COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

200 Bricker Hall

September 19, 2018
3-5 PM

MINUTES

Attendance

Faculty:
✓ Dr. Rebecca Andridge (Public Health)
✓ Dr. Anika Anthony (Educational Studies)
✓ Dr. Eric Bielefeld (Speech and Hearing Sciences), Chair
✓ Dr. Kevin Evans (School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences)
✓ Dr. Sara Fowler (College of Dentistry)
   Dr. Debbie Guatelli-Steinberg (Anthropology)
✓ Dr. Curtis Haugtvedt (Marketing and Logistics)
✓ Dr. Jennifer Higginbotham (English)
✓ Dr. Roberto Myers (Material Science Engineering)
✓ Dr. Melvin Pascall (Food Science and Technology)

Students:
   Mr. Nat Crowley (USG, Finance)
✓ Ms. Kate Greer (USG, German and History)
✓ Ms. Neethi Johnson (CGS, MBA)
✓ Mr. Blake Szkoda (CGS, Chemistry and Biochemistry)

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

Guests:
Dr. Roger Beebe (Department of Art)
Dr. John Bruno (Department of Psychology)
Dr. Maurice Eastridge (Department of Animal Sciences)
Dr. Charles Emery (Department of Psychology)
Dr. Suzanne Leson (School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences)
Mr. Rand McGlaughlin (Office of University Registrar)
Dr. Steve Neal (College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences)
Mr. Mark Runco (Undergraduate Admissions)
Dr. Jennifer Schlueter (Graduate School)
Dr. Shari Speer (Graduate School)  
Mr. Peter Spreitzer (University Exploration)  
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (College of Arts and Sciences)  
Dr. Celeste Welty (Department of Entomology)  

The meeting came to order at 3:02 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR—PROFESSOR ERIC BIELEFELD

Bielefeld attended the Faculty Cabinet meeting on September 7, 2018. It was reported that the 18 hour credit cap revision that was endorsed by this Council in 2017-18 has stopped at Senate Fiscal Committee due to projected loss in revenue. Bielefeld will share information as he receives updates.

The College Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate in the College of Arts and Sciences are reviewing the General Education (GE) revision proposal.

Bielefeld and Smith are meeting with Professor Celia Wills on October 2, 2018 to discuss next steps in the centers’ review process.

There is a meeting of the Syllabus Review Group on October 12, 2018.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR—PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Smith introduced Professor Shari Speer to the Council. Speer is the new associate dean in the Graduate School.

The Office of Academic Affairs will be conducting three dean searches this year for the following colleges: Arts and Sciences, Law, and Public Health. The search for the new executive dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is currently underway, chaired by Alan Michaels (Dean, Moritz College of Law). A search firm has been identified and a series of open forums for faculty and staff have been held. Smith is serving on this Committee.

Smith is leading the Office of International Affairs (OIA) until the new director, Dr. Gil Latz, starts on January 1, 2019. OIA staff will handle day-to-day operations of the office. Smith will focus on identifying broader issues that need to be addressed for OIA going forward.

The University Teacher Education Council (UTEC) is a subcommittee of CAA. The Council focuses on teacher education preparation issues. The following colleges are involved: Arts and Sciences; Education and Human Ecology; Fisher College of Business, Engineering; and Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. The Council is getting ready for an accreditation visit in December 2018.
Smith hosted a meeting of the Big Ten Academic Alliance Accreditation Network on September 6, 2018 in Chicago, IL. The network discusses accreditation issues common to all the universities. All would like a stronger acknowledgement of their research missions during accreditation visits.

Representatives from Columbus State Community College (CSCC) and Ohio State met on September 17, 2018 to talk about steps to tighten the relationship between the two institutions. Both would like to better align programs for transfer.

Smith has convened a group to talk about next steps with distance education. Rob Griffiths (Office of Distance Education and eLearning) and Dean Norman Jones (OSU Mansfield) are co-chairing the committee. The committee’s work will eventually come to this Council.

The Office of Academic Affairs is supporting the redesign of introductory STEM courses. The courses being redesigned have historically affected student progress. The work that the course redesign team has done to date is very impressive.

The Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI) Oversight Committee needs a representative from this Council. If you are interested, please contact Smith.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education is hosting three meetings this week that Smith will attend: the Proprietary Transfer Stakeholders Committee, the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network Oversight Board, and the Ohio Transfer Module Subcommittee. The Proprietary Transfer Stakeholders Committee is preparing a report on transfer from for-profit institutions that is due to the legislature on January 1, 2019.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM: COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY DIVISION MERGER/NAME CHANGE – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH**

The College of Dentistry requests approval to merge the Division of General Practice and Materials Science with the Division of Restorative Science and Prosthodontics to form a new division that will be names the Division of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics. The combining of these two divisions is intended to enhance operational efficiencies by including in one unit the two groups of faculty who are most intimately involved in the pre-doctoral didactic and clinical curricula.

The creation or revision to college divisions does not require formal review by this Council. The Council did not express any concerns.

**PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D – PROFESSORS ERIC BIELEFELD AND W. RANDY SMITH**

- Proposal to revise the Aging Minor – College of Medicine
Guest: Suzanne Leson, Associate Professor-Clinical, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences proposes changing the undergraduate Aging Minor.

Students have expressed concerns about the lack of available courses. A number of the courses listed for the minor, including core courses, are not currently being offered. The courses no longer being offered will be removed from the list and new courses will be added. Students will now have more options for the required core list.

In addition, more online course options were added to encourage expanded enrollment and to provide a minor for the Health Sciences distance students.

The minor continues to be 12 credit hours. It was noted that an undergraduate minor must be 12-18 credit hours.

