

## COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

200 Bricker Hall

December 3, 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. Kathryn A. Corl (Germanic Languages and Literatures)
- ✓ Dr. Marcia E. Farr (Teaching and Learning)
- ✓ Dr. Jay S. Hobgood (Mathematics)
- ✓ 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, Physcs)

#### Administrators:

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

#### Guests:

- Dr. Alexis C. Collier (Associate Provost; Professor, Psychology)
- Mr. John E. Dickhaut (Office of the University Registrar)
- Dr. Terry L. Gustafson (Arts and Sciences)
- Dr. Kathleen M. Hallihan (ASC Curriculum and Assessment Office)
- Mr. Lee Martin (English)
- Mr. David E. Roy (Director, Enrollment Services)
- Dr. John D. Wanzer (Assistant Provost)
- Dr. Julia A. Watson (Humanities)

### COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR—PROFESSOR DANIEL A. MENDELSON

Mendelsohn reported that he had discussed changing the subcommittee structure of the Council with Smith and two former chairs of the Council. One possibility would be to reduce the number of standing subcommittees in order to avoid tapping Council members for a subcommittee and a special committee or other outside committee appointment.

Mendelsohn also reported that the Council will review and approve guidelines for the Academic Organization and Curriculum Handbook on the establishment and review of centers. The two centers that are being reviewed this year are the Center for Cognitive Science and the Campus Microscopy and Imaging Facility.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR — PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH**

Smith mentioned that he is still working with the Senate Office to complete the Council roster.

Smith reported that the ad-hoc committee on calendar conversion held a preliminary meeting where it received its charge from Faculty Council. At that meeting it created a subcommittee to look at various calendar options.

Smith also reported that the search for an executive dean of the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences is well under way. The Committee recently held an open forum to solicit input from the campus community. The goal is to have someone in the position by August 1.

Smith announced that the University recently had hosted a seminar on course redesign that was organized by the National Center for Academic Transformation (NCAT). There were more than 70 attendees from across Ohio and throughout the region.

The Women's Studies "direct to PhD" enrollment option that appeared on the agenda as an announcement will appear on a future council agenda for Council approval.

### **UPDATE FROM SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Lawrence A. Baum reported that Subcommittee A is ready to schedule a meeting on its next assignments. Mendelsohn, acting as temporary chair of Subcommittee B, reported that the subcommittee has questions out to the proposers of all of the proposals that are currently being considered by the subcommittee. Michael Ibba reported that Subcommittee C has had some difficulty getting complete answers from the proposers of the major in Globalization Studies. Smith indicated that they had asked to meet with him and that a meeting was being scheduled.

### **PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE A—PROFESSOR LAWRENCE A. BAUM**

- **Public Affairs and Slavic and East European Studies dual degree**

Baum presented the proposal to create a dual degree in Public Affairs and Slavic and East European Studies. The Council discussed the proposal raising concerns about how the language requirement was going to be handled and concern about the lack of clarity surrounding the admissions process.

The Council agreed to invite the proposers back to discuss the proposal and answer these questions.

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

- **Proposals to revise the Literacy Studies Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization**

Mendelsohn presented the proposal to revise the Literacy Studies graduate interdisciplinary specialization. It had been approved by the Graduate School.

The motion to approve, with revisions to the course listing, was seconded by Hobgood and approved by voice vote.

- **Creative Writing Minor, Department of English**

Mendelsohn presented the proposal to establish a minor in Creative Writing. Professors Julia Watson and Lee Martin provided a brief background and answered questions. The Council raised the issue of English majors being eligible to take the Creative Writing minor, but was satisfied that the nature of the minor was sufficiently distinct from the major.

The motion was seconded by Rudmann and approved by voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith  
J. Briggs Cormier