

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

200 Bricker Hall

October 8, 2008

3:00 – 5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Faculty:

✓ Dr. Lawrence A. Baum (Political Science)
Dr. Neelima M. Bendapudi (Marketing and Logistics)
✓ Dr. James W. Cogdell (Mathematics)
Dr. Daniel E. Collins (Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures)
✓ Dr. Marcia E. Farr (Teaching and Learning)

Dr. Michael Ibba (Microbiology)
✓ Dr. Daniel A. Mendelsohn (Mechanical Engineering)
Dr. Sally V. Rudmann (Allied Medical Professions)
✓ Dr. Robert J. Ward (Music)

Students:

Ms. Adrienne M. Belt (USG, Political Science)
Mr. Robert D. Calhoun (CGS, History of Art)

Mr. Bradley L. Cromes (IPC, Law)
Ms. Sarah K. Douglas (CGS, History)
✓ Mr. Benjamin T. Reinke (USG, Physics)

Administrators:

✓ Dr. W. Randy Smith, (Academic Affairs, Geography), Vice Chair

Guests:

Dr. Alexis C. Collier (Associate Provost; Professor, Psychology)
Mr. John E. Dickhaut (Office of the University Registrar)
Dr. Naomi Fukumori (East Asian Languages and Literatures)
Mr. John R. Giffin (Dance)
Ms. Rebecca C. Harvey (Art)
Mr. David E. Roy (Director, Enrollment Services)

Mr. Sergio Soave (Art)
Dr. Ron M. Solomon (Mathematics)
Dr. Richard E. Torrance (East Asian Languages and Literatures)
Dr. Sydney R. Walker (Art Education)
Dr. John D. Wanzer (Assistant Provost)
Ms. Valarie M. Williams (Associate Dean, Arts; Professor, Dance)

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR—PROFESSOR DANIEL A. MENDELSON

Mendelsohn provided background information on the review of centers, especially noting the new Faculty Rule on centers. The review process will begin with research centers. As centers are identified for review, subcommittees will be named.

New University-wide guidelines on minors will be a topic for the Council this year.

Mendelsohn mentioned that there may be restructuring proposals based on developments within the Arts and Sciences.

Based upon Chancellor Fingerhut's plan for the University System of Ohio, the University is considering converting from quarters to semesters. Mendelsohn introduced the topic, noting that the discussion is just beginning.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR — PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Smith mentioned that the council still needs a presidential appointment. He anticipates hearing from the Senate Office soon.

There are two task forces formed following recommendations from the recent doctoral program review. Smith serves on both, *ex-officio*, representing Academic Affairs. These task forces will review how the university is organized around life sciences and environment and natural resources. The Council may see recommendations to restructure units based on the work of these two task forces.

Smith reported on the two searches under way through Academic Affairs. The first is for a vice provost for globalization and international affairs. The second is for the executive dean of arts and sciences. He is serving on both.

John Wanzer is looking at how to handle dual degrees/double majors. Smith anticipates bringing a proposal to the Council before the end of the academic year.

Smith shared additional information about the history surrounding the topic of converting from quarters to semesters. If the proposal moves forward, the Council will eventually see a significant workload increase as all curricular changes will need to be approved by the council before they can be implemented.

PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D – PROFESSORS DANIEL A. MENDELSON AND W. RANDY SMITH

- **Proposals to revise Chinese, Japanese, and Korean majors, Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures**

Professors Richard Torrance and Naomi Fukumori provided a brief overview of the three proposals before answering questions from Council members. Many of the proposed revisions

stem from basic house-keeping—bringing the majors up-to-date based on course additions over the past several years.

Mendelsohn noted that one of the Council's questions, letters of concurrence for Korean courses, was already addressed.

Mendelsohn raised a second question about how the categories are delineated. Torrance explained why the term “language” appears in more than one category by providing examples of specific courses and how they relate to the major. “Language” in the first category refers to basic foundational language instruction. Within the other categories “language” might refer to more advanced and specialized language.

- **Proposal to revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts, Department of Dance**

Mendelsohn presented the proposal, noting that the major revision pertains to the contract for graduation and the addition of experiential learning. Professors John Giffin and Valerie Williams provided background on the changes. The contract follows the foundational learning that occurs in the first two years. The second two years now encourage students to take a more active role in shaping their education, including the use of an internship. Giffin explained the rationale for a 0 credit internship. The 0 credit option allows the students to take an internship at a recognized festival without requiring faculty supervision.

Giffin and Williams answered questions from members of the council. Giffin elaborated further on how the 0 credit option would work. Students opting for the 0 credit internship, while not directly supervised by a faculty member, receive oversight through their presentation at the advising colloquium.

Williams noted that these revisions represent a cutting edge approach to dance education. Ohio State will break new ground that seems to be coming on the horizon across the country.

- **Proposal to revise the Bachelor of Art Education, Department of Art Education**

Mendelsohn presented the proposal. Professors Sydney Walker, Rebecca Harvey, and Valerie Williams answered questions.

Mendelsohn asked for an explanation about post-foundation courses. Williams explained that admission to the BAE is by invitation only, following a portfolio review. The program is set up as a senior-only program.

- **Proposal to the name from Family Resource Management major to Consumer and Family Financial Services major, Department of Consumer Sciences**

Mendelsohn presented the proposal and noted that the Department of Finance does not have an objection to this request.

- **Proposal to revise the Religious Studies minor**

Mendelsohn presented the proposal. There were no major issues/concerns.

Given the lack of a quorum at this meeting, it was agreed that the proposals would be sent to all Council members by e-mail, with a response requested by October 10, 2008. All proposals were approved through this method.

- **Proposal to revise the Undergraduate Major, Department of Physics**

Mendelsohn noted that he has been unable to get a response from the Department of Physics for one of his questions. Until he does, he is not comfortable bringing the proposal forward for a vote.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
J. Briggs Cormier