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**Executive Committee of the Academic Senate  
(ECAS)  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON  
2023-2024**

**MEETING MINUTES**

FRIDAY, February 23, 2024  
12:30-2pm (via Zoom)

**President:** Erin O'Mara Kunz

**Vice President:** Allison Kinney

**Secretary:** Jon Fulkerson

**Members:** Jackie Arnold, Ali Carr-Chellman, Garrett Conti, Jen Dalton, Wiebke Diestelkamp, Jon Fulkerson, Tim Gabrielli, Kayla Harris, Lexie Kemble, Allison Kinney, Erin O'Mara Kunz, Joel Pruce (Faculty Board), Andrea Seielstad, Darlene Weaver

**Present (all virtual):** Jackie Arnold, Ali Carr-Chellman, Garrett Conti, Wiebke Diestelkamp, Jon Fulkerson, Kayla Harris, Allison Kinney, Erin O'Mara Kunz, Joel Pruce, Andrea Seielstad, Darlene Weaver

**Absent:** Jen Dalton, Tim Gabrielli, Lexie Kemble

**Opening**

- Call to Order 12:35 (E. Kunz)
- Opening prayer/meditation (Jon Fulkerson) [\[Prayer/meditation sign up here\]](#)
- **VOTE:** approval of [minutes from February 16, 2024 meeting](#)
  - Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

**Announcements**

- February 26, 2024: ELC meeting, 10:30-12pm
  - Via Zoom, focused on follow up to Critical Conversation Tour
- March 1, 2024: ECAS meeting with guests Eric Spina and Andy Horner
- March 8, 2024: Joint Faculty/Academic Senate meeting, 12-2, KU Ballroom
  - Moved from February 2
  - Extending this to include staff.
  - Intended as follow-up to Critical Conversation Tour
- March 8, 2024: ECAS meets from 2-3:30pm, SM 113B
  - Will establish agenda for March 22 Senate meeting
- March 22, 2024: Academic Senate Meeting, 3:30-5:30pm, KU Ballroom

**Agenda Items**

- **DISCUSSION:** March 1 ECAS meeting agenda
  - Will have Eric Spina and Andy Horner attending.
  - Possible items for discussion:
    - Timeline for budgeting
    - Merit raises for 24-25
  - Discussion of how much time to devote to them being here.
    - Expecting them to come again at the end of April.
- **DISCUSSION AND VOTE:** Social Science CAP Requirement [Additional Daylighted courses](#), AY 24-25
  - "Daylighting" refers to providing temporary, emergency curriculum approval with a definite end ("sunset"). Selected courses have been approved by ECAS already to satisfy the social science CAP component for AY 24-25 only, with the expectation that a change to the CAP component

will be approved for the new catalog year. For the long run, any course intended to satisfy this component will have to go through the formal approval process.

- Two additional courses, ANT 150 and SOC 101, have been put forward to be included on the Daylighting list.
  - Comment: Concerned about interdisciplinary programs (for example, Human Rights Studies) not being included in this daylighted list. Disagrees with their exclusion based on the possibility that courses may be taught by faculty from outside the social science disciplines.
    - President Kunz: Note that this is only for AY24-25 and it may be possible for the interdisciplinary courses to be included eventually.
    - The exclusion of these courses for daylighting relates to feedback APC has received regarding proposed changes to the social science requirement.
    - Expect that these programs will be consulted regarding the long term (non-emergency) changes.
- Today (February 23) is the deadline for these changes to be included for AY 24-25. This is the last chance to add any courses to the daylight list.
- *Motion to approve inclusion of ANT 150 and SOC 101 on the emergency daylight list for Academic Year 24-25 (W. Diestelkamp, J. Arnold second)*
  - Vote: 7 approve, 0 oppose, 2 abstain.
  - *Motion passed.*

- **DISCUSSION AND VOTE: Program approvals**

- BS, Statistics ([new program proposal](#))
  - [Full proposal document](#)
  - Discussion of proposal.
  - Q: Is the program financially viable?
    - The department thinks so. It can be delivered with current faculty and enrollment management believes there is strong demand for this degree.
  - Q: Is there a financial criteria at the university level that is being applied to decide if a program will be approved?
    - Provost Weaver: There should be and it needs to be considered early in the process. Going forward, the Provost Office has plans to clarify what needs to happen at the onset to make sure demand and profitability for programs is considered, including pro forma financial statements. The future will likely include triggers for “go/no-go” decisions.
  - Comment: Concerned about expectations for future requirements for new programs and quantifying value in the future.
  - Comment: Recent proposals by SEHS have included extensive information related to pro forma financial statements and staffing requirements. In general, we need consistency in expectations moving forward.
    - W. Diestelkamp: Notes that the proposal follows current guidelines.
    - Provost Weaver: Moving forward, expect additional guidance on what a proposal needs to include.
  - *Motion to support creation of the BS in Statistics as a new degree (J. Fulkerson , second Ali Carr-Chellman)*
    - Discussion on whether this must go to Academic Senate if approved.
      - Question regarding whether this has university impact because, for example, it may change course expectations across campus or compete with current programs.
      - A precedent was set last year that Business Analytics did not require consultation because it did not go outside the unit.
      - Comment: Believes it may affect multiple units because of the interdisciplinary nature of the degree and the potential for competing with other units. Should err on the side of caution and send it to Senate.
        - W. Diestelkamp: The degree is interdisciplinary in terms of topics, but not in terms of required coursework, which only relies on

courses in the department. It shouldn't affect multiple units. Many of the current students double major.

- Comment: Does not believe this needs to go to Senate because it does not compete with other programs.
  - *Amended motion to support creation of the BS in Statistics as a new degree and sent to the Provost Office* (J. Fulkerson, Ali Carr-Chellman second)
    - *Friendly amendment proposed to revert to previous motion and consider the next step in approval as a separate motion.* (A. Seielstad)
      - J. Fulkerson accepts the friendly amendment.
    - *Vote on amended motion:* 8 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstain.
    - *Motion passed.* ECAS supports the new program.
  - *Motion to approve without moving to full senate* (A. Carr-Chellman, K. Harris second)
    - Discussion:
      - Why not move it to the Senate? Err on the side of caution and create an opportunity to discuss how we evaluate new programs. Doesn't like this precedent for canceling programs.
        - Comment: Disagrees that canceling programs are similar to starting programs.
        - Comment: New program procedures are different from program cancellation procedures.
        - Comment: If we are following current guidelines and procedures, then it is not appropriate to delay the process.
        - Comment: A discussion of how we evaluate programs may be warranted, but we shouldn't make a particular program a platform for evaluating programs in general.
    - *Vote:* 7 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstain.
    - *Motion passed. BS in Statistics will move to Provost's Office for evaluation and approval.*
  - Discussion of time requirements for degree approvals and impact of delaying proposal discussion by sending items to the full Senate.
- BA, Race and Ethnic Studies ([new program proposal](#))
  - Relevant [email](#)
  - [Full proposal document](#)
  - Q: Were the changes recommended by the consultations incorporated?
    - Unclear, but assume that the curriculum committee for the College of Arts & Sciences believed the issues were considered.
    - Comment: Should rely on the unit committee's review and assume feedback was incorporated.
  - Comment: Seems in line with market expectations and university mission. Also contained within the college.
  - *Motion to support degree and send to Provost's Office for approval* (A. Seielstad, A. Carr-Chellman second)
    - *Vote:* 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstain.
    - *Motion passed.*
- MINOR-HRE: Minor in Human Rights in Engineering ([program change request](#))
  - This is just an addition of a few courses.
  - *Motion to support the changes and move on to the Registrar* (A. Kinney, J. Fulkerson second)
    - *Vote:* 7 in favor 0 opposed, 1 abstain
    - *Motion passed.*
- MINOR-FLM: Minor in Film Studies ([program change request](#))
  - This is an update of the description and the addition of a few courses.
  - *Motion to support the changes and move on to the Registrar* (J. Fulkerson, A. Carr-Chellman second)

- Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed, 1 abstain
- *Motion passed.*

The following items were tabled for two weeks:

- **DISCUSSION:** [Co-Majors](#)
- **DISCUSSION:** Post Critical Conversation debrief

Motion to adjourn (J. Fulkerson, G. Conti second).

- Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jon Fulkerson, Secretary to the Academic Senate.