

## COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Ohio Union  
Brutus Buckeye Room

April 17, 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:

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

##### Administrator:

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

##### Guests:

- Mr. Chris Adams (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)
- Mr. Aaron Bagent (College of Education and Human Ecology)
- Ms. Lisa Duffy (Office of the University Registrar)
- Ms. Jennifer Getson (Department of History)
- Mr. Cody Grabbe (Office of Undergraduate Admissions)

Dr. Rob Greenbaum (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)  
Dr. Rob Griffiths (Ohio State Online)  
Dr. Bert Harrill (Department of History)  
Dr. David Hedgecoth (School of Music)  
Mr. Ryan Hunt (Office of the University Registrar)  
Dr. Jim Landers (John Glenn College of Public Affairs)  
Dr. Maria Miriti (Graduate School)  
Dr. Andrew Martin (College of Arts and 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**

The approval of the meeting minutes will be tabled until one of the Council’s summer meetings (dates TBD).

The Council has two proposals on the agenda of the University Senate meeting on April 18, 2024: the proposal to establish the Ohio State University Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) and the proposal to establish the National eXtreme Ultrafast Science Center (NeXus). Leite presented both proposals at the Faculty Council meeting on April 4, 2024.

Leite is serving on the Chase Center Academic Advisory Committee meeting. The posting for the Center’s Director has been posted.

Please respond to the scheduling poll for the May Council meeting. The meeting will be in-person.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH**

Smith attended the Senate Steering Committee meeting on April 11, 2024, to represent the CTSI and NeXus proposals. The Committee had no questions.

The following units have recently undergone or will undergo an Academic Program Review: Radiation Oncology, Molecular Genetics, Classics, History of Art, and Public Affairs.

National searches are currently underway for the following dean positions: OSU Lima, OSU Mansfield, OSU Marion, and OSU Newark, College of Public Health, Fisher College of Business, and Moritz College of Law,

This Council will soon receive a proposal to revise the undergraduate minor in Entrepreneurship. Groups are also working on the development of a Game Studies major and an IT Pathway from Columbus State to Ohio State.

Today Columbus State Community College hosted the annual Central Ohio Compact Summit. The goal of the Central Ohio Compact is to link K-12 schools to community colleges to 4-year institutions to industry.

The Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) and Ohio State Online (OSO) are co-hosting an Ohio State Online Summit on April 22, 2024. The summit will be an opportunity for colleges/campuses to learn more about how OSO can support online efforts as well as to discuss next steps with online.

President Carter gave his first State of the University Address on April 11, 2024. His investiture will likely be in Autumn 2024.

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is revising its guidelines on faculty credentials related to College Credit Plus (CCP). Currently, CCP teachers must have 18 credit hours in the content area (i.e., Calculus) that they will teach. HLC removed this requirement. The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) is working on a response. ODHE hosted a meeting on April 10, 2024, to discuss the change.

One goal of the revised GE (GEN) was to give students a smaller GE so that they had an opportunity to take more electives. OAA is monitoring this and has found that some colleges are not encouraging students to take interdisciplinary courses. OAA will work with University Advising on how to address this issue. Smith noted that this does not apply to some of the STEM programs as the number of GE credit hours increased under the GEN.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH**

- **Revision to Embedded Literacies for School of Music majors – College of Arts and Sciences**

The School of Music designated MUSIC 2121 to have a technology embedded literacy designation. The course is an on-boarding theory course across all majors in the school.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Establishment of a 1+3 pathway in Entomology at Ohio State ATI – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Ohio State ATI established a 1+3 pathway in Entomology. The pathway will provide an identifiable point of entrance to the Entomology major in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Update to the Agribusiness and Applied Economics BS AGR – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

The Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics updated the Agribusiness and Applied Economics major. The major will now allow AEDECON 2501 to count as a major option. The update is a result of discovering a hidden prerequisite for AEDECON 4330—the current major requirement—which could prevent students from timely completion of the degree.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Update to FAES curricula to provide flexibility in the GEN WIL – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences**

Ohio State ATI removed ENGLISH 1110 as the major requirement to fulfill the WIL category of the General Education program. Students will now be able to fulfill the requirement by selecting from a list of approved courses. This puts ATI curricula in alignment with CFAES curricula.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

- **Change to the Medical Coding and Health Care Data Analytics or Practice Certificate – College of Medicine**

The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences changed the name of the Medical Coding and Health Care Data Analytics for Practice Certificate to the Health Care Revenue Cycle and Data Analytics Certificate. This change will better reflect the content of the program.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

#### **PROPOSAL FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D – PROFESSORS FÁBIO LEITE AND W. RANDY SMITH**

- **Proposal to create an online version of the Master of Public Administration program – John Glenn College of Public Affairs**

Guests: Chris Adams, Director of Student Services and Programs; Rob Greenbaum, Associate Dean, John Glenn College of Public Affairs; Jim Landers, Director of Graduate/Professional Studies, John Glenn College of Public Affairs

The John Glenn College (JGC) of Public Affairs proposes to create an online version of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program. This proposal has been reviewed by the Graduate School/Council on Academic Affairs (GS / CAA) Combined Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council.

The creation of an online MPA will help the College respond to increased demand from students to provide more flexibly delivered curriculum; an online MPA will help the College reach its vision to become a leading educator among its peers; and an online MPA should increase enrollments.

The curriculum for the online MPA will be the same as that of the current MPA program. All but four of the core classes have online versions. Many elective options are also available online, and students can also take courses from outside JGC. Local students could also take an elective course(s) in-person.

The College anticipates an initial enrollment of 15 students with an increase after the first year.

JGC already has a successful full-time online program with the Master of Public Administration and Leadership (MPAL). JGC worked closely with Ohio State Online (then the Office of Distance Education and eLearning) to develop the MPAL.

There is an MOU in Ohio State Online in process.

The Council noted that JGC caps its online graduate course enrollments between 25-50 students. How does the College manage such large online courses? Landers noted that their courses are asynchronous, and there have been no issues with the large enrollments to date. He added that the College does use graders or Graduate Teaching Associates (GTA), which has worked well.

Greenbaum informed the Council that the College expects a significant number of part-time students. JGC is interested in working out a tuition agreement so that the tuition process is similar for full-time vs. part-time students. Smith commented that this needs to be discussed with the Office of Business and Finance.

Greenbaum clarified that the MPAL is for individuals with at least 3 years of work experience. The online MPA is for recent graduates. The programs have different curriculums and requirements.

Smith noted that the University needs to address assessment of online programs.

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

- **Proposal to revise the Master of Arts in Educational Studies, Workforce Development and Education Specialization – College of Education and Human Ecology**

Guest: Aaron Bagent, Academic Program Specialist, College of Education and Human Ecology

The Department of Educational Studies proposes to revise the Master of Arts in Educational Studies, Workforce Development and Education Specialization. This proposal has been reviewed by the GS / CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council.

The Department would like EDWDE 8961 (3 credit hours) to be a required course in the degree pathway. This will increase the number of required hours from 12 to 15. To counter that increase, the number of

elective hours is decreasing from 9 to 6. The requirement of EDWDE 8961 will broaden the educational experiences of program participants focused on education and human resource development.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

- **Proposal to deactivate the Healthcare Environmental and Hospitality Services undergraduate certificate – College of Education and Human Ecology**

Guest: Aaron Bagent, Academic Program Specialist, College of Education and Human Ecology

The Department of Human Sciences proposal to deactivate the Healthcare Environmental and Hospitality Services undergraduate certificate.

The Department is not admitting new students to the certificate due to low enrollment and continued resource constraints. The courses within the certificate are no longer offered due to low enrollments and budgetary issues.

There is only one active student in the program. The Department will work with the student on course substitutions so he/she can complete the certificate.

The faculty hope to offer the certificate again in the future.

The deactivation will go into effect in Summer 2024.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

Smith credited the College of Education and Human Ecology for reviewing its curriculum.

- **Proposal to revise the Master of Art in History program – College of Arts and Sciences**

Guests: Jennifer Getson, Academic Program Coordinator, Department of History; Bert Harrill, Professor, Department of History

The Department of History proposes to revise the Master of Art (MA) in History program. This proposal has been reviewed by the GS / CAA Combined Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council.

The Department would like to expand the History MA as a direct-admin program in all fields, which includes slight adjustments to the program as needed. Previously, the department limited the MA to three narrow student populations:

- Active or reserve members of the US Armed Forces as a direct-admit to the specialization in military history.
- Students in the PhD program who entered without an MA in History, or who leave the program before completing the PhD as a terminal degree.
- Undergraduate majors in the Combined BA/MA degree in History with a specialization in public history.

Expanding the History MA to a direct-admit will allow people to pursue the MA in History as a stand-alone degree.

Changes to the curriculum include the following: allow students to complete any 7000-level course rather than requiring History 7905 and replace one course at the 8000-level with any History course at the 7000-level. These changes allow more flexibility.

The proposal includes goals, expected learning outcomes, and an assessment plan.

Harrill commented that this proposal is really to restore—rather than to revise—the MA in History.

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 Music – College of Arts and Sciences**

Guest: David Hedgecoth, Director of Undergraduate Studies, School of Music

The School of Music proposes to revise the undergraduate minor in Music.

The revisions are to three areas of study: ensembles, music theory, and musicology. Changes include the following: removing typographic errors, adding Music 1111 as a course option for students who do not pass the Theory Placement Exam, removing courses no longer offered, and adding new courses as course options. Music 1111 does not count towards the undergraduate minor.

Hedgecoth remarked that the revisions are largely housekeeping. The addition of Music 1111 is important, however, for learning the basics of music theory.

The changes go into effect in Autumn 2024.

Hedgecoth invited the Council to visit the new Timashev Family Music Building.

The Council did not have any questions or concerns.

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

## **ELECTION OF 2024-25 COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR – PROFESSOR FÁBIO LEITE**

The Council unanimously elected Professor Sue Sutherland as the Chair and Vice Provost Randy Smith as Vice Chair for 2024-25.

Leite said that it has been his pleasure to serve as chair for the 2023-24 academic year. His appointment will continue through Summer 2024. The Council's annual activities report will be submitted to the University Senate in July.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith

Katie Reed