on December 16, 2020. President Johnson will attend a second Faculty Cabinet meeting on February 5, 2021. Vice Provost Beth Hume will moderate that meeting.

After the Council meeting on January 13, 2021, Spreitzer met with Evans and Smith to discuss adding a web resources for current Ohio State students who may want to consider changing majors.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

The Council will soon start the review of six centers: Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning; Center for Operational Research; Mershon Center for International Security Studies; Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing; and Center for Life Sciences Education. The latter is being co-reviewed by OAA and the College of Arts and Sciences. Bielefeld is leading the review process.

There are continued discussions about this Council's role in the revised General Education (GE) program. This Council does not approve courses, but it may have a role in the approval of new themes and embedded literacies.

The Workforce Development Work Group is continuing to work at a rapid pace. Smith will continue to update this Council on its work.

The College of Education and Human Ecology will give a college update presentation at the next Council meeting on February 3, 2021.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

- **Update to combined OD/MS program curriculum – College of Optometry**

The College of Optometry made a minor revision to its OD/MS program curriculum. Vision Science 7260 will no longer be an optional dual credit course for students enrolled in the program. The change is a result of a shift in timing of this course offering within the OD program, which will make it no longer available to MS students.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D – PROFESSORS KEVIN EVANS AND W. RANDY SMITH

- **Proposal to change the Global Option in Engineering program – College of Engineering**

Guest: Leslie Roberts, Program Director, College of Engineering

The College of Engineering proposes to change its Global Option in Engineering program

The Covid-19 pandemic and resulting travel restrictions prompted a review of the Global Option in Engineering (GO ENGR) program. The proposed changes address the requirement of international travel and offer alternatives to meeting the defined goals without an education abroad experience. The changes will help with the short-term needs related to the pandemic, as well as broaden internationalization within the college and increase access for students to pursue the GO ENGR distinction.

The first change is in Category A, which grants an exception for students graduating in Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021. The second change is in Category B, which added virtual options to meet the requirement.

The Office of International Affairs supports these changes.

Roberts commented that the college hopes that these changes will increase participation in the program.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

Evans moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved unanimously.

- **Proposal to create a certificate in Forensic Anthropology – College of Arts and Sciences**

Guests: Jules Angel, Senior Lecturer, Department of Anthropology; Kristen Gremillion, Chair, Department of Anthropology

The Department of Anthropology proposes to create a certificate in Forensic Anthropology.

The Forensic Anthropology Certificate introduces students to the methods, practices, and ethical considerations surrounding osteological and bioarcheological analyses as they pertain to forensic enquiry. Emphasis is on a hands-on approach to the field, with core classes structured around applied teaching with real human remains, and a replica excavation.

To obtain the certificate, participants must complete a minimum of 16 credit hours. Students will take three required courses and select one course from an approved list of elections. Three of the four required courses do have prerequisites.

The certificate is open to both high school graduates and current Ohio State students.

There is minimal overlap between the Forensic Anthropology Certificate and the Forensic Science Minor. The certificate is narrower in scope.

Evans noted that the proposal stated that the certificate will be both category 1a and 1b. Due to system limitations, the Registrar's Office only allows 1a or 1b. In the system, this certificate will only be listed as 1a. The department and college, however, would like to advertise the certificate as both category 1a and 1b because it helps with recruitment. Academic advisors can make sure that the category is 1a in the system.

The Council asked if advertising two categories will cause confusion. Vankeerbergen responded that it will be helpful to advisors because it will identify who can participate. Delaney added that the categories mean something different to participants versus the system.

Angel noted that the workforce expressed a need for this certificate. The Council asked how the certificate will assist the workforce. Angel responded that participants will not become certified forensic anthropologies, but the certificate will give participants valuable background knowledge that they would not have otherwise.

Evans moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved unanimously.

Smith noted that this Council, led by Whittington, will do an assessment of approved certificates. The Council will assess if certificates are meeting their objectives.

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) TEMPLATES PRESENTATION – ASSOCIATE DEAN MARYMEGAN DALY

Daly gave an overview of how colleges are submitting courses for GE review. There is no hard deadline for the submission of courses. This Council will not approve courses.

INPUT ON CAA PRESENTATION AT UPCOMING FACULTY CABINET MEETING

President Johnson is attending another upcoming Faculty Cabinet meeting. Evans has been asked to give an overview of the work that this Council does. Evans asked members for input on the presentation. Suggestions included: viewing proposals from a university-perspective; volume of proposals reviewed and approved by Council; and creation of GS/CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and Subcommittee D to improve the efficiency of proposal review.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed