

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COUNCIL

3:15p.m.

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Baker Center Room 231

First Meeting of 2009-2010

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Brannan, Brown K, Connor, Coombs, Coski, Cutright (for Sherman), Dashiell (for Shepherd), Descutner, Giesey, Gonyer, Ingram, James, Kremer, Leinbaugh, Li (For Leite), Lamb (for McWeeny), Moody, Morrone, Newton, Palmer, Reilly, Riley (for Brose), Sampson (for Irwin), Scanlan (for Ogles), Sparks, Tuck, Webster, Weiner, Williams

Excused: Brown D., Casebolt, Hines

Absent: Benson, Bernstein, Blamble, Broughton, Calhoun, Dantas, Davis, Fonseca, Muhammad, Neader, Middleton, Roberson, Sarnoff, Sisson, Stephens, Stock, Suhr

Guests: Delong, Neiman, Rice

CHAIRS REPORT: David Thomas

Thomas called the meeting to order at 3:15p.m.

Thomas welcomed all new members and thanked the returning members to the first meeting of the University Curriculum Council.

Thomas asked for a motion to accept the June 9, 2009 minutes. Brown moved and James seconded. Minutes unanimously approved by voice vote.

Thomas said that he has invited Provost Pam Benoit to the meeting and that she would be arriving shortly. Thomas said he felt it important for her to have a solid understanding of UCC.

Thomas thanked the committee chairs, Anita James, Jeff Connor and Greg Kremer, for their willingness to chair the committees. The chairs will get in contact with their committees about meetings.

Thomas reminded the Council that the primary task of the University Curriculum Council was to monitor, enhance and strengthen the curriculum of Ohio University. The curriculum is in the hands of the faculty.

This role of UCC will be especially important this year. Thomas said we are facing an economy that is the worse he has ever seen in his lifetime and it will have a large impact on funding for Ohio's public universities and, ultimately, on matters brought before UCC. The Council will be dealing with major changes from quarter to semesters as well and this will be an extra burden on everything the Council does. The Program Review committee will be designing a more effective and efficient review procedure. The Programs committee will be asked to make

recommendations on program codes elimination and perhaps elimination of programs in accordance with the Faculty Handbook. The Board of Trustees is putting an enormous amount of pressure on the Provost to get some clarity here. Ohio University has 250 program codes-- Some are active and some inactive. OCEAN will become fully operational. General Education Assessment committee will continue its work.

The Council will be working on the fast track. The Provost wants to take recommendations from this body to the Board of Trustees on January 14, 2010. All documents have to be submitted on December 22 for publication on the 28th. In order to give committees time, the next UCC meeting will be November 17, 2009. Concerns were raised and discussion ensued about the elimination of program codes.

Thomas invited Jeff Giesey to give a demonstration of OCEAN which is now live. Notification of Intents (NOI) for 11,054 courses have been generated and 481 have been submitted. There are 7000 courses expected when NOIs are completed. Target dates for the NOI submissions have passed for Engineering, Natural Science, Math and College of Business. 292 NOIs were due and 226 have been submitted for 77% total.

Thomas introduced EXVP AND Provost Pam Benoit and welcomed her to the meeting.

Provost Benoit thanked the Council for allowing her to speak. She acknowledged and thanked the Council for the important work they accomplish for Ohio University. Provost Benoit informed the Council that she has established an ad hoc committee to make recommendations to her on three areas: (1.) How best to identify major codes that are no longer in use or have single digit enrollments; (2.) Recommend an expedited process by which these major codes can be taken off the books or phased out and (3.) How, in the event of mounting budget issues and pressures, a process can be developed that will be respectful of Faculty Senate procedures and handbook but allow for an efficient major and/or program changes. She has asked David Thomas, Jeff Connor, Allyn Reilly, Ben Ogles and Randy Leite to serve on the group with a deadline of October 28, 2009 for the first two recommendations. Provost Benoit acknowledged that house cleaning and refining of the major codes will not have any cost savings associated with them but is a symbolic meaning toward house cleaning and what we do about major codes. She is looking forward to working in partnership with the Council.

A question was raised about the target date for the third recommendation. Provost Benoit assured the Council that this was a more difficult process and needs to be thought of more carefully. Some data has already been collected regarding centrality to the mission of the University, and quality of the programs as well as numbers. Additional data is still needed.

Rob Brannon from Human and Consumer Sciences, one of the departments effected by the restructuring, asked for comments on the Phase One template for the restructuring process and where it is heading. Provost Benoit replied that the templates and the email feedbacks were very useful and helpful in starting the process. A number of people who turned the feedback in were given the green light to move to Phase Two. Phase One allowed input as to the impact of the restructuring and to think through the consequences of the restructuring. Provost Benoit has been very pleased with the process so far.

Thomas thanked PROVOST Benoit.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: Greg Kremer, Chair

For First Reading

1. Program Change in History
 - a. Changes to major requirements
 - i. Reducing the number of introductory courses from four to two.
 - ii. Retaining same number of minimum total credit hours
 - iii. Majors will take two more upper-level courses
 - b. Eliminate current “concentrations” or “tracks”
 - i. Replace with single unified system
2. Minor in Computer Science
 - a. 30 hours of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering
 - b. All courses are required for the B.S. degree in Computer Science

REVIEW COMMITTEE: Jeff Connor, Chair

There are eight Internal Reviews waiting for responses. Two have been sent to Graduate Council and six still need to be written. There are no new reviews this year. The Review committee will be looking at streamlining the process.

INDIVIDUAL COURSE COMMITTEE: Anita James, Chair

James presented the minutes from the July 27, 2009 meeting
Minutes approved as amended by voice vote.

There being no further business, Thomas adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.