

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

385 Bricker Hall

April 4, 2012

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Faculty:

- Dr. Leslie Alexander (History)
- ✓ Dr. Kathryn Corl (Germanic Languages and Literatures)
- ✓ Dr. John Fellingham (Business)
- ✓ Dr. Ashok Krishnamurthy (Engineering)
- ✓ Dr. Gene Mumy (Economics)
- ✓ Dr. Barbara Polivka (Nursing)
- ✓ Dr. Fernando Unzueta (Spanish and Portuguese)
- Dr. John W. Wilkins (Physics)
- ✓ Dr. Kay N. Wolf (Health and Rehabilitation Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Henry Zerby (Animal Sciences)

Students:

- Mr. Niraj Antani (USG, Political Science)
- ✓ Ms. Sarah K. Douglas (CGS, History)
- ✓ Mr. Sean Fitzpatrick (USG, Political Science and Economics)
- ✓ Ms. Sarah Lang (CGS, Education and Human Ecology)
- Mr. Brian Meyers (IPC, Medicine)

Administrators:

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

Guests:

- Dr. Alexis Collier (Academic Affairs)
- Dr. Scott Herness (Graduate School)
- Dr. Carla Miller (Human Nutrition)
- Dr. Steven Fink (Arts and Sciences)
- Ms. Cynthia Fiedler (University Registrar)
- Ms. Jill Pfister (Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences)
- Dr. Richard Moore (Environment and Natural Resources)
- Dr. Gerald Nelms (University Center for the Advancement of Teaching)

The Council came to order at 3:00 PM

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 29, 2012

Douglas moved approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 29, 2012; the motion was seconded by Lang and carried with all in favor.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – PROFESSOR KAY N. WOLF

Several name changes were approved at the University Senate meeting on March 15, 2012: The Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures to the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures; the Master's and Ph.D. programs in Labor and Human Resources to Master's and Ph.D. programs in Human Resource Management; and the School of Earth Sciences' undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Geological Sciences to Earth Sciences.

Four large proposals are currently being reviewed by subcommittees or ad hoc committees: an ad hoc committee led by Alexander is reviewing the proposal to establish The Institute for Population Research; Subcommittee A, led by Krishnamurthy is reviewing the re-alignment of the College of Education and Human Ecology; Subcommittee B is reviewing the Merger of the Departments of Biochemistry and Chemistry; and Subcommittee C is reviewing the establishment of a regular clinical faculty track in the College of Education and Human Ecology. It is anticipated that these proposals will be coming forward to the full Council in the coming weeks.

Wolf welcomed Henry Zerby who replaced council member Marilyn Blackwell who recently retired.

REPORT FROM THE VICE CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Smith reported that no questions arose from the proposals presented at the March 15, 2012 Senate meeting. These proposals along with the new Ph.D. in the Department of African-American and African Studies, the new Italian Ph.D. in the Department of French and Italian, and the new Portuguese graduate degree programs in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, the name change to the Department of Greek and Latin and the reconfiguration of the Department of Aviation into the Center for Aviation Studies are going to the Board of Trustees for action on April 6, 2012.

Smith recently met with the University Senate Leaders to let them know that these are coming to Senate in the near future, and the goal is to get them before the Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 22, 2012.

Smith noted that the Council of Academic Affairs has reviewed and approved over 700 programs for semester conversion. More than half had either substantial re-envisions, were new,

were deactivated or renamed. These will need to be taken to the University Senate in May 2012, and to Faculty Council before then.

Council is losing a many members at the end of this academic year due to retirement and terms ending. The University Senate is working on getting replacements.

To address long-standing issues, Smith convened all Deans and Chairs of the 5 colleges that are involved with the discipline of Nutrition to begin the process of program review of all nutrition programs in the University.

The review of the reporting line of the John Glenn School for Public Affairs needs to be completed this quarter. To this end, the CAA subcommittee chairs will convene tomorrow to begin this process. Currently, the School reports to the Provost.

The Office of Academic Affairs is in the midst of conducting several academic program reviews this Quarter including: African American and African Studies, Astronomy, Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, Finance, and Social Work.

Semester Conversion Proposals

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIORNMENTAL SCIENCES –

- **Environmental Sciences-Master of Science (MS), Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

Wolf presented the proposals for the M.S. and Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences. The graduate programs are interdisciplinary and currently consist of 78 faculty members with representatives from the Colleges of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (FAES), the College of Engineering, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Public Health. The lead dean is the Dean of FAES. The student class of autumn 2011 consists of 27 MS students and 35 PhD students. This is a direct conversion, so they will go from 120 hours to 80 hours for the Ph.D. and 45 hours to 30 hours for the MS. In the future, they intend to create specializations within the program.

M.S. students must choose one, and Ph.D. students must choose two, core courses from each of the three areas: Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences. For Ph.D. students, all core courses listed on the Plan of Study must be completed before the student may take the candidacy exam. Two seminar courses are also required by both programs. Very flexible allowing for students to have unique experience and oversight by the advisors and graduate committee is commendable.

Scott Herness, Associate Dean, Graduate School, added that both have been reviewed by the Graduate School and that they are programs where the majority of the curriculum is offered outside of the home department programs. There are thesis and non-thesis options to the Master's.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Douglas and carried with all in favor.

- **Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) -Administrative Support Technical Study (Associate Degree)**

Wolf presented the proposal for the revised program. The Associate of Technical Study degree is a planned program of courses that meets the needs of an individual student. The ATS degree program is primarily intended to allow for the combining of various courses in existing associate of applied science degree programs offered by ATI. It consists of 61 credits in total. It is open to any student whose goals are not met through an existing program.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Alexander and carried with all in favor.

- **ATI-Arts and Sciences and Business Technology Community Leadership (Associate Degree)**

Wolf presented the proposal for this new major. ATI faculty have been working with the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership within FAES to develop this transfer program. It will allow students to complete the first half of their bachelor's degree at ATI, and it aligns with the curricular changes that have been made by the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership as a result of Semester conversion. It consist of 32 hours.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Alexander and carried with all in favor.

- **ATI-Bioenergy Certificate**

Wolf presented the proposal for this new certificate program. It is intended to provide traditional and non-traditional students a first step in the pathway to completing an Associate of Science degree in the Bioenergy specialization of ATI's Renewable Energy major. The courses are a subset of those required for the Bioenergy specialization.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Douglas and carried with all in favor.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN ECOLOGY – Ohio State Nutrition Program - OSUM-PH.D

Wolf presented the proposal. The OSU Nutrition Ph.D. program is an interdisciplinary program established in 1996 between the Colleges of Education and Human Ecology; Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; Medicine; and Veterinary Medicine. The Ph.D. Program is designed to provide a plan of course work as well as experiential learning that will prepare students for the interdisciplinary nature of modern Nutrition Science, equip students to adapt to the constantly

developing and changing methods in quantitative and qualitative research in the nutritional sciences, and provide students with the oral and written communication skills required for the competitive job market.

It is a direct conversion of 120 quarter hours to 80 semester hours. There are 14 required courses which includes dissertation and research. Six of those hours are in advanced nutrition, three hours are in graduate statistics and four are in graduate physiology.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Corl and carried with all in favor.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES – Proposal to Establish a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Early Intervention/Early Childhood

Wolf presented the proposal. The Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Early Intervention/Childhood was designed to provide a course of study for students in a professional program who are interested in working with young children, particularly children with developmental delays or disability. It was 21 hours under quarters and has been converted to 14 under semesters. It includes four hours of practicum and ten hours outside of the department. For students who have both quarter and semester credits, the quarter course credit hours will be transformed to semester hours by multiplying by $2/3$.

Herness added that it is pre-existing, well-functioning GIS.

Wolf moved approval of this proposal; the motion was seconded by Mummy and carried with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Melissa Soave