Leson said the goal of the revision was to align the minor with what courses are actually being offered.

The Council asked Leson about the typical audience for the minor. Leson responded that the majority of students enrolled in the health sciences are bound for a profession in a health field. Considering the aging population of this country, the Aging Minor is a good fit for most professions. A minor is also required for all health sciences students who do not have an associate’s degree.

Leson stated that the school plans to increase marketing for the minor once the revisions are approved.

Andridge asked why learning outcomes are not included for the minor. Smith noted that the University does not currently require units to submit learning outcomes for minors, but this is something that we should do in the future.

The Council briefly discussed the difference between a certificate and a minor.

Bielefeld moved approval of the recommendation; it carried in favor by all.

- Proposal to revise the Dairy Science Minor – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Guests: Maurice Eastridge, Professor, Department of Animal Sciences; Steve Neal, Associate Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

The Department of Animal Sciences proposes to revise the Dairy Science Minor.
Prerequisite courses have been added to assure that students are well prepared for the content of the minor and five elective courses were added. Historically, this minor has been restricted to non-Animal Sciences majors. Majors may now select this minor as a second minor. Since the subject of Animal Sciences is so broad, the department felt that there was enough content to avoid duplication. In addition, a restriction was added to prevent students from completing both the Dairy Science Minor and the Dairy Certificate due to the significant overlap in courses.

The Council did not express any concerns.

Bielefeld moved approval of the recommendation; it carried in favor by all.

- Proposal to revise the Entomology Undergraduate Major – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Guests: Steve Neal, Associate Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; Celeste Welty, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology

The changes include both changes in curriculum content and changes in the format of how the requirements are presented. Courses new since the last program revision have been added, courses no longer offered are being removed, and 6000-level elective courses are being removed. One of the most significant changes is a minor will no longer be required and will be replacement with a requirement of a minor equivalent.

These changes are student-driven. The proposed changes are based on feedback from current students and faculty who indicated that it is difficult for students to complete all of the required and recommended courses in four years.

Welty noted that organic chemistry is not required, but is strongly recommended—particularly for students who plan to pursue graduate education.

The Council asked if there is a four-year plan available to students. Welty said that there is and that it will be updated if the revisions are approved here today.

Bielefeld moved approval of the recommendation; it carried in favor by all.

Smith noted that the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences appointed Neal as associate dean for academic programs.
Proposal to revise the Department of Art’s MFA Credit Requirements – College of Arts and Sciences

Guest: Roger Beebe, Professor, Department of Art

The Department of Arts proposes to revise the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) credit requirements. This proposal has been reviewed by the combined Graduate School/CAA Curriculum Subcommittee.

The MFA degree is a three-year program, or a minimum of six semesters, designed to support a concentrated effort in a student’s visual art research. The degree is recognized as the terminal degree for college teaching. There are seven visual art disciplines at OSU: Art and Technology, Ceramics, Glass, Painting and Drawing, Photography, Printmaking, and Sculpture.

The department would like to reduce the minimum credit hours for graduation from 72 to 66. This reduction will bring the MFA program in line with peer programs. Reducing the total credit hour requirement will provide students more studio research time. Currently, in order to earn enough credit hours to graduate, students in the program must register for extra independent studio hours with faculty, which often places excessive demands on both the students’ and the faculty’s time and energy.

In order to reduce the minimum credit hours for graduation, the department is reducing and reorganizing studio credit hours. The current studio credit hours requirement is 40-52: 23 required minimum Major Area studio credit hours; 12 required minimum Elective Studio credit hours; and five Studio credit hours earned through Major Area group critiques. The proposed studio credit hour requirement is 34-42: nine minimum Major Area studio credit hours; nine minimum Elective Studio credit hours; 11-29 “Flex Studio credit hours” from either within or outside the Major Area within the Department of Art; and five Studio credit hours earned through group critiques. These changes allow more flexibility for both depth and breadth.

Many areas only have one faculty member. In addition to benefiting students, these changes will give faculty more availability and should make them more accessible to students.

Beebe noted that many students take too many independent studies despite advising recommendations against it. The department does not currently have a hard cap on independent studies, though it is something that the department is discussing.

The Council did not express any concerns.

Bielefeld moved approval of the recommendation; it carried in favor by all.
• Proposal to change the Psychology Master of Arts to a Master of Science Degree

Guests: John Bruno, Chair, Department of Psychology; Charles Emery, Incoming Chair

The Department of Psychology proposes to change its Master of Arts (MA) program to a Master of Science (MS) program. This proposal has been reviewed by the combined Graduate School/CAA Curriculum Subcommittee.

Currently, students are awarded the MA degree, which has caused confusion for many years. Both students and faculty believe that the MA does not accurately capture a) the clear scientific bases of the issues that they research (typically brain-behavior relations), b) the tight scientific and quantitative methods that are utilized in their research, and c) the large number of science-based courses that are required as part of their graduate training. Since psychology is a science, students should be recognized with a Master of Science rather than a Master of Arts.

The department is not modifying the current program. There will be no changes to the curriculum or staffing.

This proposal was initiated by students and strongly supported by faculty.

Bielefeld noted that the bulk of this large proposal was course syllabi.

Bruno remarked that the department has no idea why the degree was originally created as a MA rather than a MS. This is an error that should be corrected.

The Council did not express any concerns.

Smith noted that Psychology has always been one of the strongest departments at the University.

Bielefeld moved approval of the recommendation; it carried in favor by all.

Smith and Speer will decide how to send this proposal to the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The next CAA meeting is in three weeks on October 10, 2018.

The proposal to create a new Master of Dietetics and Nutrition is at the September 20, 2018 University Senate meeting.
The Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed