

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**Ohio Union
Student-Alumni Council Room**

**February 21, 2024
3-5 PM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Faculty:

- ✓ Dr. Carlos Castro (Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
Dr. Ann Christy (College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences)
Dr. Samantha Herrmann (Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology)
Dr. Wendy Hesford (Department of English)
- ✓ Dr. Tara King (College of Nursing)
- ✓ Dr. Nicole Kwiek (College of Pharmacy)
- ✓ Dr. Fábio Leite (Department of Psychology)
- ✓ Dr. Berry Lyons (School of Earth Sciences)
- ✓ Dr. Russell Marzette (Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
- ✓ Dr. Thomas Nelson (Department of Political Science)
- ✓ Dr. Sue Sutherland (Department of Human Sciences)

Staff:

- ✓ Ms. Margo Coates (College of Dentistry)

Students:

- Ms. Emily Johnson (USG, Sociology)
- ✓ Mr. Charlie Mace (CGS, Physics)
- ✓ Ms. Carrie Anne Thomas (CGS, Teaching and Learning)
Mr. Brett Carroll (IPC, Pharmacy)

Administrator:

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

Guests:

- Dr. Betty Lise Anderson (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)
- Mr. Aaron Bagent (College of Education and Human Ecology)
- Dr. Eric Bielefeld (Department of Speech and Hearing Science)
- Dr. Vera Brunner-Sung (Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts)

Ms. Lisa Duffy (Office of the University Registrar)
Dr. Rob Greenbaum (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)
Dr. Rob Griffiths (Ohio State Online)
Dr. Monica Lewandowski (Department of Plant Pathology)
Dr. Becky Lorenz (College of Nursing)
Dr. Andrew Martin (College of Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Maria Miriti (Graduate School)
Ms. Jeanne Osborne (College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences)
Dr. Ann Paulins (Department of Human Sciences)
Mr. Peter Spreitzer (University Exploration)
Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (College of Arts and Sciences)

The meeting came to order at 3 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – PROFESSOR FÁBIO LEITE

Please contact Leite if there are any topics that you would like discussed at a Council meeting.

Leite noted that Smith is at today's Board of Trustees Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – PROFESSOR ROB GREENBAUM

- **Decision to permit 100% overlap in Intercultural Competence for Global Citizenship certificate – College of Arts and Sciences**

The Department of French and Italian will allow 100% overlap of the coursework in the Intercultural Competence for Global Citizenship Certificate with another degree program. The University only allowed 50% overlap at the time of the Certificate's creation.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Decision to pause admission to the Bachelor of Music in Theory program – College of Arts and Sciences**

The School of Music has decided to pause admission to the Bachelor of Music in Theory program. Admission will be paused for two years.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the PhD Educational Psychology program – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Teaching and Learning revised the Ph.D. Educational Psychology program. The program updates its list of eligible courses to reflect current offerings.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Revision to the Consumer Economics and Policy minor – College of Education and Human Ecology**

The Department of Human Sciences revised the Consumer Economics and Policy minor. The program updated a course's prerequisite to add flexibility for student scheduling.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Change to the Computer Science and Engineering Undergraduate Program – College of Engineering**

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering revised the Computer Science and Engineering undergraduate program. The program will replace ECE 2020 with ECE 2360.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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- **Change to the Information and Computation Assurance Specialization (ICA) in the Computer Science and Engineering Undergraduate Program – College of Engineering**

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering revised the Information and Computation Assurance Specialization in the Computer Science and Engineering undergraduate program. These revisions aligned the specialization with recent updates to the National Center for Academic Excellence's Program of Study.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Change to the Environmental Engineering Undergraduate Program – College of Engineering**

The Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geodetic Engineering revised the Environmental Engineering undergraduate program. The program updated its list of required courses.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Changes to the BA/MPA and BS/MPA programs – John Glenn College of Public Affairs**

The John Glenn College of Public Affairs changed the BA/MPA (Bachelor of Arts / Master of Public Administration) and BS/MPA (Bachelor of Science / Master of Public Administration) programs. The changes aligned the programs with the Ohio Department of Higher Education's updated rules for combined degree programs.

PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE C – PROFESSORS TARA KING, ANN CHRISTY, RUSSELL MARZETTE, AND TOM NELSON; MR. CHARLIE MACE

- **Proposal to revise the Undergraduate Minor and Embedded Undergraduate Certificate in Signal Processing – College of Engineering**
- **Proposal to revise the Undergraduate Minor and Embedded Undergraduate Certificate in Semiconductor Devices – College of Engineering**

Guest: Betty Lise Anderson, Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) proposes to revise the following programs:

- Undergraduate Minor in Signal Processing
- Embedded Undergraduate Certificate in Signal Processing
- Undergraduate Minor in Semiconductor Devices
- Embedded Undergraduate Certificate in Semiconductor Devices

Changes to the Embedded Undergraduate Certificate in Signal Processing include the following: addition of an elective; updates to course prerequisites; increase overlap hours to 100%; and addition of an exclusion between the minor and certificate.

Changes to the Undergraduate Minor in Signal Processing include the following: addition of an elective; updates to the course prerequisites; addition of an exclusion between the minor and certificate; and addition of language about overlap with undergraduate degree.

Changes to the Embedded Undergraduate Certificate in Semiconductor Devices include the following: an increase in overlap hours to 100%; addition of new course options; updates to course prerequisites; addition of an exclusion between the minor and certificate; and removal of notes about updating the labs.

Changes to the Undergraduate Minor in Semiconductor Devices include the following: addition of new course options; clarification of rules for ECE students; updates to the course prerequisites; and addition of an exclusion between the minor and certificate.

The programs are offered primarily in person with no plans to be offered exclusively online.

Leite noted that the Department would like these changes to go into effect in Autumn 2024.

The Council asked Anderson if the Department expects one program to be more successful than the other. Anderson replied that she suspects the minor will not be as popular since the certificates allow 100% overlap. The minors are not available to ECE majors.

The Council asked if the lab requirement is too hard for engineering majors outside of ECE. Anderson said the labs may prohibit students from participating as they are heavy workloads, though most Engineering majors are adept at heavy workloads.

The Council asked if the delayed opening of Intel is good or bad. Anderson responded that the delay does not have an impact on their programs as people are already training for jobs.

Anderson confirmed that there are few other programs in the country.

Leite moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved unanimously.

Some Council members expressed doubt that a student could complete their major and a minor/certificate in 4 years. Other Council members noted that there are several majors that are difficult to complete in 4 years. This is generally accepted/expected. Good advising is crucial.

The Council noted that it is the College's discretion on the accessibility—from a difficulty perspective—of their programs. Not all programs are created for large groups.

Some Council members asked if the Department should report back in two years on student demographics, enrollment, and student feedback. Other Council members expressed doubt that two years could give meaningful data. Some Council members expressed concern that requiring feedback would set a procedural precedent.

PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D – PROFESSORS FÁBIO LEITE AND W. RANDY SMITH

- **Proposal to revise the MS in Consumer Sciences-Fashion and Retail Studies and the MS in Consumer Sciences-Hospitality Management Specializations – College of Education and Human Ecology**

Guest: Ann Paulins, Associate Professor-Clinical, Department of Human Sciences

The Department of Human Sciences proposes to revise the Master of Science in Consumer Sciences-Fashion and Retail Studies and the Master of Science (MS) in Consumer Sciences-Hospitality Management Specializations. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Graduate School / CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council.

Currently, Consumer Sciences MS students apply to one of three specializations: Family Resource Management, Fashion and Retail Studies (FRS), or Hospitality Management (HMT). FRS and HMT students follow a curriculum that serves as an umbrella for both specializations in Hospitality and Retail Management (HRE). The proposed changes aim to remove the umbrella curriculum and HRE code to provide a more tailored academic experience within the HRS and HMT specializations.

Changes include the following: addition of new to course options; deletion of courses no longer offered; and changing Plan A to Thesis and Plan B to Non-Thesis. There are no changes to the core curriculums.

Paulins told the Council that the Department is eager for future students to find majors more easily and matriculate.

Paulins confirmed that there is no impact to the cost of attendance.

