

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

4140 University Square South

January 8, 2025

3-5 PM

MINUTES

Attendance

Faculty:

- Dr. Ann Allen (Department of Educational Studies)
- ✓ Dr. Carlos Castro (Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
- ✓ Dr. Ann Christy (College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences)
- Dr. Samantha Herrmann (Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology)
- ✓ Mr. Mike Hogan (OSU Extension)
- ✓ Dr. Neal Hooker (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)
- ✓ Dr. Nicole Kwiek (College of Pharmacy)
- Dr. Russell Marzette (Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
- ✓ Dr. Thomas Nelson (Department of Political Science)
- ✓ Dr. Sue Sutherland (Department of Human Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Valarie Williams (Department of Dance)

Staff:

- ✓ Ms. Margo Coates (College of Dentistry)

Students:

- ✓ Mr. Charlie Mace (CGS, Physics)
- ✓ Mr. Andrew Miles (CGS, Plant Pathology)
- ✓ Ms. Mykenna Roy (USG, Biology)
- ✓ Mr. Nathan Snizik (USG, International Studies)
- ✓ Ms. Emily Williams (IPC, Dentistry)

Administrator:

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

Guests:

- Dr. Anika Anthony (Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning)
- Dr. Eric Bielefeld (Department of Speech and Hearing Science)
- Dr. Laura Boucher (School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences)
- Dr. Keely Croxton (Fisher College of Business)

Dr. Meg Daly (Office of Undergraduate Education)
Ms. Lisa Duffy (Office of the University Registrar)
Mr. Cody Grabbe (Office of Undergraduate Admissions)
Dr. Rob Greenbaum (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)
Dr. Rob Griffiths (Ohio State Online)
Ms. Lisa Kowalsky (Graduate School)
Dr. Andrew Martin (College of Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Maria Miriti (Graduate School)
Ms. Jeanne Osborne (College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences)
Ms. Rosie Quinzon-Bonello (College of Engineering)
Dr. Tasha Snyder (College of Education and Human Ecology)
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (College of Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Brett Zyromski (Department of Educational Studies)

The meeting came to order at 3:01 PM

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – PROFESSOR SUE SUTHERLAND

Sutherland reported that the Chase Center proposal is on the agenda of the Faculty Council meeting on January 9, 2025.

Contact Smith and/or Sutherland if there are any topics that you would like the Council to discuss. Note that the topics should be related to the Council's portfolio.

Sutherland welcomed Emily Williams to the Council. Williams will serve as a co-representative for the Inter-Professional Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Ravi Bellamkonda starts as the new Executive Vice President and Provost on January 14, 2025. Today there was a small reception to thank Karla Zadnik for her service as Interim Provost.

The proposal to establish a Master of Cybersecurity and Digital Trust is being reviewed by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

The Office of Academic Affairs is working to support the technology needs for the revision to the Student Evaluation of Instruction.

Smith met with Divisional Dean Ryan King to discuss the review of the Criminal Justice Research Center. Smith will discuss next steps with Steve Lopez and Paul Bellair.

The Office of Academic Affairs and Ohio State Online is looking into online options for associate degrees at the regional campuses.

The Sustainability Institute is now reporting to the Enterprise for Research, Innovation, and Knowledge (ERIK). The Institute's academic programming will report to Smith.

Smith attended One Columbus' Economic Development 411 Conference on December 6, 2024. Smith is meeting with representatives from One Columbus to discuss how to align their work with Ohio State's workforce development efforts.

Six academic units have been secured for the 2025 STEAMM Rising Summer Institute. Approximately 100 teachers from Columbus City Schools will participate.

Ohio State will host the Ohio Science Olympiad on April 26, 2025. Over 1,000 middle and high school students will attend the event.

Smith will convene a coordinating committee to prepare for the University's Higher Learning Commission (HLC) reaffirmation of accreditation visit in 2027. The HLC site visit will occur on March 1-2, 2027.

This afternoon, there is a retirement reception for Bern Melnyk. Melnyk is a former Dean of the College of Nursing and recently served as the University's Vice President for Health Promotion and Chief Wellness Officer.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COLLEGE-LEVEL CENTERS – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

- **Institute for Cybersecurity and Digital Trust – College of Engineering**

The College of Engineering established the Institute for Cybersecurity and Digital Trust. The college-level institute will explore cybersecurity issues related to hardware, software and human elements, and digital trust issues through the lenses of technology, behavior, attitudes, context, and experience.

The College has delegated authority to the Institute to deliver for-credit courses and programs.

Smith noted that the College of Engineering faces tremendous demand for computer science education.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Center for Computing Education – College of Engineering**

The College of Engineering established the Center for Computing Education. The college-level center will provide accessible and innovative computing education opportunities at scale to students across all majors. The center's goal is to equip students with the fundamental principles of computing, artificial intelligence, and data analytics while fostering inclusive and diverse learning environments.

The College has delegated authority to the Center to deliver for-credit courses and programs.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – PROFESSOR ROB GREENBAUM

- **Update to the Philosophy major and minor – College of Arts and Sciences**

The Department of Philosophy updated its undergraduate and graduate major and minor programs. Changes include the following:

- Philosophy 2367 will now count toward both the major and minor
- Philosophy 3260 will now count toward the history of philosophy requirement for the major
- Philosophy 3420 and 3440 will now count toward the optics in philosophy requirement for the major

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Change to the Bachelor of Science in City and Regional Planning degree program – College of Engineering**

The Knowlton School of Architecture revised its Bachelor of Science in City and Regional Planning degree program, embedding GE Reflection Seminar Expected Learning Outcomes into CRPLAN 4950.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Dual Master of Science in Dentistry-Master of Public Health Degree – Interdisciplinary Programs**

The College of Dentistry and the College of Public Health revised the dual Master of Science in Dentistry with Master of Public Health Program for Experienced Professional degree program. Changes include the addition of new courses, removal of courses no longer offered, and the updating of current courses.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Master of Public Health, Master of Science, Graduate Minor, and Graduate Certificate with a specialization in Biostatistics – College of Public Health**

The College of Public Health revised the Master of Public Health, Master of Science, Graduate Minor, and Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics, requiring students to complete STAT 5731 and STAT 5732 rather than STAT 5730. The Department of Statistics will no longer offer STAT 5730—it split the content into two courses: STAT 5731 and 5732.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

PROPOSAL FROM SUBCOMMITTEE B – PROFESSORS NICOLE KWIEK, SAMANTHA HERRMANN, AND MIKE HOGAN; MS. MARGO COATES; MR. ANDREW MILES AND MS. ANGILMARIE RIVERA SANCHEZ

- **Proposal to establish an undergraduate minor in FAES analytics – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guest: Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) proposes to establish an undergraduate minor in FAES analytics.

The proposed minor exposes students to the core knowledge concerning food supply chains and the myriad of challenges embedded in modern food supply chain operations. The minor is targeted for students interested in careers with organizations that manage food supply chains or otherwise are affected by the functioning of food supply chains.

The minor consists of a minimum of 15-credit hours. Students must take four required core courses and select at least one course from the list of elective courses.

An assessment plan was included, though Kwiek noted that one is not required for undergraduate minors.

CFAES would like an effective term of Autumn 2025.

Ohio State will be the first institution in Ohio to offer this type of academic programming.

Osborne noted that agriculture is inherently an interdisciplinary field. Interdisciplinary studies are needed.

The Council asked if students could petition to add a course to the program. Osborne replied in the affirmative.

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

PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D – PROFESSORS SUE SUTHERLAND AND W. RANDY SMITH

- **Proposal to revise the Master of Speech Language Pathology – College of Arts and Sciences**

Guest: Eric Bielefeld, Chair, Department of Speech and Hearing Science

The Department of Speech and Hearing Science proposes to revise the Master of Speech Language Pathology. This proposal has been reviewed by the Graduate School / Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) Combined Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council.

The Department proposes to change and standardize the credit hour distribution for the clinical practicum experiences in years 1 and 2 of the program. The net effect of the proposed change is to take the minimum number of credit hours to complete the program from 61 to 68, an increase of 7 credit hours. The proposed changes are in response to ongoing programmatic assessment through exit interviews with students, as well as curricular drift since the conversion from quarters to semesters.

