

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ZOOM

June 9, 2021

2-4 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. Danielle Brown (College of Education and Human Ecology)
- Dr. Aravind Chandrasekaran (Fisher College of Business)
- Dr. Rebecca Crandall (Department of Educational Studies)
- Dr. Meg Daly (Office of Student Academic Services)

Ms. Lisa Delaney (Office of the University Registrar)
Dr. Robert Griffiths (Office of Distance Education and eLearning)
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)
Ms. Gail Martineau (Office of Distance Education and eLearning)
Dr. Matthew Mayhew (Department of Educational Studies)
Dr. Paul North (Fisher College of Business)
Dr. Jeanne Osborne (College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences)
Dr. Ben Tepper (Fisher College of Business)
Dr. Christopher Zirkle (Department of Educational Studies)

The meeting came to order at 2:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – PROFESSOR KEVIN EVANS

The Council has received many proposals over the past few months. Our hope is to review as many as possible this summer.

Evans thanked attendees for participating in a summer Council meeting and reminded everyone to balance work and life.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

The Council will next meet on June 30, 2021 and sometime in July (date TBD).

The following proposals were approved at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 19, 2021: approval to establish the Farm Financial Management and Policy Institute; proposal to establish a Master of Science in Immunology and Microbial Pathogenesis Degree; proposal to rename the Center for Slavic and East European Studies; and proposal to rename the Department of Management Sciences.

Jennifer Whetstone, Senior Lecturer in the College of Pharmacy, is the new coordinator of the Committee on Academic Misconduct, effective June 1, 2021. Smith will invite Whetstone to a future Council meeting.

The General Education (GE) Rules of Engagement Committee, led by Smith, had its initial orientation meeting on May 24, 2021. Andridge, Galvan, and Bishop are all serving on the committee. It will be monitoring the actual distribution of courses as they are approved for the various components of the GE model.

The Workforce Development Group continues to discuss program development and partnerships. Smith continues to lead discussions including next steps with Columbus State Community College.

Dr. Melissa L. Gilliam, University of Chicago, will be the University's next Executive Vice President and Provost, effective August 1, 2021. Provost McPheron will continue his role through July 31, 2021.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

- **RN-to-BSN Regional Campus Pilot Program – College of Nursing**

The College of Nursing will pilot a new initiative with Ohio State Mansfield and Lima for its RN-to-BSN program. The delivery format will be in-person learning opportunities on the regional campuses. All admission, application processing, staffing, marketing, and recruitment activities will be housed on the respective regional campuses.

Smith noted that there is a large state and national demand for nurses.

The Council did not express any concerns.

- **Creation of a Certificate of Completion (Category 4), On the Scope: A Masterclass in Practical Scanning Electron Microscopy – College of Engineering**

The College of Engineering created a certificate of completion (category 4), entitled, On the Scope: A Masterclass in Practical Scanning Electron Microscopy.

The certificate program is aimed at practicing scientists and engineering seeking to increase their skills and knowledge in the area of Scanning Electron Microscopy. The certificate will have a series of lectures/demonstration sessions that will be delivered 100% online and a "hands-on" training workshop that will be in-person.

The Council did not express any concerns.

- **Creation of a Certificate of Completion (Category 4), Data Analytics Boot Camp– College of Engineering**

The College of Engineering created a certificate of completion (category 4), entitled, Data Analytics Boot Camp.

The Data Analytics Boot Camp is a part-time program that gives students the knowledge and skills to conduct robust analytics on a host of real-world problems. The program will focus on the practical, technical skills needed to solve data problems.

Participants must attend and complete the 24-week program in order to obtain the certificate of completion. The boot camp will be delivered both online and in-person.

The Council did not express any concerns.

- **Creation of Professional Development Certificates (Category 4), Systems Modeling Simulations for: Executives, Managers, and Practitioners – College of Engineering**

The College of Engineering created a certificate of completion (category 4), entitled, Systems Modeling and Simulation (SMS) for Executives, Managers, and Practitioners.

The certificates are aimed at company leaders and executives seeking to increase their skills and knowledge in the SMS field.

Students must complete three non-credit courses to obtain the certificate. The courses will be delivered in an online format.

The Council did not express any concerns.

- **Creation of Professional Development Certificate (Category 4), Applied Dynamical Systems Modeling, Simulation, and Control – College of Engineering**

The College of Engineering created a certificate of completion (category 4), entitled, Applied Dynamical Systems Modeling, Simulation and Control.

The certificate program is aimed at practicing engineers seeking to increase their skills and knowledge in the field of applied systems modeling, simulation, and control.

Students must complete three non-credit courses to obtain the certificate. The courses will be delivered in an online format.

The Council did not express any concerns.

Smith noted that the College of Engineering and College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences are taking a strong lead in the development of certificates at Ohio State.

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

- **Proposal to revise the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guests: Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) proposes to revise the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BS AGR).

The proposed changes were necessitated by the approval of the University's new General Education program. This need for change provided the college's faculty to evaluate current requirements for relevance, value to the student experiences, and alignment with educational goals of the majors within the degree, as well as other degrees within CFAES.

Feedback was gathered from faculty, alumni, students, and employers regarding the structure of the degree and its various requirements.

