

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

4140 University Square South

September 3, 2025

3:45-5 PM

MINUTES

Attendance

Faculty:

- Dr. Ann Allen (Department of Educational Studies)
- ✓ Dr. Wendy Bowles (College of Nursing)
- ✓ Dr. Gary Gao (OSU Extension)
- ✓ Dr. Samantha Herrmann (Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology)
- ✓ Dr. Neal Hooker (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)
- ✓ Dr. Albert Isaacs (Department of Neurosurgery)
- ✓ Dr. Russell Marzette (Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
- ✓ Dr. Thomas Nelson (Department of Political Science)
- ✓ Dr. Eugenia Romero (Department of Spanish and Portuguese)
- Dr. Sue Sutherland (Department of Human Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Valarie Williams (Department of Dance)

Staff:

- ✓ Ms. Ericka Gunn (University Exploration)

Students:

- ✓ Mr. Andrew Miles (CGS, Plant Pathology)
- Ms. Rosemary Mullaghy (IPC, Pharmacy)
- Ms. Mykenna Roy (USG, Biology)
- ✓ Mr. Nathan Snizik (USG, International Studies)
- ✓ Mr. Andy Vance (CGS, Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership)

Administrator:

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

Guests:

- Dr. Anika Anthony (Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning)
- Dr. Noelle Arnold (College of Education and Human Ecology)
- Ms. Lisa Duffy (Office of the University Registrar)
- Dr. Cody Grabbe (Office of Undergraduate Admissions)

Dr. Rob Greenbaum (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)
Dr. Rob Griffiths (Ohio State Online)
Mr. Ryan Hunt (Office of the University Registrar)
Ms. Lisa Kowalsky (Graduate School)
Dr. John Maharry (OSU Marion)
Dr. Andrew Martin (College of Arts and Sciences)
Ms. Cory Matyas (College of Engineering)
Dr. Jeanne Osborne (College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences)
Dr. Anne Ralph (Moritz College of Law)
Mr. David Roy (Office of Undergraduate Admissions)
Ms. Rosie Quinzon-Bonello (College of Engineering)
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (College of Arts and Sciences)

The meeting came to order at 3:45 PM

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

The proposal to establish a Masters of Systems Engineering was approved at the Board of Trustees meeting on July 16, 2025. The Graduate School is now working with the department in submitting the proposal to the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE).

President Carter is giving his State of the University Address on September 17, 2025. Smith encouraged Council members to attend or listen to the livestream.

The University's Assessment Conference will be on September 26, 2025. The annual conference typically has around 200 attendees. The morning plenary session will focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and will be attended by Provost Bellamkonda. Smith encouraged Council members to attend all or part of the conference. Reed will send the registration link to the Council.

Smith continues to lead efforts related to workforce development. Dr. Rob Griffiths, formerly of Ohio State Online, has joined Smith's team as the Assistant Vice Provost for Workforce Development and Innovation. There are three pillars under workforce development: Programming, Pathways, and Partners.

Columbus City Schools (CCS) has a focus on career-technology education (CTE). STEAMM Rising, an OSU-hosted event for CCS teachers, will shift its focus to CTE.

Ohio State will host the National Science Olympiad in May 2027.

The University's decennial accreditation re-affirmation will occur in May 2027. Smith has convened a group to work on the re-affirmation report.

College Credit Plus (CCP) is Ohio's dual enrollment program that is open to all students in grades 7-12. The number of CCP students enrolled at Ohio State has increased to more than 500. Smith is helping to add a third staff member to the CCP team, which reports to him.

The Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) is undergoing a process review. COAM processes over 1,000 cases per year. Numbers have increased since Covid and with AI. COAM also reports to Smith.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

- **Revision to the Middle Childhood Education BS Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Teaching and Learning revised its Middle Childhood Education major leading to the Bachelor of Science in Education, adding ESPHE 3410 as an option within the pre-major.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Primary Education BS Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Teaching and Learning revised its Primary Education major leading to the Bachelor of Science in Education, adding ESPHE 3410 as an option within the pre-major.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Fashion and Retail Studies Minor – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences revised its Fashion and Retail Studies Minor, removing CSFRST 4571 and adding CSFRST 5571 as options for Part C.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Fashion and Retail Studies BS Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences revised its Fashion and Retail Studies major leading to the Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology, removing CSFRST 4571 and adding CSFRST 5571 to the Product Development Track.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Fashion and Retail Studies Specialization leading to the MS in Consumer Sciences Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences revised its Fashion and Retail Studies Specialization leading to the Master of Science in Consumer Sciences, adding CSFRST 5571 to the Specialization Requirement.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Hospitality Management Minor – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Science revised its Fashion and Retail Studies Minor, changing CONSCI 5333 to CSHPMG 5333 and updating CONSCI 5193 to CONSCI/CSHPMG 5193.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Hospitality Management BS Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences revised its Hospitality Management major leading to the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management, changing CONSCI 5333 to CSHPMG 5333 and updating CONSCI 5193 to CONSCI/CSHPMG 5193.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Hospitality Management Specialization leading to the MS in Consumer Sciences Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences revised its Hospitality Management specialization leading to the Master of Science in Consumer Sciences. The following updates were made:

- changing CONSCI 5333 to CSHPMG 5333
- changing CONSCI 6010 to CSHPMG 6010
- updating the course prefix from CONSCI to CONSCI/CSHPMG for the following courses: 7193, 7194, 7991, 7992, 7993, 7999

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Hospitality Management Specialization leading to the PhD in Consumer Sciences Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences revised its Hospitality Management specialization leading to the PhD in Consumer Sciences. The following updates were made:

- changing CONSCI 5333 to CSHPMG 5333
- changing CONSCI 6010 to CSHSPMG 6010
- updating the course prefix from CONSCI to CONSCI/CSHPMG for the following courses: 7193, 7194, 7991, 7992, 7993, 8193, 8999

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Consumer and Family Financial Services BS Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences revised its Consumer and Family Financial Services major leading to the Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology. The following changes were made:

- Update course prefix from BUSFIN 3222 to CSCFFS/BUSFIN 3222
- Remove BUSFIN 3222 from Group A
- Add CSCFFS/BUSFIN 3222 to Group A: Financial Planning Focus
- Add CSCFFS 3000 to Group A: Other Group A Choices
- Add CSCFFS 5170 to Group A: Other Group A Choices

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Human Development and Family Science BS Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences revised its Human Development and Family Science major leading to the Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science, adding HDFS 2430 as an option in the Core Requirements and removing HDFS 5430 as an option in Group A.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Sport Industry BS Program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences revised its Sports Industry major leading to the Bachelor of Science in Education, adding CSFRST 5571 to Group B.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

SENATE BILL 1 UPDATES – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Smith updated the Council on work related to Senate Bill 1's civics literacy course requirement and the review of low enrollment programs.

Senate Bill 1 mandates that all Ohio college students complete a civics literacy course. In addition to completing the course, students will need to pass a final exam.

Several courses will be able to fulfill the civics literacy course requirement. Three areas are developing courses: Arts and Sciences, the Chase Center, and Public Affairs. The courses will all have GE status. The College of Education and Human Ecology may offer a course(s) in the future.

All civics literacy courses will need to go through the normal internal review process as well as a review by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. This Council does not review courses; Smith's office processes this on behalf of the Council.

Senate Bill 1 mandates the review of low enrollment programs (undergraduate only). Impacted programs will need to be deactivated, reconfigured, or apply for an exception.

Ohio State has approximately 40 programs that meet Senate Bill 1's low enrollment threshold. The programs are all in the following colleges: Arts and Sciences; Education and Human Ecology; Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. College leadership is working with the programs on how best to proceed. Programs revisions (deactivation or reconfiguration) will come to this Council.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Contact Smith and/or Sutherland if there are any topics that you would like the Council to discuss (topics do need to be related to the Council's charge). Smith plans to bring the following topics to the Council this academic year: workforce development, review of the GE, and dual enrollment.

The next Council meeting is on September 17, 2025.

Smith thanked Council members for their service.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed