

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ZOOM

December 2, 2020

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. Michael Bisesi (College of Public Health)
- Ms. Adrienne Bricker (Office of the University Registrar)
- Dr. Angela Brintlinger (Department of Slavic and Eastern European Languages and Cultures)
- 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)
Ms. Andree' Houston (Office of the University Registrar)
Dr. Arpana Inman (College of Education and Human Ecology)
Mr. Damon Jaggars (University Libraries)
Dr. Alan Kalish (Office of Academic Affairs)
Ms. Claire Krafka (USG, Communication)
Dr. Andrew Martin (Office of Academic Affairs)
Dr. Jen Mercer (Fisher College of Business)
Dr. Jeffrey Parvin (Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program)
Dr. Andrea Prud'homme (Fisher College of Business)
Dr. Anne Ralph (Moritz College of Law)
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

Evans thanked everyone for attending the last meeting of Autumn Semester.

Evans reported that Smith is working with the University Senate on finding an efficient way for proposals to go through the approval workflow.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Smith reported that today's Council meeting will be divided into two parts. The first hour will focus on informational items and proposals. The second hour will be a focus group on planning for Autumn 2021 and beyond. Only voting Council members should attend the second part of today's meeting.

The Board of Trustees met on November 18-19, 2020. The following Council proposals were discussed: name change to the Master of Education in Agriscience; name change to the Department of Theatre; and the addition of a clinical/teaching/practice track in the College of Arts and Sciences. Provost McPherson also gave an update on General Education (GE) implementation. Smith attended the meeting.

The next meeting of this Council will be on January 13, 2021.

Smith expects the Council to receive an update on next steps with College Credit Plus sometime during Spring Semester.

A subgroup of APAC (Academic Program Advisory Council) has been working on issues related to grading for Spring 2021.

The academic units have expressed growing interest in creating stackable certificates and micro-credentialing. Smith will lead a work group on these new curriculum initiatives.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education approved a revision to the Ohio Transfer Module. Martin and Smith have been involved with these conversations and will provide an update at a future Council meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

- **Change to Ph.D. Degree Epidemiology Specialization – College of Public Health**

The College of Public Health (CPH) offer a Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) that leads to a combined PhD-Epidemiology/MD degree. PhD-Epidemiology students are required to complete 15 hours towards a minor cognate. CPH would like to allow MSTP students who are completing the combined degree program to be allowed to use up to 15 credits of their MD degree program coursework to apply toward a minor cognate in clinical research. MSTP students will work with their advisors on the specific coursework for the minor.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Change to the Consumer and Family Financial Services minor – Department of Human Sciences, College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences would like to make a revision to the Consumer and Family Financial Services minor. CSCFFS 5250 (three credit hours) will replace CSCFFS 4270 (two credit hours). The content of CSCFFS 4270 will be offered in CSCFFS 5250 along with additional learning objectives. This change will increase the minor's minimum number of credit hours from 13 to 14.

The department would like this change to go into effect in Summer 2021.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Change to the Master of Education in Early Childhood Degree Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Teaching and Learning would like to make a change to the Master of Education in Early Childhood program. EDUTL 5195.01 (Reflective Seminar) will replace EDUTL 5189.01 (Field Placement). EDUTL 5195.01 will allow students to focus on preparations for year-long placement, specifically focusing on planning and introducing foundational guidance concepts as required by the State.

The department would like this change to go into effect in Summer 2021.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Creation of a certificate (category 4) in Radiological Engineering and Health Physics – College of Engineering**

The College of Engineering created a Certificate of Completion (category 4) in Radiological Engineering and Health Physics. The workforce development certificate is aimed at practicing engineers seeking to increase their skills and knowledge in the field of radiological engineering and health physics. The certification will include three non-credit courses and students must successfully complete all in order to obtain the certification. The courses will be delivered in 100% online asynchronous format.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

- **Proposal to change the Moritz College of Law’s grade petition rule –**

Guest: Anne Ralph, Associate Dean, Moritz College of Law

The Moritz College of Law proposes to change its grade petition rule.

Per University Rule, students must initiate a grade change petition before the end of the second succeeding semester or summer term. The College of Law would like to require students to submit a petition before the end of the first succeeding semester or summer term.

The College of Law administration and faculty have expressed concern that the current time period is too long and creates challenges with respect to providing a fair and accurate review of student petitions, as well as to the time instructors are required to maintain exam materials.

Ralph believes that students will still have sufficient time to submit a petition. Students have easy access to faculty.

Rose added that the college office does not receive many petitions—perhaps one every few years. Most grade grievances are handled informally between faculty and students.

Servello asked if student representatives were involved in the discussions around this change. Ralph replied in the affirmative and confirmed that students serve on the College’s Academic Affairs Committee.

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

- **Proposal to develop a new graduate specialization in Russian for the Professions – College of Arts and Sciences**

Guest: Angela Brintlinger, Professor, Department of Slavic and Eastern European Languages and Cultures

The Department of Slavic and Eastern European Languages and Cultures proposes to create a new graduate specialization in Russian for the Professions within its Master of Art in Slavic and East European Languages and Culture program. This proposal has been reviewed by the Graduate School/Council on Academic Affairs (GS/CAA) Combined Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council.

The specialization will train students to a higher-level of Russian language competency which will prepare graduates for careers of their choice in research, translation, global health and politics, law, etc. Some students will come to the graduate program with prior degrees and/or professional training. Others will leverage the specialization to demonstrate linguistic and cultural competence for internal, private entrepreneurial, and government careers.

The curriculum for the specialization in Russian for the Professions shares the core courses with the MA program but requires additional language training and some course work in specific fields of professional interest. There will be flexibility to allow students to customize the curriculum based on their interests.

The department received input from faculty, students, and alumni.

The department expects 4-5 students per year.

The effective term will be Autumn 2021.

Brintlinger noted that Russian—like similar difficult languages—has a disadvantage because students are often not introduced to the language until college. It takes 5-6 years of study to reach fluency and study abroad is highly recommended.

Brintlinger remarked that there are not many similar programs offered in the United States. The department expects students to enroll even if they are not awarded any funding.

Enciso asked if there will be any K-12 outreach opportunities for students in this program. Brintlinger replied that there will be outreach opportunities, but not likely in K-12 schools because most K-12 schools do not offer Russian as a foreign language. In addition, students pursuing this specialization are not being trained as educators.

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

- **Proposal to modify the title of a subplan in the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program – College of Medicine**

Guest: Jeffrey Parvin, Co-Director, Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program

The Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program in the College of Medicine proposes to change the title of a subplan from Computational Biology and Bioinformatic to Biomedical Informatics. This proposal has been reviewed by the GS/CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council.

The change will make the subplan's title more attractive and easier to use for student recruiting purposes. It will also bring the subplan in-line with the current language used in science, better conveying the educational content of the curriculum.

There are no additional changes to the subplan.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

- **Proposal to revise the existing dual degree program in the Master of Business Administration and Master of Health Administration Programs – Interdisciplinary Programs – Fisher College of Business and College of Public Health**

Guests: Michael Bisesi, Senior Associate Dean, College of Public Health; Jen Mercer, Associate Director of Graduate Programs, Fisher College of Business

The Fisher College of Business and the College of Public Health propose to revise the existing dual degree program in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and the Master of Health Administration (MHA) dual degree program. This proposal has been reviewed by the GS/CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council.

This Council approved a revision to the Fisher College of Business's MBA degree program at its meeting on December 5, 2018. The MBA curriculum was revised and increased from 57 to 60 credits. This revision needs to be reflected in the MBA/MHA dual degree program. There are no changes to the total required credits for the MHA, however, there are some course title changes. The new total required credit hours for the MBA-MHA dual degree program is 93.

Bisesi remarked that these changes are in the best interest of students without compromising the integrity of either program.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

Evans moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved with one abstention.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Following the business part of the meeting Smith, with Vice Provost Damon Jaggars, led a focus group visioning session on directions for the University for Autumn Semester 2021 and beyond. Only the Council membership was included.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed