

4-17-25 Instruction Council Highlights:

1. Introduce Dr. Kirsten Olds, Associate Provost for the Arts and Director of the OSU Museum of Art – Chris Francisco

- a. Dr. Olds wants to help colleges create meaningful curricular experiences across the fine, performing and applied arts.
- b. She will be reaching out to connect with Instruction Council Members to see what the priorities are for your areas/units, as she would like to help support them and work to integrate the arts at every level.

2. Rita Peaster (handouts and PowerPoint Presentation have been provided):

a. Proposed updates to Military Leave of Absence (MLOA) and related OSU Policies

- I. Provides additional benefits to students in the Armed Forces who receive orders for a period of service
- II. Also making updates to the Attendance Policy—to also include an excused absence for students who are on Jury Duty
- III. If you are aware of a student taking an MLOA, please encourage them to complete the MLOA Request form to receive benefits and to contact the Registrar's Office or Campus Life (Vincent Rivera with Veterans Services) for help with the process
- IV. Updates were approved by a vote from IC Members.

b. Proposed updates to OSU Policies to align with Revised OSRHE Policy - Phase 1

- I. There will be several phases, beginning with the most urgent and simple
- II. Includes updates to the Academic Forgiveness Policy, including Reprieves and Renewals, and awarding of Honorary and Posthumous Degrees
- III. Updates were approved by a vote from IC Members

c. Proposed implementation of New Repeat Policy

- I. Undergraduate level only
- II. Students are able to attempt to raise their GPAs; repeat indicators on transcripts (I, E, A)
- III. Students will not lose earned hours
- IV. Proposed implementation plan will begin this summer and will take several weeks to complete (will not affect Spring 2025 graduates). Please provide feedback on this plan.
- V. Discussed variable credit courses with this new policy
 - a) Effective Fall 2025, allow repeat process to enforce max hours for variable credit courses
 - b) Will know the courses that have been the “problem courses”
 - c) Departments with variable credit courses can request updates to max hours via course action
- VI. Working group being formed to communicate to students and Advisors
 - a) Linda Millis in Financial Aid
 - b) Shannon Baker will meet with Academic Advisors
- VII. Meeting to discuss students on probation— Shannon Baker, Rita Peaster, Candace Thrasher
- VIII. Rita Peaster will send a timeline of IT's progress to Chris Francisco

3. Internship Cost Information – Laurie Beets

a. References:

Bursar website FAQ <https://bursar.okstate.edu/faqs.html>

Parent and Student Bursar informational guide <https://bursar.okstate.edu/> (scroll down to the bottom: Additional Resources, Forms, and Employee Training)

- b. Internship classes are based on standard tuition/fees
- c. For off-campus internships, fees of \$19.40/hour can be waived
- d. Advisors have been asked to discuss the standard tuition/fee rates for internships with students.

4. Curriculum

- a. All program requests and modifications were approved
- b. Revisited the Undergraduate Supply Chain and Logistics Certificate (CEAT)
 - I. Need to work out a compromise before presenting this to Council of Deans on May 8th
 - II. Recommended using the word “engineering” in the title

5. Other

a. Ethical Leadership Micro-Credential—approved by IC members

b. Ideal Grad Celebration on 4-17-2025 at the OSU Alumni Center

c. Deviations

- I. Must have justifications for approval
- II. Discussed adding reasons for requests in Coursedog
- III. Francisco is scrutinizing non-standard graduate courses if they are taking up a GU classroom and at a prime time

d. Nursing Program

- I. More interest than ability to take students
- II. Looking into alternative routes for the students who are not able to complete their final 2 years in the nursing program and who wish to remain at OSU
 - a) Internal transfer agreements
 - b) Becky Taylor will reach out to organize conversations