

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

200 BRICKER HALL

September 1, 2021

3-5 PM

MINUTES

Attendance

Faculty:

- ✓ Dr. Rebecca Andridge (College of Public Health)
- ✓ Dr. Eric Bielefeld (Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Patricia Enciso (Department of Teaching and Learning)
- ✓ Dr. Jill Galvan (Department of English)
- ✓ Dr. Tara King (College of Nursing)
- ✓ Dr. Fabio Leite (Department of Psychology)
- ✓ Dr. Pasha Lyvers Pepper (Department of Animal Sciences)
Dr. Berry Lyons (School of Earth Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Catherine Montalto (Department of Human Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Maria Pruchnicki (College of Pharmacy)
Dr. Andrea Prud'homme (Fisher College of Business)

Staff:

- ✓ Mr. Peter Spreitzer (University Exploration)

Students:

- Mr. Ross Bales (IPC, Medicine)
- ✓ Mr. Brandon Bishop (USG, Political Science)
- ✓ Ms. Laine Rumreich (CGS, Computer Science and Engineering)
- ✓ Ms. Amani Samuels (USG, International Studies)
- ✓ Mr. Dustin Servello (CGS, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology)

Administrator:

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

Guests:

- Dr. Michael Bisesi (College of Public Health)
- Ms. Adrienne Bricker (Office of the University Registrar)
- Dr. Angela Brintlinger (Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies)
- Ms. Danielle Brown (College of Education and Human Ecology)
- Dr. Jennifer Burgoon (Department of Biomedical Education and Anatomy)
- Ms. Lisa Delaney (Office of the University Registrar)

Dr. Amy Ferketich (College of Public Health)
Dr. Robert Griffiths (Office of Distance Education and eLearning)
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (College of Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Celia Wills (College of Nursing)

The meeting came to order at 3:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – PROFESSOR MARIA PRUCHNICKI

Pruchnicki welcomed Council members and guests to the first meeting of the 2021-22 academic year. To help with social distancing, proposal guests will attend meetings virtually. Council members are encouraged to attend in-person, if possible.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

Today is Provost Gilliam's first day physically on-campus. Dr. Gilliam joined the University from the University of Chicago.

The annual dinner with the Provost will be on November 3, 2021, directly following that afternoon's Council meeting. The dinner is an opportunity for Council members to interact with the Provost, as well as an opportunity for the Provost to thank Council members for their service.

Dr. Jennifer Whetstone, College of Pharmacy, is the new Coordinator of the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM). Smith will invite Whetstone to an upcoming Council meeting to give an overview of the office's work and discuss the challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Smith is leading discussions on academic programming in entrepreneurship and workforce development.

Smith is visiting OSU Lima on September 10, 2021, to discuss workforce development-related initiatives.

Smith is forming workgroups to look at stackable certificates and micro-credentialing. Contact Smith if you would like to participate in these groups.

The annual Big 10 Accreditation Network meeting is on October 14, 2021, in Chicago, IL. Smith is Ohio State's accreditation liaison with the Higher Learning Commission and chairs the Big 10 Accreditation Network.

This Council will review the following centers during the 2021-22 academic year: Center for the Study of Teaching and Writing; Center for Operational Excellence; Center for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies; Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning; and Mershon Center for International Security Studies.

2021-22 CAA SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – PROFESSOR MARIA PRUCHNICKI

Pruchnicki shared the CAA subcommittee assignments for 2021-22.

Subcommittee A will be chaired by Andridge. Enciso, Leite, Rumreich, and Samuels will serve on the subcommittee.

Subcommittee B will be chaired by Bielefeld. Bales, Bishop, Lyons, Lyvers Pepper, and Montalto will serve on the subcommittee.

Subcommittee C will be chaired by Servello. Galvan, King, Prud'homme, and Spreitzer will serve on the subcommittee.

Subcommittee D will be chaired by Pruchnicki. Smith also serves on the subcommittee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

- **Request to make the MS in Molecular Genetics a terminal degree with direct entry – College of Arts and Sciences**

The Department of Molecular Genetics would like to activate the existing Molecular Genetics Master of Science (MS) program, starting in Spring 2022.

Currently, the MS in Molecular Genetics is not a terminal degree with direct entry. Rather, the MS degree is intended to be offered to students who have successfully completed the first two years of the PhD program, but who—for some reason—do not finish the PhD program in Molecular Genetics.

There is, however, student demand for a focused MS program. After discussion within the Department, the faculty agree that a dedicated MS degree will serve a distinct population of students with goals that differ from PhD seeking candidates.

The Graduate School reviewed and supported this request.

The Council did not express any concerns.

PROPOSAL FROM SUBCOMMITTEE C – MR. DUSTIN SERVELLO; PROFESSORS JILL GALVAN, TARA KING, AND ANDREA PRUD'HOMME; MR. PETER SPREITZER

Guest: Amy Ferketich, Professor, College of Public Health

The College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Public Health propose to establish an undergraduate minor in Public Health and the Arts.

A minor in Public Health and the Arts exposes students to both public health and the arts with the goal of promoting an understanding that community well-being encompasses many aspects of daily living and not just individual behavior. By combining foundational courses in public health and arts with discipline-specific courses in arts and humanities, students will gain an understanding and appreciation for how arts and culture are essential components of individual wellness and healthy communities.

To complete the minor, participants need to take six credit hours of required courses and nine credit hours of elective courses.

Ferketich informed the Council that this interdisciplinary minor is the only one in the country. Faculty are very excited to offer it. Students are also increasingly interested in public health because of the global focus on public health during the Covid-19 crisis.

Servello noted that the minor's effective term will need to be updated to Spring 2022.

The Council agreed that this seems like a great program.

Pruchnicki moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved with one abstention.

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

- **Proposal to revise the Master of Health Administration – College of Public Health**

Guest: Mike Bisesi, Associate Dean, College of Public Health

The College of Public Health proposes to revise the Master of Health Administration. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the GS/CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council.

The revisions to the Master of Health Administration (MHA) will align the program with other recently approved curriculum revisions. The College will replace four courses (10.5 credit hours) with two new courses (6 credit hours). The 4.5 credit hour difference will be made up with electives.

There are no adverse impacts on current students.

Bisesi noted that current students are already taking the new courses. The new courses will create a unified cohort between the MHA and Master of Public Health.

The Council noted that the proposal asked for an effective term of Autumn 2021. Bricker confirmed that the Registrar's Office can use this term because this is a change to a current program. She did state, however, that their office will need more implementation time when Workday Student goes live.

Pruchnicki moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved with one abstention.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed