

## COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

200 Bricker Hall

June 6, 2012

3:00-5:00PM

### MINUTES

#### Attendance

##### Faculty:

- Dr. Leslie Alexander (African American and African Studies)
- ✓ 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:

- Niraj Antani (USG, Political Science)
- ✓ Sarah Douglas (CGS, History)
- Sarah Lang (CGS, Education and Human Ecology)
- Brian Myers (IPC, Medicine)

##### Administrator:

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

##### Guests:

- Anne Krabacher (University Honors and Scholars Center)
- Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (Arts and Sciences)
- Dr. Charles Wise (John Glenn School of Public Affairs)
- Dr. Daniel Shapiro (Mathematics)
- Dr. Deborah Haddad (Arts and Sciences)
- Dr. Dieter Wanner (Office of International Affairs)
- Dr. Michael Trudeau (Speech and Hearing Sciences)
- Dr. Morton O'Kelly (Geography)
- Dr. Scott Herness (Graduate School)

**The meeting came to order at 3:08 PM**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2012 AND MAY 16, 2012**

Wolf moved approval of the Minutes of May 2, 2012 and May 16, 2012; the motion was seconded by Unzueta and carried with all in favor.

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – PROFESSOR KAY N. WOLF**

Wolf attended the recent Faculty Council meeting – there was considerable discussion of the current issue related to parking. No issues relating to this Council’s proposals were raised. At the June 7, 2012 University Senate meeting she will present the proposals for the name change of the Department of Art Education and its PhD Program, deactivation and withdrawal of programs linked to semester conversion, and the proposal for establishment of the Institute for Population Research.

Wolf then asked Herness to present a recent change to the College of Dentistry’s Master of Science degree program. Herness reported that a recent review of the program was favorable but it was recommended that a non-thesis option be added and for the program to re-write its handbook. This proposal was submitted to and approved by the Graduate School. This is an informational item for this Council only.

Wolf announced that there will be one Summer meeting of Council – at a date to be determined.

**REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHAIR - PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH**

Smith reported that all recent Council proposals that have been approved by the Senate will go to the Board of Trustees for action on June 22, 2012 - with the exception of the proposal to establish the Institute for Population Research. The Board no longer votes on the creation of centers and institutes.

Smith announced that there are four new faculty members joining the Council of Academic Affairs who are replacing current members. They are: Molly Blackburn (Teaching and Learning), Eric MacGilvray (Political Science), Heather Allen (Chemistry), and Jim Rathman (Chemical and Bio-molecular Engineering). These new members will have an orientation in August. Douglas

reported that Council of Graduate Student elections are done but the appointment to this Council is not known.

Smith reported that Vice Provost Wayne Carlson will be overseeing distance education activity at the University and that further details will be forthcoming. He also gave an update on two important Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) educational initiatives – the graduation of the first 19 students through the Choose Ohio First program; and the admission of the first class of the Woodrow Wilson Ohio STEM Teaching Fellows – 14 of the 92 fellows in Ohio this year.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE REPORTING LINE OF THE JOHN GLENN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – JOHN FELLINGHAM, ASHOK KRISHNAMURTHY, BARBARA POLIVKA, KAY WOLF**

**GUEST: DIRECTOR DR. CHARLES WISE, DIRECTOR**

Wolf presented the proposal. The proposal to merge the School of Public Policy and Management with the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy and to establish the John Glenn School of Public Affairs was approved on January 20, 2006. The reporting line was to be to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Formal approval was linked to a 5 year review. “At the end of the probationary period ... CAA determine through rigorous evaluation and review whether the reporting line be maintained; at that time, CAA may either (1) confirm that the reporting line be maintained, (2) extend the probationary period, or (3) determine that the reporting line not be maintained”.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Council along with the chairs of the three subcommittees made up an ad hoc review committee. It met five times. It found that the faculty and staff overwhelmingly supported, and the Provost supports, maintaining the reporting line. Executive Dean Joseph Steinmetz, College of Arts and Sciences, noted that at this time the School should not be embedded within that College – an option that had been considered at various points in the initial review - and noted that more joint appointments should occur between the School and the College of Arts and Sciences. The only concern expressed in the review was that the faculty in the School is not represented in the University Senate because it is not a college.

It was the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee that the current reporting line remain intact and that the Council review the reporting line in 5 years. In effect the probationary period ends. The School has, as a goal, college status, and therefore the reporting line could change within the five years.

Following a brief discussion, with questions seeking clarification of some process issues, Wolf moved the proposal to maintain the reporting line for the John Glenn School of Public Affairs; this motion was seconded by Krishnamurthy and carried with all in favor.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE D – PROFESSORS KAY N. WOLF and W. RANDY SMITH**

### **SEMESTER CONVERSION:**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

- **Honors Public Health (Guest: Senior Associate Director Anne Krabacher)**

Wolf presented the proposal. It is predicted that twenty percent of the sixty to eighty students will be part of the program and twenty percent of the forty to sixty pre-majors will be part of the honors program. This program adheres to university GPA and course requirements. A thesis or required completion of an internship will be added along with completion of BASPH and a specialty.

Wolf moved the approval of the Honors Public Health Program; this motion was seconded by Mumy and carried with all in favor.

#### **ARTS AND SCIENCES**

- **Cognitive Sciences – Undergraduate Minor**

Wolf presented the proposal. It is converting with minimal changes and is an interdisciplinary study of the mind that incorporates psychological, physiological, linguistic, biological and artificial approaches to how knowledge is acquired, processed and represented in the mind. One three credit course is required along with an additional four courses of three credits each. Two of the four courses must be from different departments in two areas/modules. This has not been approved by Arts and Sciences but in order to help the students that have already declared this minor CAA would like to approve it then send it to Arts and Sciences.

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

- **Critical Culture and Theory – Undergraduate Minor**

Wolf presented the proposal. The conversion will be from twenty five quarter credits to fifteen semester credits. The three areas of study within this minor are disciplinary theory, theory and practice, and trans-disciplinary theory. Students must take at least one course from each area and a three credit core course and an additional three hours in any listed category at the three thousand level or above, including the optional capstone course. The transition includes adding a Women's Studies course that will not be in the future minor but students who have credit for this course may apply it to the minor.

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

- **Social Sciences Air Transportation – Major (Guests: Professor Morton O'Kelly; Assistant Dean Deborah Haddad)**

Wolf presented the proposal. This program will be 124 semester credit hours. The program currently called the Social and Behavioral Science Aviation major will change to Social Sciences Air Transportation. Executive Dean Steinmetz (Arts and Sciences) as well as the College of Engineering and School of Business support this change. The change is required because originally this was an aviation program with a liberal arts background, but gradually the social sciences were excluded. The social sciences will be added back in for the proposed program. It will have three components (core courses, aviation electives and social science electives) and includes a capstone course.

Wolf moved the approval of the proposal; it was seconded by Mumy and carried with all in favor.

### **REVISIONS TO APPROVED PROGRAMS:**

- **Speech and Hearing (B.A.) and Speech Language Pathology (M.A.) Guest: Professor Michael Trudeau**

Wolf presented the proposals. The coursework has been changed to meet changes in accreditation. Observation as well as a course that required observation was removed because it is no longer required by accreditation. Other changes include adding courses as prerequisites that were previously offered later in the program. These courses can now be used to evaluate students before they enter the program. The program has added undergraduate advisors to

help evaluate students before there is a problem. Herness added that there is the potential for too many credits for the Masters program but it is a minor issue.

Wolf moved approval of the proposals; it was seconded by Corl, and carried with all in favor and one abstention.

- **Mathematics – BA, BS; Actuarial Science – BA, BS; Mathematics – Undergraduate Minor Guest: Professor Daniel Shapiro**

Wolf presented the proposals. The Department is proposing minor changes for students declaring themselves mathematics majors for Summer 2012 and later. Changes include a required seminar that will be offered both semesters and a new double counting policy. Several courses can only be counted as a prerequisite if they are not required for any other program. This was necessary as double counting has become increasingly prevalent and there are students with four majors.

Wolf moved the approval of the proposals; it was seconded by Unzueta and carried with all in favor.

### **PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL OPTION PROPOSAL- GUEST: PROFESSOR DIETER WANNER, ASSOCIATE PROVOST, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION**

Smith asked Wanner to present this proposal as an informational item. The Global Option is an effort to bring a global influence to the undergraduate curriculum. Wanner explained that this option was created with the honors program in mind. It needs to be applicable across individual units, and it will require more advising and awareness for undergraduate students. The option as presented is a framework that states the outer limits for any individual program but is not designed for any individual program. One component of the program will consist of internationally-oriented courses that can include a study abroad. Another component should be a language component. This component will differ the most among programs because some programs may not be able to offer it. A capstone and evaluation portion will also be required so programs can pinpoint what each student has learned from the option. The culmination of these components will be an eportfolio for each student and a mention on the diploma or transcript. The main difference from the honors program is that this option is meant as an experiential aspect of the student's learning, rather than stressing academic qualifications. One advantage of this program is that it should not add costs to programs - it does not call for small courses and each unit decides what the requirements are. The units decide what the

requirements are, so if a student does not complete the program he/she will not lose anything as they would have had to take those courses anyway. This Council would be required to approve the requirements for each individual program.

How the study abroad/internship component functions with units is still under development but the idea is to have each unit work in cooperation with the Office of International Affairs. The study abroad will be a four week experience during the May session and international affairs will be promoting the structure of the study abroad component. The program will be targeted at freshman and sophomores so they can take and plan courses around the study abroad without affecting unit specific courses. Since this option is targeted toward underclassmen, the program must become part of the freshman orientation so students have a chance to pursue it. The language component is heavily recommended because it provides the best way to learn about other cultures but in some circumstances (Engineering) it may be too cumbersome to the unit. Assessment will be complicated for the option. How assessment will be funded is still in development, but revenue should be generated by increasing the number of study abroad students which then will pay for the assessment or certification.

Smith indicated that he will bring this proposal to the Academic Program Advisory Committee – the curricular associate deans of all the colleges – for discussion soon. This Council might expect to see this proposal again afterward.

Smith thanked Wanner, who is retiring from the University on June 30, 2012, for his work on this and other projects during his time in the Office of International Affairs.

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN ECOLOGY RE-ALIGNMENT UPDATE – PROFESSOR ASHOK KRISHNAMURTHY, CHAIR, AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Krishnamurthy provided the update on the restructuring proposal from the College of Education and Human Ecology.

Faculty had devised 8 proposals for restructuring that were then combined through a Task Force, into two options: realign from six units to three units, or six units to four units.

The options were put to a vote to the faculty, as was the decision about whether the College should have schools and departments or simply departments. The three unit proposal was agreed upon by a seventy-six percent majority, while sixty-five percent voted for departments over schools.

All the faculty and staff were invited to speak with the committee about the realignment and questions were raised as to whether the new plan accomplished its goals in creating synergies between units.

The subcommittee then met with Dean Achterberg and Associate Dean Blount who provided their input.

Questions about the vote revolve around procedural issues on what the Task Force could or could not do, and whether it accomplished its goal or not. 70 of the 160 faculty are not affected by the proposed change; the curriculum would remain the same (outside of semester conversion revisions) so students are not affected; and the number of assistantships and graduate assistantships will remain the same. The motivation for the change exists because there was an understanding that when Education and Human Ecology merged (6 years ago) they would then make changes to maximize synergies between the two units.

The committee wants to do some additional review before bringing the proposal to the full Council.

### **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

Smith notified Council that normally third year members serve as Chair of the Council, but for next year, members of that group are not able to do so based on other commitments. In addition, a large number of members are rotating off Council, leading to an issue of continuity. Smith presented this problem to University Senate leadership who suggested that Wolf – currently scheduled to rotate off - be reappointed for another 2-year term on Council.

Given that situation, Corl moved that Wolf serve as Council Chair for another year. The motion was seconded by Krishnamurthy and carried with all in favor.

The Council thanked Wolf for her leadership through semester conversion and her willingness to continue in a leadership role.

**The Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith  
Andrew Metz