INSTRUCTION COUNCIL MINUTES December 5, 2014 204 Whitehurst

Present: Raj Basu, Cynda Clary, Bruce Crauder, Bob Davis, Karen Flaherty, Keith Garbutt, Sarah Gordon, Susan Johnson, Bavette Miller, Shiretta Ownbey, Chris Ross, Raman Singh, Richard Shepard, and Brenda Masters (chair).

- 1. **Special Fee Requests** Members approved.
- 2. **College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Course Requests** Members approved.

College of Arts and Sciences Course Requests Members approved.

GEOLOGY, BS (111) **Program Modification: Program Requirement Change**

Program Requirement Change: Degree program requirement change increasing GPA requirements and adding a prerequisite course (GEOL 1114) before students declare Geology as a major. The College of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma State University requests the degree requirement change to enhance rigor of the Geology program and to support students' academic success in the major. Members for the majority approved with one dissention. Members would like to revisit the issue of increasing GPAs above satisfactory progress for entry into a program.

MICROBIOLOGY, CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, BS (149) **Program Modification: Option Name Change**

Program Modification: Option Name Change From: **Clinical Laboratory Science**

Medical Laboratory Science To:

The College of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma State University requests the option name change to better align with professional trends and other states' programs. Members approved.

College of Education **Course Requests** Members approved.

HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION, BS (116) Program Modification: Option Name Change

Program Modification: Option Name Change From: Community Health Education To: Public Health

The College of Education at Oklahoma State University requests the option name change to more accurately represent the academic preparation of students within the degree option and to better align with professional trends within the discipline.

Members approved.

College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology Course Requests Members Approved.

College of Human Sciences Course Requests Members approved.

Spears School of Business Course Requests Members approved.

Center for Veterinary Health Sciences Course Requests Members approved.

Graduate College Course Requests Members approved.

Center for Health Sciences Course Requests Members approved.

Vice President for Research Course Requests Members approved.

3. Other

(Informational Item)

The proposed School of Visual and Performing Arts will serve as the internal and external identity for OSU's outstanding instruction, scholarship and extension in the fine arts and will encompass the OSU Museum (Postal Plaza Gallery) and three academic units: the Department of Art, Graphic Design and Art History, the Department of Music, and the Department of Theatre. Under the new arrangement the *School* will become the principal entity for promoting the vibrancy of the arts at OSU; promotional functions include student recruitment, common performance/exhibit calendars, and annual giving opportunities. Departments within the school and the existing department head structure will remain unchanged with all administrative functions remaining at the department level including budgeting, the tenure and promotion process, and programmatic decision-making. With the exception of a modest promotional budget and promotional activities, the *School* will be provided by a committee of the three department heads with one head serving as the committee chair (titled 'Director of the School of Visual and Performing Arts) on a two-year rotational basis.

Digital Partnership/Enterprise – Brenda Masters

Dr. Masters noted that last semester the Business Communications Department piloted a process called Digital Partnership that allowed all students access to required course materials from day one of the course and charges the student's bursar account after the drop/add period has closed. The major benefit is that all students have access to materials at the very beginning of the class, rather than when their financial aids or funds are available. Other benefits include reduced price of course materials, and simplification for registration of products.

Members asked if Legal Counsel had endorsed this process. Information will be gathered from the Pilot Project concerning whether Legal Counsel views this as an appropriate process.

Higher Learning Commission Input Requests:

Dr. Masters noted that requests for information will be sent to many individuals across campus regarding the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Accreditation. This information will be compiled into the HLC Assurance Report that will provide evidence that the accreditation criteria are met by the institution.

4. Adjourn: 10:30 a.m.