

**Council on Enrollment and Student Progress (CESP)
Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2012**

Attending: Michael Bowman, Wayne Carlson, Mike Carrell, Sheila Craft-Morgan, Joanne DeGroat, Dolan Evanovich, Anne Fields, John Gottardy, David Graham, Vern Granger, Rebecca Harvey, Courtney Kasuboski, Linda Katunich, Brad Myers, Elaine Pritchard, Marie Rehg, Mark Rudoff, Stephanie Saunders, Gail Stephenoff, David Stetson, Leo Volakis, John Wanzer, Kristina Wong-Davis, Judy Wu, and Carl Zulauf

Welcome / Dave Stetson

- Introduction of all members, including new members: Michael Bowman, Courtney Kasuboski, Marie Rehg, Mark Rudoff, and Leo Volakis
- Changing meeting time of the committee to the first Tuesday of each month from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Additional meetings may be scheduled, if needed.

Approval of June 5, 2012 Minutes / Dave Stetson

- J. DeGroat moved to approve the minutes.
- C. Zulauf seconded the motion.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Coordinating Committee Update / Wayne Carlson and Brad Myers

- There have been a few challenges with the conversion surrounding credit conversion, accreditation, and eligibility for graduation.
- The colleges have resolved a number of individual issues that have been raised.
- A student pledge appeals process is being developed and will be overseen by the Provost's Office, with appeals going through the Office of Undergraduate Education.
- The Executive Coordinating Committee will still meet, but will shift the focus from planning to resolution of issues.
- Many of the challenges with conversion are transitional and will resolve with time. Overall, the transition went smoothly.
- Regional campus and graduate student enrollments decreased this semester.
- We are closely monitoring the number of credit hours that students are taking. Students who are taking less than five classes are being encouraged to register for full-time.
- Joanne DeGroat will be serving on this committee.

Office of Military & Veterans Services / Mike Carrell

- Mike Carrell, the former commander of Air Force ROTC at Ohio State, examined veterans' services at a number of institutions and prepared a report recommending the creation of an Ohio State center dedicated to student-veterans.
- The new office opened last week.
- The mission is to connect student-veterans with resources to foster academic success.
- More resources will be dedicated to the processing of veterans benefits.
- Some of the office's activities include:
 - Internal and external outreach

- Educating faculty and staff about veterans issues
- Connecting students with University Exploration advising, Disability Services, and Counseling and Consultation Services
- Working with agencies, such as the Veterans Administration, to assist students with accessing services
- The office is working with Student Life and Vets 4 Vets to establish a veterans lounge.
- A new webpage for student-veterans has been published at <http://veterans.osu.edu>
- This month, there was a problem with the Veterans Administration's transfer of GI Bill benefits for processing. The university has offered students zero-interest loans for books / housing and have assured them that they will not be penalized for the delay in their tuition payments.
- The Ohio Board of Regents has asked the office to be a benchmark for other institutions.
- Since the Post 9-11 GI benefits can be transferred to dependents, an increase in the utilization of the benefits is expected.
- Carrell has been asked to give an update at a CESP meeting early next semester.

Double Majors Proposal / John Wanzer

- The proposal will allow students to complete double majors across college boundaries when the colleges agree.
- This makes sense mostly for students completing a degree outside the Arts and Sciences who want to complete an Arts and Sciences major as a second major.
- There is confusion about the distinction between dual majors and dual degrees. With a dual degree, the student must complete the requirements of both degrees without overlap.
- The point was raised that students might be better served to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees rather than two undergraduate degrees.
- The proposal will be taken to the Academic Program Advisory Committee.

Introduction of Admissions and First-Year Experience Leadership / Dolan Evanovich

- There has been a recent transition with Mabel Freeman retiring and Jefferson Blackburn-Smith taking the VP of Enrollment position at Otterbein University.
- Vern Granger has assumed the role of AVP of Enrollment Services and Director of Admissions.
 - He comes from the University of Tennessee Knoxville.
 - He is currently in the process of gathering data.
 - Questions to answer
 - How do we attract a diverse student body?
 - How do we attract the right mix of in- and out-of-state students?
- Kristina Wong-Davis is the new Director for Outreach and Recruitment.
 - She comes from the Virginia Commonwealth University.
 - She looks forward to partnering with others within the university.
 - Retention will be one of her focus areas.

Future Agenda Items / Dave Stetson

- The committee needs to establish a Vice Chair / Chair Elect.
- W. Carlson asked to report on Distance Education at a future meeting.