The changes will have no impact on time to degree or program cost for the MA-SLP students, as the changes will not change the amount of instructional time from what the students currently receive. The changes will simply align the credit hours they are aware with their current effort in a way that the current credit hour distributions do not. The changes will not necessitate changes to the program goals.

The proposed change will go into effect in Autumn 2025.

There is a transition plan in place for current students.

Mace noted that the Graduate School / CAA Combined Curriculum Committee had concern about curricular drift. With informational items, a program has the ability significantly change a program over time without a formal program change submission. How—and what body—tracks the informational items? Smith responded that he would discuss how to handle this with the Graduate School.

Miriti confirmed that—due to the number of changes—this will need to be reviewed by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

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

- **Proposal to revise the PhD in Counselor Education Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

Guest: Brett Zyromski, Associate Professor, Department of Educational Studies

The Department of Educational Studies proposed to revise the PhD in Counselor Education program. This proposal has been reviewed by the Graduate School / CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council.

The Department is proposing an increase in credit hours from 51 to 61. This proposed change is in response to new standards by the program's accrediting body. The accrediting body is requiring Counselor Education PhD programs to increase credit hours to at least 60 by 2025.

To accomplish this increase, the Department is adding hours to the following program topic areas: 3-credit hours to Research, 4-credit hours to Internship, and 3-credit hours to Cognate.

There are no changes to the learning goals and assessment plan.

Sutherland noted that the proposal includes mention of changes to the Masters program, which were already approved by this Council.

The Council asked if the PhD program requires a minimum number of credit hours post-Masters program. Zyromski responded that an MA/MS is required for admission to the PhD program.

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

- **Proposal to revise the Master of Athletic Training – College of Medicine**

Guest: Laura Boucher, Associate Professor-Clinical, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences proposes to revise the Master of Athletic Training. This proposal has been reviewed by the Graduate School / CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council.

The School would like to move the capstone project/course from required to optional. In the proposed new curriculum, students can choose from one of three options:

- Take an additional 3-credit hour course in specialty area of interest
- Take 3-credit hours of a research practicum (not thesis)
- Take 3-credit hours of capstone

The proposed change will provide students with a more tailored option to fit their needs and career development goals. It will also help the School's current limitations on the number of faculty to mentor capstone, helping to stabilize faculty workloads. Finally, shifting credits to an elective option will foster sufficient enrollment numbers to offer a variety of elective courses to meet student interests.

Current students can choose from the legacy or revised curriculum.

The proposed revision will go into effect in Autumn 2025.

The Council noted that this could have been submitted as an informational item since it is a relatively minor change.

Sutherland moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved by all.

- **Proposal to establish a BA/BSET Dual Degree with Bluffton University and OSU Lima – Office of Academic Affairs**

Guests: Meg Daly, Associate Dean, Office of Undergraduate Education; Rosie Quinzon-Bonello, Assistant Dean, College of Engineering

OSU Lima and Bluffton University, facilitated through the Office of Academic Affairs, proposes to establish a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology Dual Degree between Bluffton University and The Ohio State University.

Smith provided some background on the development of the proposal before presenting the proposal itself:

- Bluffton University approached Ohio State Lima about the establishment of a dual degree between the Universities. The proposed dual degree would only be available to students at Bluffton University—not students at OSU Lima.
- During discussions between the Universities, Bluffton University was acquired by Findlay University. New program requests and program change requests cannot be submitted during the site change review process.
- Bluffton University asked if the dual degree program can be approved prior to the site change review as the site change review can take at least a year.
- If the proposal is approved today, Smith will convene a group to resolve implementation issues and to finalize the MOU between Bluffton and OSU.

The goal of the proposed dual degree program is to address regional workforce development demands by offering an engineering program grounded in broad liberal arts educational principles. Degree-seeking students in this program will earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bluffton University and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (BSET) degree from OSU Lima.