Paulins noted that the faculty wanted a transcriptable practicum.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

- **Proposal to revise the MS in Nursing-Nursing Science Specialty Track – College of Nursing**

Guest: Becky Lorenz, Associate Dean, College of Nursing

The College of Nursing proposes to revise the Master of Science in Nursing-Nursing Science Specialty Track. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Graduate School / CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council.

The Nursing Science specialty track is usually a default option for more foundational graduate coursework to support doctoral coursework and research without the requirement of extensive clinical practicum coursework. The specialty track also supports the ability for students to obtain an MS in Nursing degree, or (rarely) functions as an exit strategy from the PhD in Nursing program.

Changes include the following: elimination of 6 courses and the addition of 5 foundational courses. The revised curriculum will better serve the needs of students needing more research-related courses rather than courses that are foundational to advanced nursing practice clinical role. The proposed curricular redesign is expected to improve the quality and currency of the research-oriented coursework, as well as to align the required nursing coursework to meet the current standards for masters-level nursing education.

There are no new courses as the courses are already offered.

Currently, there is only one student enrolled in the program. There are no plans to increase the enrollment.

The Council asked why/how there were no changes to the assessment plan when the proposal states that the changes represent a 51% change to the specialty. Lorenz responded that she is not sure that the rationale was as she was not in this role at the time of the proposal.

The Council made a motion to postpone the vote until information on the assessment plan is shared.

Leite moved approval to table the vote; it was approved with one abstention.

- **Proposal to revise the Doctor of Audiology program – College of Arts and Sciences**

Guest: Eric Bielefeld, Chair, Department of Speech and Hearing Science

The Department of Speech and Hearing Science proposes to revise the Doctor of Audiology program. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Graduate School / CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council.

The proposed changes are motivated by programmatic assessment data and exit interview feedback received from graduates. Proposed changes include the following: increasing two required courses from 2- to 3-credit hours; adding a new 3-credit hour required course; and removing one 3-credit required course. The changes result in a net increase of 2 credit hours, but there is no impact on time to degree.

The changes will be effective in Autumn 2024. A transition plan is in place for existing students.

There is no impact to the assessment plan.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

The Council applauded Bielefeld for considering the input from students and clearly explaining the changes.

Leite moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved by all.

- **Proposal to revise the Video Arts minor – College of Arts and Sciences**

Guest: Vera Brunner-Sung, Associate Professor, Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts

The Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts proposes to revise the Video Arts minor.

The Department would like to reduce the total number of credit hours for the minor from 17 to 15 credit hours for new and current students. This change would reduce the number of elective hours students need to complete to reach the minimum for the minor. In addition to the reduction of required elective hours, the Department will also update the minor sheet to improve formatting, clarify requirements, and correct outdated course information.

Currently, enrolled students are increasingly facing challenges to complete the minor requirements due to courses being offered infrequently or being in high demand. The proposed reduction to 15 total credit hours will help alleviate these challenges, as well as better align the minor with other minor programs across the College of Arts and Sciences.

Brunner-Sung informed the Council that the Department plans to do more revisions to the minor. She added that there is increased interest in the minor as the major is very competitive.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

Leite moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved by all.

- **Proposal to revise the Undergraduate Minor in Plant Pathology – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guests: Monica Lewandowski, Associate Professor-Clinical; Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

The Department of Plant Pathology proposes to revise the Undergraduate Minor in Plant Pathology.

The Department would like to add course options to two categories in the minor: ‘select one of the following courses’ and ‘electives.’ Adding more courses will help students complete the minor in a timely manner. In addition to increased course options, the Department is removing one course that is no longer offered.

These changes will go into effect in AU24. The changes will not impact any current students.

Osborne noted that this will be a more broach approach to the minor.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

Leite moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved unanimously.

- **Proposal to revise the Undergraduate Minor in Mycology – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Guests: Monica Lewandowski, Associate Professor-Clinical; Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

The Department of Plant Pathology proposes to revise the Undergraduate Minor in Mycology.

The Department will add one course (PLNTPH 4321) to the list of possible elective courses.

This change will go into effect in AU24.

Leite informed the Council that this would qualify as an informational item, but the Department would already be present at a Council meeting for the Undergraduate Minor in Plant Pathology Minor proposal.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

Leite moved approval of the recommendation; it was approved unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith
Katie Reed