

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ACTIVITIES REPORT

September 5, 2012 – April 17, 2013 (additional Summer mtgs TBD)

Twelve two-hour meetings were held with plans for two additional summer meetings. Professor **Kay N. Wolf** was elected Chair and Professor **W. Randy Smith**, Vice Provost, was elected Vice Chair for the 2012-2013 academic year.

I. CURRICULA

Council approved the following proposals - presented alphabetically, by College/School, with date(s) of formal Council on Academic Affairs discussion/action in parentheses.

Academic Affairs

Arts and Sciences

Establishment of an Undergraduate Minor Atmospheric Sciences (3/20/13)
Revision of the Undergraduate Minor in Spanish (3/20/13)
Revision of the Neuroscience Major (4/17/13)

Fisher College of Business Sciences

Establishment of a Graduate Minor in Business in Health Sciences (12/5/12) See also
Graduate School.

Dentistry

Education and Human Ecology

Establishment of a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Applied Science in Education (2/6/13)
Establishment of a Teacher Leader Endorsement, College of Education and Human Ecology (4/17/13)

Engineering

Graduate School

Addition of Specializations to the Master of Occupational Therapy and the Doctor of Physical Therapy
(11/28/12, 12/5/12)) See also Medicine/School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
Establishment of a Graduate Minor in Business in Health Sciences (12/5/12) See also
Fisher College of Business.
Addition of a Specialization in Agroecosystems Science to the Environmental Sciences Graduate
Program (2/6/13) See also ???

Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Honors Program

John Glenn School of Public Affairs

Medicine

School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Addition of Specializations to the Master of Occupational Therapy and the Doctor of Physical Therapy (11/28/12, 12/5/12) See also Graduate School.

Nursing

Optometry

Pharmacy

Public Health

Social Work

Revision to the Master of Social Work (11/7/12)

II. CREATION, ABOLITION, & REORGANIZATION OF PROGRAMS, ACADEMIC UNITS, AND CENTERS/INSTITUTES

Realignment of the College of Education and Human Ecology (9/5/12)

The Center for Electronic and Magnetic Nanoscale Composite Multifunctional Materials (ENCOMM) to change its name to the Center for Exploration of Novel Complex Materials. (11/28/12)

Name Change to the Center for Cognitive Science (1/9/13)

Addition? of a Transfer Student Residency Requirement for Graduation, College of Engineering (2/6/13)

Addition? of an Admissions and Retention Policy for the BS in Public Health (2/6/13)

Name Change: Two Specializations in Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program (3/20/13)

Clarification of the Advanced Placement Curricular Track, Master of Architecture (3/20/13)

Proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science in Social Work at the Regional Campuses (4/17/13)

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The Semester Conversion Coordinating Committee will continue to meet and advise the Office of Academic Affairs on selected semester implementation issues. (9/5/12)

The monthly newsletter: Quarter to Semester Update (QSU) will continue to be distributed periodically beginning this month and will provide updates on the semester conversion process. (9/5/12)

The University will begin planning soon for its next institutional re-accreditation in 2017. The accrediting body is the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). A team will be established to oversee the process and this Council will be represented. (9/19/12)

Approval of Dual Degrees (9/19/12)

Discussion and plan for reviews of centers (9/19/12)

Overview of Undergraduate Minor approval, College of Arts and Sciences (9/19/12)
Presentation on the University's Enterprise Continuity Plan: Summary of Key Changes to Business Continuity; Enterprise-wide Continuity Management Response Framework; 2006 Academic Mission-Catastrophic Event Report. (10/17/12)

Further discussion on University Undergraduate Minors and plans for review (10/17/12)

The Semester Coordinating Committee will continue to meet and advise on semester implementation issues. This Committee met this week for the first time on October 2, 2012 and Office of the University Registrar presented a status report on semester enrollment; statistics related to number of students, classes, size of classes, and patterns of academic instruction. A subcommittee will be formed to evaluate whether the number of commencements should be equivalent to the number of semesters. Many institutions using a semester calendar have only two commencements ceremonies in one academic year. (11/7/12)

Discussions are being conducted with Undergraduate Student Government (USG) to evaluate how the semester system affects students and their plans of graduation. Individual assessment is being performed for those students who expressed concerns regarding their graduation plans. Smith will attend the next meeting of the USG in the first Tuesday, of December 2012. (11/7/12)

Annual update on Student Evaluations of Instruction (SEIs) (11/7/12)

President Gee announced that Joseph A. Alutto, Executive Vice President and Provost will retire on June 30, 2013 and Joseph Steinmetz, currently Executive Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, will assume that position. A search for a new Executive Dean will begin soon. (11/28/12)

Update on The One University Enrollment Plan (11/28/12)

Currently there are searches underway for new deans for the Colleges of Pharmacy and Public Health, and a new director for the John Glenn School of Public Affairs; and soon there will be a search for the

Executive Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, given that President Gee has announced that the current Executive Dean, Joseph Steinmetz will become Executive Vice President and Provost on July 1, 2013. (12/5/12)

Professor Leslie Alexander (African American and African Studies) is leading a group of faculty to develop program details for the proposed Second Year Residential initiative. It would be useful to invite her for an update to the Council in the weeks ahead. (12/5/12)

Smith will host, on behalf of the Ohio Board of Regents, a meeting on December 7, 2012 where faculty from all public institutions will discuss the science component of the current Ohio Transfer Module (OTM). (12/5/12)

Distance Education Presentation (12/5/12)

On behalf of the Ohio Board of Regents, on December 7, 2012, the University hosted a meeting with science faculty from Ohio public institutions, 2-year and 4-year, to discuss issues related to the transfer of science courses and their components, especially laboratories.

The Office of Academic Affairs will host a conference on Student Learning Outcomes Assessment on March 8, 2013 at the Ohio Union. This conference is a part of the preparation process for re-accreditation in 2017.

Smith asked members of the Council to help in the creation of new templates to be used by units when submitting new courses that will have a distance/online component.

Dr. Krishnamurthy is leaving the University and this Council at the end of January 2013.

Ms. Sarah Lang, member of the Council, and PhD candidate in Human Development and Family Sciences, is the recipient of 2013 Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award. This national award is given every year to only seven graduate students who showed exemplary promise as future leaders of higher education. The awards will be presented during the national meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities on January 23-26, 2013 in Atlanta, GA. (ALL 1/9/13)

Dual Enrollment Presentation (1/9/13)

Annual reporting of Clinical-Track Faculty in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law (1/23/13)

Report on the Petition to the Ohio Board of Regents on Credit Hour Expectations for Doctoral Programs (4/3/13)

IV: MEMBERSHIP

Faculty Members

Student Members

Mollie Blackburn
Eric MacGilvray

Ken Goings

Lisa Florman

Ashok Krishnamurthy
Jim Rathman
Heather Allen
W. Randy Smith ((Provost's
Designee and Vice Provost)
Fernando Unzueta
Kay Wolf (Chair)
Henry Zerby

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Courtney Kasuboski/Marnie (USG)
Janson (Alternate)

Sarah Lang (CGS)

Emily Chory (IPC)