This dual degree program will appeal to students who want to attend Bluffton University for various reasons (faith, family legacy, athletics, etc.) but also want to earn an engineering degree, which is currently not offered at Bluffton due to the costs associated with engineering education.

Participants will complete 150.5-credit hours of coursework from both institutions, including courses in general education, math, science, and engineering.

The dual degree program will help with recruitment as Bluffton loses students who want to pursue an engineering major. Bluffton anticipates about a dozen students participating in the program.

There are no anticipated costs for Ohio State.

Quinon-Bonello informed the Council that the College of Engineering has concerns about the rigor of the program. Realistically, it will be a 5-year program.

Christy asked that the proposers to clarify the correct ABET Accrediting Commission as the one currently listed seems incorrect. Daly responded that this was an unintentional error that will be corrected.

The Council asked if Findlay University is supportive of this proposed program. Smith replied in the affirmative. He added that Bluffton will maintain its name and different general education program.

Smith informed the Council that the implementation team felt that they could not start working on implementation issues until the proposal had more details.

The Council asked if Bluffton currently offers any engineering programming. Daly responded that they do offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in engineering, but that degree does not help with professional opportunities. She added that the BSET is a very marketable degree.

The Council asked why a 2+2 was not proposed. Daly responded that a 2+2 program was considered, but it did not work well as the curriculums did not align and scheduling was a challenge.

The Council asked if there are any concerns over students having access to transportation. Smith responded that transportation is an implementation issue. Daly added that Bluffton does not anticipate transportation being an issue as most students have cars on their campus.

Smith noted that this program will be appealing for students who may not be competitive enough for a traditional engineering program.

The Council asked if there has been any interest from other private institutions. Daly responded that she could see other privates being interested in the BSET. Engineering programs are expensive—particularly for small institutions.

The Council asked what would happen if agreement between Bluffton and Ohio State ended at some point. Smith responded that an institution cannot terminate a program with current students. Any students in the program would be given the opportunity to finish it.

The Council remarked that there should have been more why in this proposal. It was not apparent why Bluffton wanted to do this program.

The Council asked if this dual degree program could impact programs at Ohio State's main campus. Quinzon-Bonello responded that the College of Engineering has no plans to offer the BSET at the Columbus campus.

The Council asked for two friendly amendments to the proposal:

- Clarify the correct ABET Accrediting Commission.
- Add a clause that notes that—while the program can technically be completed in 4 years—students may need 5 years to complete the program.

Sutherland moved approved of the recommendation with two amendments; it was approved with one nay.

- **Proposal to revise the undergraduate minor in Innovation and Entrepreneurship – Fisher College of Business**

Guest: Keely Croxton, Associate Dean, Fisher College of Business

The Fisher College of Business (FCOB) proposes to revise the undergraduate minor in Innovation and Entrepreneurship. This proposal was developed in consultation with six other colleges and the Keenan Center.

The proposed revisions will broaden the appeal of the minor to more students across the entire university. In addition to revisions to the curriculum, the minor will be renamed to the Entrepreneurship Minor.

The legacy curriculum required 9-credit hours from FCOB, 3-credit hours from the College of Engineering, and 3-credit hours from the Department of Design. The new curriculum will require 6-credit hours of required core courses from FCOB, and an additional 9-credit hours will come from courses across the university. Three of the elective hours need to be practicum/experiential learning hours.

The program will be administered by an academic director and an academic advisor within the Fisher College of Business.

The Council noted that there are a wide variety of elective options. Is the variety too broad? Croxton noted that there was a thorough review of all the courses submitted during the revision process. Smith added that a group has been working on this revision for over a year. The group started with a list of all OSU courses that offer entrepreneurship-related content.

The Council asked if prerequisites were considered when selecting the elective courses? Is there any danger of hidden prerequisites? Croxton responded that they relied on the colleges for that information. There could be hidden prerequisites for some of elective courses, but many students will have already completed the prerequisites within their major. There are many elective options without prerequisites, though, so the program does not expect any issues.

The Council noted that the Keenan Center is misspelled in the proposal.

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

Smith remarked that interdisciplinary programming is very labor-intensive, but is beneficial to all who participate in it.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith

Katie Reed