

CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Ellis 113

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Attending: C. Asleson, L. Bauer, J. Bender, S. Bergmeier, B. Carlson, L. Cohen, R. Colvin, H. Duschinski, J. Dyer, T. Eisworth, R. Frank, J. Grant, S. Gradin, L. Hatch, D. Ingram, K. Jellison, B. McCarthy, R. Muhammad, W. Owens, B. Partyka, A. Ritchie, L. Schoeppner, B. Shambora, G. Springer, C. Thompson, M. Vis, J. White, M. White

Guests:

Angela Lash, Associate Director, OHIO First Scholars

Linda Rice, Professor, English Department

1. Information items

a. First Generation college students (Angela Lash)

Angela Lash, Associate Director, OHIO First Scholars, reported that approximately 25% (over 1,000) of first year students are identified as first-generation students. First-generation students are identified based on criteria set by OU Institutional Research – neither parent has completed an associate's degree or higher. The OHIO First Scholars Program is located in the Allen Student Advising Center and provides support and opportunities to first-generation students. The program includes first-generation specific academic advising, tutoring services, communicates every week by email, a seminar class, weekly student groups, mentoring, and specialized living experiences. Faculty/staff are encouraged to be advocates/volunteers. For additional information please go to www.ohio.edu/uc/firstgen. Posters, cards, and t-shirts are available for promotion. To reach Angela Lash lash@ohio.edu or 566-8888

b. New program development update (Linda Rice)

Linda Rice provided an update on new programs that are currently under development in the College. Currently there are 15 programs in various stages. "Program" includes a broad range from traditional academic programs to workshops, continuing education credit, stackable certificates, and special topics/seminars. Please see the attached for additional information.

c. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) input (Bob Frank)

Meetings about facilities planning will be taking place within a few weeks – please forward items for discussion to Frank.

d. Class Climate on-site Consultation (Laurie Hatch) (Smackdown)

A representative from Scantron will be on campus October 25 and 26. Additional information will be coming out later this week.

Additional announcements:

CAS curriculum leadership meeting

A workshop will be offered on Oct. 21 for A&S curriculum leaders to learn about the new features of OCEAN 2.0, including how to address current known problems with OCEAN 2.0 and improvements on the horizon. The Chair of ICC, Hans Kruse, will provide an overview of OCEAN 2.0 and answer questions on course proposal processes and ICC / UCC guidelines.

Friday, Oct. 21, 9:40-10:35 am, Ellis Hall 113

CAS Discussion on Student Learning Assessment - Announcement sent to department student learning assessment contacts.

A college discussion on Student Learning Assessment is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 27, 9:00-10:20 AM, Baker 230. The purpose of this discussion is to help departments continue to make progress in student learning assessment at the program level, and will feature some examples of assessment plans and strategies currently underway within the college.

2. Discussion item

a. An initiative to promote the liberal arts core and goals to our students

To what extent do our students understand and our faculty promote the college's liberal arts curriculum? There was a lively conversation in response to these questions. Suggestions were made to better reflect the goals of a liberal arts degree in learning outcomes and student assessment. Others ideas included:

- description of liberal arts on all class syllabi
- consistent marketing (logo or slogan) of the liberal arts within college communications
- Holding faculty discussions about the liberal arts core
- calling attention to events/classes currently in place
- re-branding general education as "liberal arts requirement"

In addition there was discussion regarding the university-wide Campus Conversations and what CAS can do to promote this. Other ideas included sponsoring a faculty learning community focused on better communicating the value of a liberal arts education. The last college-wide meeting in December may provide a good opportunity to discuss ideas about promoting the liberal arts.

LJ Rice

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CAS-related New Programs

1. Addiction Studies
2. MS in Biotechnology (and Business?)
3. Broadcast Meteorology
4. MS in Chemistry Online
5. Data Sciences
6. Master of Arts in English Online* (MAE)
7. Masters in Financial Economics (MFE with Pearson*)
8. Food Studies
9. Geographical Information System (GIS) Certificate
10. MA in Security Studies
11. MA in Law, Justice, and Culture
12. Managing Diverse and Changing Workplace
13. BA completion in Psychology
14. Master of Social Sciences Online* (MSS)
15. Sustainability Studies Theme

* currently underway and building capacity

Things to think about:

1. **Certificates** (represent specialized education/training in a focused area)
2. **Continuing Education Units, CEUs** (specialized trainings, may have to adhere to licensing bodies in order for the hours to count/be accepted)
 - 1 CEU = 1-10 contact hours (**Note:** varies based on discipline area)
3. **Workshops** (half day, multi-day, weekend)
 - For-credit and not-for-credit
4. **Special Topics Seminars/Experiences** (half day, multi-day, weekend)
 - For-credit and not-for-credit
 - Could draw alumni & community
5. **Stackable Certificates** leading to Masters degree (none yet at OU; several considering this option)

Delivery considerations:

- Online
- Hybrid/Limited residency (e.g., come to Athens for weekend to launch program; meet on campus 2-4 times/semester and complete other assignments online)
- Dublin campus; regional campuses (collaboration)

Other things to keep in mind:



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- Two new Project Managers (JJ Lanza & Sylvia Mickunus), Office of Instructional Innovation
- Proposals typically begin with a conversation with the Dean and a basic budget proposal; need idea of market (OII can help with this)