

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ZOOM

February 17, 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:

- Ms. Adrienne Bricker (Office of the University Registrar)
- Dr. Angela Britnlinger (Center for Slavic and East European Studies)
- 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. David Gardner (Department of Horticulture and Crop Science)
Dr. Robert Griffiths (Office of Distance Education and eLearning)
Ms. Jill Hampshire (Office of Enrollment Services)
Dr. David Horn (College of Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Gonul Kaletunc (Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering)
Dr. Alan Kalish (Office of Academic Affairs)
Dr. Andrew Martin (Office of Academic Affairs)
Dr. Jeanne Osborne (College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences)
Dr. Andrea Prud'homme (Fisher College of Business)
Ms. Rosie Quinzon-Bonello (College of Engineering)
Ms. Gail Stephenoff (Office of Student Academic Success)
Dr. Aimee Ulstad (Department of Integrated Systems Engineering)
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (College of Arts and Sciences)

The meeting came to order at 3:01 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – PROFESSOR KEVIN EVANS

Evans informed the Council that it is National Random Acts of Kindness Day. As part of the day, he expressed his gratitude for everyone's participation and work on the Council.

Evans thanked Bielefeld for his help with an issue related to the approval of General Education courses.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Smith reported that the University submitted its four-year accreditation report to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). HLC requested some additional information, which will be submitted soon.

This Council will review six centers during Spring 2021. Bielefeld and Smith met with the center directors on February 4, 2021. The review process and expectations were discussed.

An *ad hoc* committee was created to review all the subcommittees that report to the University Senate. The *ad hoc* committee is currently reviewing survey responses that were submitted by current and past members of Senate subcommittees. The University Senate would like to have recommendations by mid-April.

Smith reminded the Council that temporary distance learning (DL) status for courses ends in August 2021. If a unit would like a course to have permanent DL status, the unit should submit the course for formal review. Many people forget that an increase in DL courses have programmatic implications.

The Office of Academic Affairs will soon start to review requests from colleges to approve in-person events. These events are not courses or clinics.

The Workforce Development Work Group continues to meet. A subcommittee of that group is looking into the possibility of offering stackable certificates and micro-credentials at the University. The work group will take its recommendations to APAC (Academic Program Advisory Council) and this Council. Smith has asked Griffiths to co-chair the steering committee that will develop the policies, if approved by APAC and CAA. Contact Smith if you are interested in serving on this steering committee.

President Johnson will give her inaugural State of the University Address on February 18, 2021. These addresses typically identify the University's direction. Some of her initiatives may work their way to this Council.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

- **Change to the Dental Hygiene Program for SP21 Graduating Class – College of Dentistry**

The College of Dentistry made a minor change to its Dental Hygiene Program for the graduating class of Spring 2021.

The number of hours required for the Practicum course will be reduced from three to two credit hours. This change occurred because of the number of clinical sites that have withdrawn opportunities for students to provide clinical care for patients due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This change will only be effective for the graduating class of Spring 2021.

The Council did not express any concerns.

- **Proposal to establish a workforce certificate of completion (category 4) – Foundational Leadership – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences established a workforce certificate of completion (category 4), entitled, Foundational Leadership.

The Foundational Leadership certificate will allow participants the opportunity to further their education, personally develop, create relationships with other industry professionals, and grow as a leader within the workplace.

Participants must complete a total of at least five workshops and complete two personal coaching sessions from the OSU Leadership Center.

The Council did not express any concerns.

- **Proposal to establish a workforce certificate of completion (category 4) - Corrosion: Fundamentals and Experimental Methods – College of Engineering**

The College of Engineering proposed a workforce certificate of completion (category 4), entitled, Corrosion: Fundamentals and Experimental Methods.

The course will cover the fundamentals of corrosion and various electrochemical techniques. Lectures and laboratories are used to illustrate how electrochemical techniques are applied, when they should be used, and how the various techniques can be integrated to solve complex problems. The course will be useful for people entering the corrosion field and professionals looking for a refresher course.

Participants will be required to complete five days of course instruction and laboratory exercises (either in-person or online).

The Council did not express any concerns.

PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE C – PROFESSORS PAUL ROSE, ANIKA ANTHONY, JILL GALVAN; MR. PETER SPREITZER; MR. DUSTIN SERVELLO AND MR. WILLIAM VU

- **Proposal to change the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology program – College of Engineering**

Guest: Aimee Ulstad, Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Integrated Systems Engineering

The College of Engineering proposes to change the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (BSET) program.

The proposed changes are the result of a thoughtful re-evaluation of the program after its first few years. The goals of the changes are to increase requirements for mathematics and science; ease the transition from Engineering to BSET; align engineering and engineering tech; maintain courses in natural home departments; and bring more efficiency to course delivery, as well as the overall program.

Changes include the following: correct course numbers; course additions, course removals, and replacements that result in credit hour changes; course replacements that do not result in credit hour changes; addition of a capstone option; and the addition of a technical elective. The program's total credit hours will decrease from 122 to 120.

Ulstad added that many of the changes were based off recommendations from industry partners.

Rose noted that the program's decrease in credit hours follows recommendations from this Council and the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Enciso asked if increasing the math requirements will have a negative impact on minority populations who may not have strong math backgrounds. Ulstad replied that the program takes this concern very

seriously. Math 1154 and 1155 were re-written specifically for the BSET program to make the math more relevant and engaging for students.

The Council asked if the program is tracking student demographics. Ulstad replied in the affirmative. The program wants a diverse student body and industry wants a diverse workforce.

Ulstad informed the Council that some BSET students have been struggling with eLearning during the pandemic. In particular, students have been struggling with learning math online.

Ulstad added that this Council will see more changes to the program.

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

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

- **Proposal to revise the Sustainable Plant Systems major – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

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

The Department of Horticulture and Crop Sciences proposes to revise the Sustainable Plant Systems major.

The proposed changes will update the curriculum to reflect current course offerings, remove courses that are no longer offered, and to correct minor errors currently in the advising sheets. The changes are made to improve the student experience and progress to degree, increase course options and choice in some categories, and increase clarity to the curricular paths in the five specializations contributing to the Sustainable Play Systems major.

There are no changes to total credit hours.

Osborne noted that these changes should result in fewer petitions.

Andridge thanked the proposers for showing the prerequisites on the advising sheet. Osborne responded that this was added to advising sheets based on student feedback.

Gardner clarified that these changes apply to all five specializations.

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

- **Proposal to revise the Construction Systems Management major – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guests: Gonul Kaletunc, Professor, Department of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering; Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

The Department of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering proposes to revise the Construction Systems Management major.

Changes include addition of new courses and removal of courses no longer offered; updates to the Business and Management components of the program; and a minor redesign of the curriculum sheet. The changes to the Business and Management components were requested by the program's accrediting body.

There are no changes to total credit hours.

Kaletunc noted that the department would like courses to be offered by their natural home departments, when possible.

Kaletunc added that required electives help with the completion of the college's minor requirement.

The Council thanked the proposers for paying attention to the transferability of courses. This should be a seamless transition for transfer students.

Osborne informed the Council that the Construction Systems Management major is a popular program for military veterans and transfer students from community colleges. There are many job opportunities for graduates of this major.

Smith added that there is interest in this program being part of the New Skills Grant, which is being funded by JP Morgan Chase.

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

PROPOSAL FROM SUBCOMMITTEE B – PROFESSORS ERIC BIELEFELD, PASHA LYVERS PEFFER, MARIA PRUCHNICKI; MR. ROSS BALES AND MR. BRANDON BISHOP

- **Proposal to change the name of the Center for Slavic and East European Studies – Office of International Affairs**

Guest: Angela Brintlinger, Director, Center for Slavic and East European Studies

The Center for Slavic and East European Studies (CSEES) proposes to change its name to the Center for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

The name change will more accurately reflect the teaching interests of the center. When established, CSEES's mission was to advance teaching, learning, and research about the dozens of countries within

the larger Central European, Eastern European, Southeast European, and Eurasian regions. Overtime, CSEES's teaching and research mission has expanded to include the regions of Central Asia (in particular, the Uzbek language). The new name will reflect the center's commitment to Central Asia as well as to Eurasia more broadly.

Concurrences were received.

Bielefeld noted that the center expressed an interest in changing the name of its graduate degree program. If the center would like to pursue this change, a proposal would need to be submitted to the Graduate School for review by the GS/CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council. Smith added that it is common programs to change their degree titles after a name change.

Brintlinger informed the Council that the name change will reflect a growing interest in all parts of the former Soviet Union. The change will also align the center with peer programs. She also acknowledged that the center's name is rather long.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

Smith informed the Council that this name change will go to the March meeting of the University Senate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Since there were significant changes to the BSET program, Smith will submit a change request to the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Staff from the Registrar's Office will attend an upcoming Council meeting to share a glossary of curriculum terms that should help individuals better understand the distinction of terms at the University.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed