



Academic Affairs Committee

June 26, 2024

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Governor Stancato. The meeting was held in virtual format and livestreamed at wayne.edu. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present.

Committee Members Present: Governors Atkinson, Barnhill, Busuito, Gaffney, Kumar, and Stancato; renèe hoogland, Faculty Representative; Linda Beale, Faculty Alternate Representative; Dhruval Bhatt, Student Representative, and Finnley Culhane, Student Alternate Representative

Committee Members Absent: Mazin Alam, Student Representative

Also Present: Governor Kelly and Land; President Espy; Provost Clabo, Vice Presidents Ezzeddine, Obasi, Poterala, Ripple, Schweitzer, and Staebler, Chief of Staff Smiley; Interim Vice President Gielczyk, Associate Vice President Hafner, Associate Provost Padgett, and Secretary Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, APRIL 26, 2024

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Gaffney and supported by Governor Busuito, the minutes of the April 26, 2024 meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee were approved as submitted. The motion carried.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PRACTICAL GERMAN

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences has submitted a request for approval to establish a new undergraduate certificate in practical German. The proposed program is a 16 credit certificate program that will allow students to certify at the intermediate level of proficiency in an organization called the Common European Framework for Reference of Languages, which allows graduates holding a certificate to be eligible for work permits in Germany. The certificate will be attractive to people who want to work in the United States with this added fluency, and will also allow students to be eligible for a work permit in Germany. The proposal repackages existing courses into the certificate program, and has already received the approval of the faculty in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Provost.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Atkinson and supported by Governor Atkinson, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors establish a new Undergraduate Certificate program in Practical German in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective Fall term, 2024. The motion carried.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PRACTICAL ITALIAN

The proposed undergraduate certificate in practical Italian is a 12-credit certificate that will provide students with practical knowledge of the language, and will allow them to be eligible to work and complete internships in Italy. There is also significant employer demand in the United States for proficiency in Italian.

The proposed program has been approved by departmental faculty, by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and the Provost. The certificate includes 3 semesters of Italian, the level needed to establish language certification for a work permit.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Busuito and supported by Professor hoogland, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors establish a new Undergraduate Certificate program in Practical Italian in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective fall term, 2024. The motion carried.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW PROGRAM FOR THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PREMEDICAL STUDIES

The postbaccalaureate program at Wayne State University is the oldest in the country and provides additional academic preparation for students who want to pursue medical school or other related careers. Previously, students who completed the program were only eligible for a certificate of completion, but with these new changes, upon completing 12 credit hours of existing courses, they will receive a graduate certificate.

The program will be housed in the Department of Physiology, but it involves multiple disciplines from the basic sciences. A formal curriculum committee is in the process of being formed, and the faculty who teach in the program are involved in the course design, development and maintenance. The program is scheduled to undergo an external review next month. Any curricular changes will require faculty approval.

The program will allow students to be more academically rewarded for their significant work and to have more options should they not be admitted to medical school or make a change in their career plans. The graduate certificate can be used for pursuing bench science, public health, or in other fields that require premedical training. The program will also modernize and update its curriculum to keep up with the times

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Busuito and supported by Professor hoogland, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors establish a new degree program, the Graduate Certificate in Premedical Studies in the School of Medicine, effective Fall 2024. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION: PATHWAYS TO WSU: PIPELINE PROGRAMS

Wayne State University offers a significant number of pipeline opportunities through camps and summer programs for K-12 students, and today's presentation features one such program. Don Neal, Project Director, was introduced to provide a presentation on

a special initiative he has headed at the at the university since 2012. The C2 Pipeline Program is a precollege program funded by the Michigan Department of Education that provides academic enrichment and career exploration opportunities for high school students from low-income and low-performing schools.

The program aims to prepare students for college and career success through STEM-based activities that foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration. The program also seeks to positively impact the lives of students and their communities. The program partners with various colleges, schools, departments, and offices at Wayne State University, as well as off-campus organizations including health systems, community agencies, and nonprofits. It operates 32 weeks of the year and 320 hours per site (each site is an area high school) during the school year, and six weeks during the summer. The program offers free dinner, tutoring, leadership and SEL (social and emotional learning) activities, and enrichment activities that cover various career pathways and CTE skills. In addition, it also offers virtual homework help, a math hotline, youth leadership councils, dual enrollment, college tours, and parent engagement activities. Summer programs include site-based and campus-based day camps, as well as residential camps that involve college courses and project-based learning.

Dr. Neal advised that since 2012, the program has served about 20,000 students from 32 high schools in Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties. The program has also achieved a higher yield rate of admitted students to Wayne State University than the overall university average. The program has received positive feedback from students, parents, and teachers, who reported that it helped them develop skills, confidence, knowledge, and connections, as well as exposed them to opportunities and resources that they otherwise would not have experienced.

Looking to the future, the C2 Pipeline program has secured funding for 14 sites for the next five years, and has added new schools and partners to its network. The program plans to bring back its IPE camp and its Make 48 camp, which are intensive residential camps that challenge students to create and pitch innovative solutions to real-world problems. The program also features a STEM lab on campus, which is a maker space for precollege students that allows them to access and explore various technologies and equipment.

In closing the presentation, Dr. Neal shared a video featuring students from the program offering their personal and positive experiences with the C2 pipeline, and how it has impacted their lives.

The committee briefly discussed the participation of students from and interactions with Detroit's inner ring suburbs, the diversity of the participants in the C2 pipeline, and the broad participation and collaboration across 10 of the university's schools and colleges in the success of this program, and summer programming at the university. These efforts provide meaningful opportunities for students who otherwise may never have considered college, and may have never considered Wayne State. Additional comments were offered on the potential for non-traditional minors in the trades areas, which might provide new opportunities for university enrollment.

The committee expressed much appreciation and enthusiasm for the information shared and thanked Dr. Neal for his presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie H. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Julie H. Miller
Secretary