

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

200 BRICKER HALL

December 5, 2007

3:00-5:00

MINUTES

Present:

Professors: Sheryl Barringer, Lawrence A. Baum, Daniel E. Collins, Lora G. Dobos, Marcia E. Farr, E. Kay Halasek (Chair), John M. Robinson, W. Randy Smith (Vice-Chair)

Student Members: Rose M. Babington, Michael Hemmelgarn (Undergraduate Student Government)

Guests: Jed Dickhaut, Associate Registrar, Office of the University Registrar; David Roy, Senior Assistant Director, Enrollment Services; Dr. John Wanzer, Senior Vice Provost, Enrollment Management, Professor Bruce Biagi and Lori Martensen, College of Medicine.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- The draft Minutes from the November 28, 2007 meeting are not complete and will be reviewed at a future Council meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – PROFESSOR E. KAY HALASEK

- Halasek has attended two meetings: Faculty Council on November 29, 2007 and Faculty Cabinet today. In the Faculty Council the discussion revolved around a policy about computer security - a policy is being drafted about student information residing on personal computers. To what extent will the security be enforced? Will it apply to flash drives, Blackberry, etc.? It was recommended that any computer should be auditable. The faculty concern was that faculty's central work is teaching, and it will be difficult with restrictions to access and maintain student records. Another issue discussed was governance rights to all clinical faculty and also the opportunity for representation and running for office. This is mainly for clinical faculty in the College of Medicine. Each college has the right to determine what rights will be given. Halasek added that the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

should think about whether it will provide opportunities for their clinical faculty in their College governance in its current proposal.

At the Faculty Cabinet, the status of the Centers Rule was discussed. Halasek offered to draft the language for the current Arts and Sciences proposal to drop 15 free elective hours from the graduation requirements. There were some significant questions and some discussion about why the Council approved this proposal. Halasek will bring the draft language to Council for reactions.

The status of General Education Curriculum (GEC) Advisory Committee. was raised. Smith indicated that they are still waiting to appoint two more faculty and that will be decided in the next couple of weeks. Professor Alexis Collier, now an Associate Provost will chair the committee, and she, Professor Edward H. Adelson, Associate Executive Dean, Colleges of the Arts and Sciences, and Smith, have been meeting to discuss the various aspects of the charge to the committee.

- **Minor in Air Science.** Halasek informed the Council that there is a proposal to offer minor in Air Science that is similar to the recently approved minor in Military Science. She has requested that a minimum of C- in minor courses be added to the requirement, and also that they remove 100-level courses from the list of courses required.
- The proposal to establish a multi-disciplinary M.F.A. program in New Entertainment Arts and Technologies assigned, long ago assigned to Subcommittee B, has been withdrawn by the initiating unit.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE-CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

- Today he and Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education, Martha Garland will attend the Arts and Sciences (ASC) Faculty Senate to give an update on the review of the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences. The Review Committee has met with all the deans and college executive committee, development officers, associate deans and federation staff. Two open forums have been scheduled for December 3 and 7, 2007. The Committee soon will meet with communication and technology groups.
- Jed Dickhaut asked if anyone has had any difficulty with student records with the removal of social security numbers. There were no problems so far.
- Contrary to the expectation the enrollment in BSPS has gone up. In 2005 they requested to have in place an Enrollment Limitation plan and add foreign language requirement to their curriculum. The Enrollment Limitation plan request was denied by CAA. Additional of foreign language requirement was

delayed until the implementation of McHale. They ended up adding foreign language requirement by altering their GEC via McHale.

- No formal action on the proposal to establish an Institute on Women, Gender, and Public Policy will be taken until the ASC Federation Review is completed.

UPDATE FROM UNDERGRADUATE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES MAJOR - PROFESSOR BRUCE BIAGI AND LORI MARTENSEN, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Smith informed the Council that a proposal from the College of Medicine to establish a Biomedical Sciences undergraduate program was approved by Council in 2004. It was to be offered through the School of Allied Medical Profession. There had been controversy relating to potential overlap with College of Biological Sciences and College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences programs - competition for the same pool of students. The Council approved the proposal as a pilot and Professor Bruce Biagi will give an update after three years, responding to topics sent to him by Halasek and Smith.

