COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

200 Bricker Hall

May 5, 2010

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Faculty:

✓ Dr. Leslie Alexander (History)  ✓ Dr. Jay S. Hobgood (Geography)
Dr. Lawrence A. Baum (Political Science)  Dr. Daniel A. Mendelsohn (Mechanical Engineering)
Dr. Neelima M. Bendapudi (Marketing and Logistics)  ✓ Dr. Robert J. Ward (Music)
Dr. Marilyn J. Blackwell (Germanic Languages and Literatures)  ✓ Dr. John W. Wilkins (Physics)
✓ Dr. James W. Cogdell (Mathematics)  ✓ Dr. Kay N. Wolf (Allied Medical Professions)

Students:

✓ Ms. Sarah K. Douglas (CGS, History)  Ms. Meghan Offenberger (IPC, Pharmacy)
Ms. Olga A. Isenberg (CGS, Business)  ✓ Mr. John D. Tannous (UGS, Political Science)
Mr. Benjamin T. Reinke (USG, Physics)  

Administrators:

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

Guests:

Dr. Ann Christy (Faculty Fellow, Academic Affairs)  Dr. John Wanzer (Senior Assistant Vice Provost, Enrollment Services and Undergraduate Education)
Dr. Alexis C. Collier (Associate Provost)  Dr. Bernadette Vankeerbergen (Curriculum Coordinator, Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Terry L. Gustafson (Associate Executive Dean, Arts and Sciences)  Mr. David L. Roy (Assistant Director, Enrollment Services)
Mr. Brad Myers (University Registrar)  

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The Council came to order at 3:03 PM

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2010

Hobgood moved approval of the Minutes of the April 28, 2010 meeting and the motion carried with 7 in favor and one abstention.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR — PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH

- A proposal from the John Glenn School of Public Affairs for a new undergraduate major will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

- The General Education Revision Proposal was approved by the Arts and Sciences Senate and should be on the Council agenda at a forthcoming meeting. This proposal will serve as the basis for the other colleges’ general education requirements.

- Currently we are working closely with Columbus State Community College on the “Medical Pipeline Project”. This partnership will address access to health sciences programs for community college students. This project is a first step in a new national initiative, spearheaded by the College Board, for partnerships between community colleges and four-year colleges and universities that expand access to the baccalaureate degree as well as to graduate and professional degrees. It improves access to education in the health-care fields by creating a pipeline from community colleges to four-year colleges to health sciences colleges.

- Council members congratulated Professor John Wilkins who is one of five Ohio State faculty who have been elected 2010 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. They also thanked Kate Hallihan, arts and sciences, for her contributions to Council meetings. She will be moving to a new position in the John Glenn School of Public Affairs.

PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D—PROFESSORS JAY S. HOBGOOD AND W. RANDY SMITH

- Final Report – Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Proposed Alteration to Arts and Sciences

  Guests: Professor James Rathman, Chair, Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Proposed Alteration of Arts and Sciences, and Professor Joseph E. Steinmetz, Executive Dean of Arts and Sciences and Vice Provost.
Hobgood expressed thanks to the Ad-hoc committee, notably to the Council members who had served on both committees, and to Professor Rathman for his leadership, on completing the final report about the restructuring of Arts and Sciences.

Rathman provided a short overview on the final report of the Ad-hoc committee.

During the discussion, the following issues were raised and clarifications provided.

- The proposed alteration makes no changes to departments and therefore current tenure initiating units are not affected. Although there will be some changes in promotion and tenure procedures, there will be no additional level of review, and overall, the new process will be very similar to current procedures. The main difference will be that the unified college will have three promotion and tenure committees, one for each division, whereas there are currently five such committees, one for each college. There will thus be some change in the composition of promotion and tenure committees.

    Recently hired faculty would appreciate an assurance that their hiring agreements and contracts will not be affected by the alteration.

- The only courses possibly affected will be some associated with interdisciplinary programs that currently report directly to the Executive Dean. After the alteration, some interdisciplinary programs will likely remain independent within a division, with a director reporting to the Divisional Dean.

    Numerous details will need to be worked out. Currently there are three potential interdisciplinary programs with potential for closure, due to lack of student interest.

- Another important issue is the apportionment of Arts and Sciences faculty in the University Senate. The five existing colleges currently have a total of 25 faculty senators. The current University rule governing apportionment limits each College to no more than seven faculty senators. The committee’s opinion is that the breadth and depth of a unified College of Arts and Sciences will require a revision of this rule because the current one will no longer reflect appropriate levels of representation. This issue is not resolved but the Senate leadership is working on it.

Executive Dean Steinmetz noted that a faculty advisory council will be forming before the end of the year. There are related plans for staff and student advisory committees.

Steinmetz noted that while there are a few administrative issues covered already, some of the detailed processes will occur in the next year, or longer.

Council members indicated that they wanted a proposal that more closely aligned, in format, with the guidelines for Faculty Rule 3335-3-37. Hobgood and Smith will work with Steinmetz on that document over the next few days. Council members will be asked, by e-mail correspondence, if the revised document is appropriate. If so, it will be presented to Faculty
Council, on May 13, 2010. With input from that meeting, this Council will return to vote on this proposal at its May 19, 2010 meeting.

**Other Business**

Smith distributed the most recent version of the new course numbering system still under discussion. Members of the Council on Academic Affairs had no additional concerns at this time.

**The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

W. Randy Smith  
Liana Crisan-Vandeborne