

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Research Commons
18th Avenue Library

September 20, 2017
3-5 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance

Faculty:

- ✓ Dr. Rebecca Andridge (Public Health)
- ✓ Dr. Eric Bielefeld (Speech and Hearing Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Debbie Guatelli-Steinberg (Anthropology)
- ✓ Dr. Curtis Haugtvedt (Marketing and Logistics)
Dr. Jennifer Higginbotham (English)
- ✓ Dr. Karen Irving (Teaching and Learning)
- ✓ Dr. Laurice Joseph (Educational Studies)
- ✓ Dr. Maria Miriti (Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology), Chair
- ✓ Dr. Roberto Myers (Material Science Engineering)
- ✓ Dr. Melvin Pascall (Food Science and Technology)

Students:

- ✓ Mr. Mario Belfiglio (USG, Biology)
- ✓ Ms. Kate Greer (USG, German and History)
Mr. Daniel Puthawala (CGS, Linguistics)
- ✓ Mr. Blake Szkoda (CGS, Biochemistry)
- ✓ Ms. TaLeitha Varner (IPC, Pharmacy)

Administrator:

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

Guests:

- Dr. Jill Bystydzienski (Center for Slavic and East European Studies)
- Dr. Steve Fink (College of Arts and Sciences)
- Dr. Rob Griffiths (Office of Distance Education and eLearning)
- Dr. Kate Hallihan (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)
- Ms. Jill Hampshire (Office of Enrollment Services)
- Dr. Alan Kalish (University Center for the Advancement of Teaching)

Dr. Nicole Kwiek (College of Pharmacy)
Dr. Pasha A. Lyvers Peffer (Department of Animal Sciences)
Mr. Rand McGlaughlin (Office of University Registrar)
Dr. Steve Neal (College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences)
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (College of Arts and Sciences)
Ms. Katie Watkins (College of Pharmacy)
Dr. Celia Wills (College of Nursing)

The meeting came to order at 3:05 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR—PROFESSOR MARIA MIRITI

Two proposals were approved at the University Senate meeting on September 7, 2017: Proposal to Change the Name of the Department of Plastic Surgery and the Proposal to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science Degree. Both proposals will be on the agenda of the November 3, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting. After the Board of Trustees meeting, the Biomedical Science Degree proposal will go to the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR—PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Provost McPherson announced the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth (Beth) Hume as the new Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Dean of Undergraduate Education. Prior to her time at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, Hume was the chair of our Department of Linguistics.

Vice Chancellor Stephanie Davidson attended the monthly curricular deans meeting on September 12, 2017 to discuss State-wide initiatives such as CLEP scores, the 2+2 initiative, and College Credit Plus.

Several academic programs will host accreditation meetings this fall. The accrediting bodies for both Engineering and Pharmacy will be on campus the week of October 16, 2017. Smith meets with these teams.

Smith will attend the Farm Science Review Celebration of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Luncheon on September 21, 2017.

The General Education (GE) Review Coordinating Committee will meet with the colleges in October and November to present its proposed revisions to the GE. The final GE proposal will come to this Council. The earliest implementation of a new GE would be Autumn 2019.

PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D – PROFESSORS MARIA MIRITI AND W. RANDY SMITH

- **Proposal to create a new Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in East European and Eurasian Studies – Center for Slavic and East European Studies**

Guest: Professor Jill Bystydzienski, Director, Center for Slavic and East European Studies

The Center for Slavic and East European Studies (CSEES) proposes the creation of a new Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization (GIS) in East European and Eurasian Studies. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the joint committee of this Council and the Graduate School.

The objective of the GIS in East European and Eurasian Studies is to prepare students for professional or academic careers requiring language and area studies expertise in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. The GIS will be open to all graduate and professional studies, excluding those pursuing the M.A. in Slavic and East European Studies.

To obtain the GIS, students will need to complete 15 credit hours of coursework. Of these 15 hours, no more than three can come from language coursework, and at least nine must come from coursework outside the student's home department.

No new courses or resources are needed for the new GIS. This is a reconfiguration of the Certificate in Russian Area Studies, which is no longer a viable program option.

The GIS will be noted on the transcript.

Miriti noted that this proposal has been through several revisions. Among its revisions, CSEES clarified the language requirement and received letters of concurrence from all chairs of courses that are included in the GIS curriculum.

The Council noted that a few classes need to be removed from the list of courses because they are not currently offered. Bystydzienski said that the list will be corrected, and it will be updated each semester.

Miriti moved approval of the proposal; it carried with all in favor.

- **Proposal to revise the undergraduate minor program in Animal Sciences – College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**

Guests: Pasha Lyvers-Peffer, Associate Professor, Department of Animal Sciences; Steve Neal, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

The College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences proposes revisions to the undergraduate Animal Sciences minor program.

The primary changes include: reducing the number of required credit hours from 16 to 15; removing ANIMSCI 2100 as a required course; adding a new required course ANIMSCI 2200.03; and giving

students the choice between ANIMSCI 3140 or 3160. These changes are consistent with the recently approved changes in the Animal Sciences major program.

The minor sheet states that a student should declare a minor by the time he / she accumulates 60 hours. Lyvers-Peffer noted that this is a recommendation—not a requirement.

Miriti moved approval of the proposal; it carried with all in favor.

- **Proposal to create a new Category 1 undergraduate certificate program: *Nursing in School Health Services Certificate* – College of Nursing**

Guest: Celia Wills, Associate Professor, College of Nursing

The College of Nursing proposes the creation of a new Category 1 undergraduate certificate program entitled *Nursing in School Health Services Certificate*.

The proposed *Nursing in School Health Services* undergraduate Category 1 certificate program is intended to support Registered Nurses (RNs) who are providing health services in schools, but who do not have contemporary educational preparation in school nursing. The overall purpose of the certificate program is to support this subgroup of RNs to expand their understanding of school health services in order to promote school health in school age children (graded K-12). Students in the certificate program will examine services and strategies to promote health in schools. Assignments will promote understanding of the available resources to promote school health, based on existing standards and evidence-based best practice.

This Category 1 certificate proposal is a complementary certificate proposal to the recently-approved *School Nurse Professional Pupil Services Licensure* (Category 5b) certificate program. This proposed Category 1 certificate will fill a unique niche for RNs who need contemporary school nursing educational preparation, but who do not intend to seek Professional Pupil Services licensure based on completing the Category 5b certificate program.

The curriculum for this Category 1 certificate program includes a minimum total of 12 undergraduate credit hours, consisting of three online asynchronous courses (three credits each; nine credits total) and one relevant elective course (minimum of three elective credits).

Certificate participants must have licensure as a registered nurse.

The college anticipates that there will be up to 10 students enrolled part-time in the required courses for the first two years with increasing enrollments thereafter.

This certificate has concurrence from the College of Education and Human Ecology.

Council members did not express any concerns.

Miriti moved approval of the proposal; it carried with all in favor.

- **Proposal to change the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences program – College of Pharmacy**

Guests: Nicole Kwiek, Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy; Katie Watkins, Program Manager, College of Pharmacy

The College of Pharmacy proposes to modify transfer criteria for the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS) program.

Previous requirements were more rigorous than newly approved admission criteria for direct enroll students, and subsequently limited the number of transfer students. Further, there was no data supporting that the more rigorous criteria predicted student success in the program.

Revisions for transfer or major-change students are as follows:

- Reduce GPA requirement from 2.7 to 2.5
- Eliminate mathematics, biology, and chemistry requirements as a precursor to the program and the requirement for 30 or more credit hours
- Require the completion of an online training session overviewing the BSPS transfer process
- Meet with a college academic advisor to discuss issues affecting student success in the program and develop a timeline for completion of the degree

These requirements are more aligned with the requirements of direct entry students.

The college expects these revisions to increase student access to the major with reduced admission barriers.

Smith noted that this program was on the verge of going away 10 years ago, but student demand increased. Enrollments were originally limited, but that is no longer the case. The college does monitor enrollments, but there is no target number of enrolled students.

Kwiek noted that any healthcare profession that touches drugs could benefit from this program. Students go on to the PharmD program, medical school, and positions in the pharmaceutical industry.

Kwiek also noted that the college is slowly expanding its undergraduate curriculum offerings.

Pharmacy will meet with Undergraduate Admissions to discuss implementation issues.

Miriti moved approval of the proposal; it carried in favor with one abstention.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith

Katie Reed