Biagi said that the major goals of this program were: to enroll highly qualified students who would not otherwise attend the University; and to integrate undergraduate students into the medical center with directed science electives taught by medical center faculty instructors and research mentors. The curriculum emphasizes teamwork, problem solving, verbal and written communication, and leadership training which will lead to matriculation into Graduate Professional programs.

In 2005, 2006, and 2007 13, 26, and 18 students were admitted respectively. The ratio of instate/out of state students is 11/2, 23/3/ and 13/5 in the last three years. For the entering class of 2006, all six minorities were Asians. For the class entering 2007, one African American, two Latino, and three Asian are in the minority pool. The entering academic profile for 2005, 2006, and 2007 is a GPA of: 4.18, 4.21, and 4.11 and ACT/SAT composite of 31.6, 31.7, 31.2 and 1397, 1414, and 1370. There are 5 National Merit finalists and 2 Presidential scholars in 2006.

Upperclassmen have one required advising appointment a year and freshman have two. All students below a 3.5 GPA have quarterly advising appointments. Graduate and Honors course work is highly encouraged. Student advising resources include a professional advisor, faculty advisor, and honors coordinator from the School of Allied Medical Professions. Their students actively participate in campus activities. Students rotate in various laboratories of the medical center. Students are required to do summer medical internships at the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the OSU Bioinformatics laboratory, and make presentations at Ohio Collaborative conference, among other activities.

Major accomplishments include: they recruited three classes of high ability students with gender equity; there is strong faculty support for this program; they hosted a National BMS Major conference. Current goals are: to matriculate 20-25 quality students; continue the emphasis to increase non-residents and students with research experiences; measure graduation outcomes; encourage more students to compete for national scholarships and fellowships; and expand summer medical internship experiences.

Do you expect students to graduate with publications? Such an expectation will be unrealistic.

Do you see your students pursuing a pre-med or MD/PhD program? Where will they end up eventually? It is not clear. Some students in this program have taken the MCAT in their sophomore year. Some students have cross-interests in Biomedical Engineering. The program is multi-disciplinary and integrated.

The concern was expressed that students do not have appropriate “levels” of courses in Biomedical Sciences. Since students are of very high caliber, they go deep in the areas they are interested and retention rate is very high.

What aspects of this program concern you? It is difficult to run an integrated program and get faculty commitment.

Out of state student numbers are down and Martensen is travelling outside Ohio to recruit. Graduation statistics will help in recruitment. The goal is to meet with the Vice President and Dean of the College of Medicine, Professor Wiley (Chip) Souba after the pilot.

Smith asked if the plan was still to move this program to the School of Biomedical Sciences after the pilot with all the procedural issues that such a change entailed. The response was that there currently are no such plans.

PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D - PROFESSORS E. KAY HALASEK AND W. RANDY SMITH

- **Proposal to Revise the Welding Engineering Major Curriculum.**

At the November 28, 2007 Council meeting, unanswered questions remained about this proposal. A clarification document was received from Dr. Ed McCaul, Program Director of College of Engineering. The GEC listed in the document aligns with the revised GEC.

With this clarification, Subcommittee D moved approval of the proposal and it was seconded by Collins. The motions passed unanimously.

- **Proposal to Master of Science (M.S.) credits from 50 to 45 – School of Allied Medical Professions (SAMP).**

Halasek gave an overview of the proposal. Currently, SAMP graduate students must complete 50 graduate credit hours to receive the School's M.S. degree. These 50 hours included 10 hours of core courses, 6 hours of research methods courses, 6 hours of thesis, 20 hours of track courses, and 8 hours of electives. They have redesigned their tracks into areas of emphasis that allow more flexibility in the core and track courses. Because of increased flexibility in the areas of emphasis, students can design their own learning within broad parameters, and SAMP would like to reduce the 8 credits hour of electives to 3 enabling the students to graduate with 45 credit hours, the minimum required by the University. The reason for the reduction are, they did not feel the justification for requiring more hours than the University requires; they now have a Ph.D. program and would like to efficiently move interested MS students into the Ph.D. program. Certain areas of emphasis will require more than 45 hours to complete the coursework, however, they wanted to use the University baseline as the minimum required by the School.

It was the general consensus of the Council that more information was needed. Halasek agreed to request a comparison table of the old and proposed programs. The proposal will be discussed further after the receipt of the additional information.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm

Respectfully Submitted by

W. Randy Smith
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