There is no change to credits to the degree plan (121 credits). Key elements of the existing degree plan were retained from the BS AGR while some existing GE requirements were delegated to major requirements.

Osborne informed the Council that it will see similar proposals for the various majors that lead to the BS AGR, as well as the other degrees offered by CFAES.

Osborne noted that CFAES faculty are devoted to keeping the Autumn 2022 implementation date for the new GE.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

- **Proposal to establish a distance program option for the Working Professional Master of Business Administration program – Fisher College of Business**

Guests: Aravind Chandrasekaran, Associate Dean, Fisher College of Business; Paul North, Executive Director of Graduate Programs, Fisher College of Business; Ben Tepper, Associate Dean, Fisher College of Business

The Fisher College of Business proposes to establish a distance program option for the Working Professional Master of Business Administration (WP MBA). This proposal has been reviewed by the Combined GS/CAA Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council.

Creating a distance option for the WPMBA is in keeping with Fisher's strategic goal of enhancing its presence in the online graduate business space. An online option will be beneficial to working professionals—especially those who live outside of Columbus and Ohio.

The Distance WPMBA program will have the same number of credit hours as the Residential WPMBA.

It is anticipated that the delivery mode for Distance WPMBA will involve a combination of asynchronous and synchronous instruction, but that most of the coursework will be delivered synchronously. Applicants will be able to self-identify as Residential WPMBA or Distance WPMBA.

The college expects a first cohort of 50 students. Fisher should be able to accommodate Distance WPMBA enrollment of up to 100 students without adding significant faculty and staff resources.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

- **Proposal to revise the Higher Education and Student Affairs Specialization in the Master of Arts in Educational Studies program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

Guests: Rebecca Crandall, Senior Lecturer, Department of Educational Studies; Matt Mayhew, Professor, Department of Educational Studies

The Department of Educational Studies proposes to revise the Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) specialization in the Master of Arts in Educational Studies program. This proposal has been reviewed by the Combined GS/CAA Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council.

Members of the HESA faculty benchmarked the M.A. curriculum against peer institutions as well as national standards for master's level student affairs professional preparation programs. In doing so, the faculty noted several key points of misalignment that prompted adjustments to the current curriculum.

Changes include several course replacements and adjustments. There is no change in minimum credit hours to graduate, program goals, or the assessment plan. There should not be any negative impact on current students.

Mayhew noted that the changes should help clarify the program's requirements.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

- **Proposal to revise the Workforce Development and Education Specialization in the PhD in Educational Studies program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

Guest: Christopher Zirkle, Associate Professor, Department of Educational Studies

The Department of Educational Studies proposes to revise the Workforce Development and Education Specialization in the PhD in Educational Studies program. This proposal has been reviewed by the Combined GS/CAA Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council.

The Workforce Development and Education (WDE) program was suspended for several years due to a lack of faculty. Due to recent hires, the department is ready to re-launch its doctor program with a new curriculum for 2021-22.

Changes include the following: allow courses from the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership to count as an approved research sequence; update the ESQREM research sequence to reflect approved curriculum changes; reduce the required hours from 15 to 12; and increase cognate hours from 9 to 12. There is no change to the overall number of credit hours.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

REQUEST FROM THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES – ASSOCIATE DEAN MEG DALY AND PROFESSOR KEVIN EVANS

The College of Arts and Sciences (AS) Senate Faculty submitted a request to the Council to delay the rollout of the new GE from Autumn 2022 to Autumn 2023—unless the AS Senate Faculty’s major concerns can be addressed. All Council members received a copy of the letter prior to this meeting.

Daly and Smith provided background information on GE implementation work to-date.

The Council discussed the ASC Senate Faculty’s request. Council members had different views on if the GE rollout should be delayed.

Those concerned with the current timeline expressed worry about faculty exhaustion related to the pandemic and budget cuts. Council members also raised the following concerns: overlap with implementation of Workday; that there was confusion around the undetermined themes in the GE, which might hinder implementation; that the pandemic impeded faculty/staff uptake of communication about the GE conversion; and that liaison and transparency structures could be strengthened.

Others felt that communication has been clear throughout the GE revision process. The Office of Academic Affairs has provided course development funds and staff appointments to assist with the implementation. There is no requirement that a unit have all its GE courses completed by Autumn 2022.

A GE course can be submitted at any time. There is also concern about alignment with Workday Student that will occur in Autumn 2023. Delaying the GE to that year would be problematic.

Smith reminded the Council that there are 11 other undergraduate colleges that are not represented in this letter.

The Council agreed that it should respond to ASC Senate Faculty's letter. The Council tabled the discussion of how to act on the ASC Senate Faculty request. In the meantime, the Council would like to find resources for ASC faculty to assist with the implementation. Evans will draft a letter to share with this Council. Smith will contact the ASC divisional deans to further discuss the GE implementation.

CENTERS REVIEW UPDATE – PROFESSOR ERIC BIELEFELD

Bielefeld will soon distribute the center self-reviews to the Council subcommittees. Each subcommittee is asked to identify any concerns and report any conflicts of interest. Centers will be invited to present at upcoming Council meetings.

The center reviews will be a continuous process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – PROFESSOR KEVIN EVANS

Evans congratulated Pruchnicki for being elected the 2021-22 Council chair.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed