

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

April 30, 2021

Agenda

1.0 Roll Call

2.0 Information Items

2.1 Academic & Student Affairs Executive Report

Dr. Sunil Ahuja, Provost and Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs, will report on recent activities in Academic & Students Affairs.

2.2 New Major – AAS Paraprofessional Education Intervener Licensure Program

Dr. Ahuja will discuss new major in Paraprofessional Education Intervener Licensure Program.

2.3 Spring Commencement

Dr. Ahuja will summarize the plans for face-to-face commencement ceremony on May 1, 2021.

2.4 Summer and Fall 2021 Enrollment

Ms. Tami Sheets, Registrar, will provide an update on Summer and Fall 2021 enrollment numbers.

**Academic and Student Affairs Report
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 30, 2021**

I am pleased to present the following Academic and Student Affairs Report to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees and to the Board.

Provost Report

The highlights of recent activities in Academic and Student Affairs are noted below:

College of Arts and Sciences

- John Tedrick, Fine, Digital, and Performing Arts graduate, was just hired by Magic the Gathering as an illustrator. (This is an elite group of artists.)
- Travis McCleery, Fine, Digital, and Performing Arts graduate, just accepted the role of senior designer at Twitter.
- Professor Lavanya Vemsani received a Fulbright award for the 2021-22 academic year.
- Professor Vemsani also published the following pieces of scholarship this year:
 - “Connectivity and the Quad Powers,” *Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs*. Vol. 3. No. 5. Quad-Plus Special Issue 2020. Pp. 238-255.
 - “Telugu,” “Epigraphy,” “Kamadhenu,” Pillai Lokacarya,” in Ed. Pankaj Jain et al. 2020. *Hinduism and Tribal Religions: Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*. New York: Springer Nature.
- Professor Vemsani also delivered the following invited lecture this year: “Caste and Race in India: Historical Evolution,” Invited lecture, Social Studies Foundation, Web Lecture September 6, 2020.
- Thomas Bunting, Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences, presented a paper at the American Political Science Association Conference in September, and his book, *Democracy at the Ballpark: Sport, Spectatorship, and Politics*, will be out October 1.
- The Digital History Lab, run by Professor Andrew Feight, secured the renewal of the AmeriCorps grant to serve as a host site for the Ohio History Service Corps in 2021-2022. This grant is worth over \$20K and will support various undergraduate research projects of the lab, thereby supporting the History and Digital Appalachian Studies programs of the Social Science Department. Half the member’s 40-hour a week schedule

will be dedicated to assisting with community outreach with historical organizations in southern Ohio. This is our fifth year in what is a state-wide, competitive program.

- Professor Jinlu Li from the Department of Mathematical Sciences has published the following papers so far this year:

[Elisabeth Köbis](#), [Jinlu Li](#), [Adrian Petruşel](#) & [Jen-Chih Yao](#), “Recent development in nonlinear and variational analysis and optimization”, *Optimizations*. Published online: 04 Mar 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1080/02331934.2021.1890342>

Jinlu Li and Glenn Stone, “Partially ordered Social Utility Optimizations,” *Journal of Nonlinear and Convex Analysis*, Volume 22, Number 3, (2021) 647–661.

- Professor Li has had the following papers accepted for publication:

Jinlu Li and Xiaopeng Zhao, “FIXED POINT THEOREMS ON NORMAL AND REGULAR PARTIALLY ORDERED BANACH SPACES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS,” to appear in *Journal of Nonlinear and Convex Analysis*.

Jinlu Li and Shuanglin Lin “Existence of Steady-State Equilibrium in an Overlapping-Generations Model with Government Debt,” to appear in *Journal of Public Economic Theory*.

Jinlu Li and Glenn Stone, “Applications of Optimization Theory to Optimal Taxations”, to appear in *Journal of Nonlinear and Convex Analysis*.

College of Professional Studies

Choose Ohio First

- Choose Ohio First (COF) Gaming award, the ongoing COF Computer Science award, and the new COF Health and Technology award.
 - The Gaming program renewal was in the amount of \$526,458 over five years to allow currently enrolled COF Scholars to continue through to graduation. The COF Computer Science award is completing the first year of a five-year, \$308,700 award, and the newly awarded proposal includes health, technology, and psychology programs in the amount of \$514,500 over five years. These scholarships provide funding, academic support, and research and internship opportunities for qualified students in specific academic programs.

Department of Business

- Sport Management
 - Dr. Steve Rader was recently inducted into the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) Hall of Fame. He was recognized as a

“Master Professor” of Sport Management. He was nominated by one of our College of Professional Studies Advisory Board members, Dr. Curt Laird.

- EPCC should approve the new Sport Management Concentration in Esports Business in the near future.

Allied Health Sciences

- Respiratory Therapy Program
 - Ventilator returned from Adena Regional Medical Center. We loaned it to them during the height of Covid to use on critical patients.
 - 13 out of 15 students (2 not working by choice) are working in the field of Respiratory with a limited permit (at the following hospitals: Adena, Mt. Carmel, Grant, UK, UC, Meadowview, Cabell, Cincinnati Childrens’, Nationwide Childrens’ and Holzer).
 - Students are being actively recruited by several hospitals near and far.
 - On April 22, our students will be presenting their case studies for a limited number of RTs for continuing education hours.
 - On April 29, we will be having our pinning ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of our class of 2021
 - Students were just certified in ACLS (Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support) will help, and thanks to Bill Turner and the EMT program.
 - All students participated in the IPE event, which was a great success.

Department of Nursing

- Search underway for 2 faculty positions
- Students administered Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccines in the gym and helped monitor patients with the drive thru COVID Clinic. Wonderful experience!

Engineering Technologies

- A new bilateral or articulation agreement was formalized with Scioto CTC to articulate some credit from their Industrial Electricity Adult Education Program in SSU’s Electromechanical Program. This agreement represents the first such agreement in the engineering technology programs with Scioto CTC, outside of the state-mandated Associate of Technical Study programs that were previously approved.
- Offices of Career Services & Workforce Development and Engineering Technologies have visited with PureCycle to celebrate their recent milestone of being publicly listed the NASDAQ. Additionally, meetings regarding training and future partnerships are ongoing.

Department of Rehabilitation Sciences

- PTA
 - PTA program is working on accreditation self-study.
 - We just received our applications for the upcoming year, and it looks incredible.
 - We have a group finishing clinical education this semester.

Accreditation and Assessment

- Assessment Academy. Dr. Marc Scott presented this at the General Education Advisory Council meeting and the group appeared interested in using our enrollment in the academy as a way to revise the assessment plan and do some strategic planning for the General Education Program.
- Accreditation Focus Group update. Accreditation criteria group meetings are highly attended and are going well. Given the wide participation campuswide, many members of the University community are engaged in rich conversations about HLC criteria and expectations for accreditation.

Counseling and Health Clinic

- COVID testing (antigen and PCR) continue although it is being sought out less.
- Mass vaccine clinic drive thru saw 392 people ages 16 and up vaccinated on 4-1-21 with Pfizer. Second doses are scheduled for 4-22.
- J&J College Student Vaccine Clinic on April 8th and 9th saw 201 people vaccinated.
- Referrals from staff sending students to counseling services are picking up. (That's normal from mid-terms until finals.)
- Accessibility Services continues in its work to support students and their faculty/staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Sunil Ahuja, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Summer 2021 Weekly Registration Comparison Report

	Summer 2019 4/29/2019	Summer 2020 5/4/2020	Summer 2021 4/26/2021	Summer 2020 15th Day
Week 4 of Registration				
New Undergraduate Enrollment				
First-time Freshmen	17	17	17	20
Transfer	14	8	3	8
Total New	31	25	20	28
Difference from prior year		-6	-5	-8
Continuing Undergraduate Enrollment				
Freshmen	101	90	83	36
Sophomore	148	128	142	137
Junior	195	153	139	144
Senior	228	257	248	331
Total Continuing	672	628	612	648
Difference from prior year		-44	-16	-36
Total Degree Seeking Undergraduate	703	653	632	676
Difference from prior year		-50	-21	-44
New Graduate Enrollment				
Graduate - New	17	14	17	52
Total New	17	14	17	52
Difference from prior year		-3	3	-35
Continuing Graduate Enrollment				
Graduate - 1	23	48	85	67
Graduate - 2	31	29	23	33
Graduate - 3	0	0	2	2
Total Continuing	54	77	110	102
Difference from prior year		23	33	8
Total Graduate	71	91	127	154
Difference from prior year		20	36	-27
Non-Degree Enrollment				
NT - Visiting	8	2	0	3
NR - Non-degree	2	12	2	82
NH - Highschool not CCP	0	0	1	1
NP - College Credit Plus	6	11	2	31
ND - Returner CCP and non-CCP	35	49	30	54
NS - Senior Citizen	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Degree	51	74	35	171
Difference from prior year		23	-39	-136
Grand Total	825	818	794	1001
Difference from prior year		-7	-24	-207

Fall 2021 Weekly Registration Comparison Report

	Fall 2019 4/29/2019	Fall 2020 5/4/2020	Fall 2021 4/26/2021	Fall 2020 15th Day
Week 4 of Registration				
New Undergraduate Enrollment				
First-time Freshmen	249	156	152	646
Transfer	28	17	14	138
Total New	277	173	166	784
Difference from prior year		-104	-7	-618
Continuing Undergraduate Enrollment				
Freshmen	387	378	283	206
Sophomore	460	435	404	531
Junior	493	407	403	481
Senior	395	487	386	804
Total Continuing	1735	1707	1476	2022
Difference from prior year		-28	-231	-546
Total Degree Seeking Undergraduate	2012	1880	1642	2806
Difference from prior year		-132	-238	-1164
New Graduate Enrollment				
Graduate - New	3	3	17	35
Total New	3	3	17	35
Difference from prior year		0	14	-18
Continuing Graduate Enrollment				
Graduate - 1	33	46	47	85
Graduate - 2	26	11	16	57
Graduate - 3	0	0	1	4
Total Continuing	59	57	64	146
Difference from prior year		-2	7	-82
Total Graduate	62	60	81	181
Difference from prior year		-2	21	-100
Non-Degree Enrollment				
NT - Visiting	0	0	0	34
NR - Non-degree	0	0	0	1
NH - Highschool not CCP	0	0	0	218
NP - College Credit Plus	1	7	1	182
ND - Returner CCP and non-CCP	82	76	53	4
NS - Senior Citizen	1	1	1	4
Total Non-Degree	84	84	55	443
Difference from prior year		0	-29	-388
Grand Total	2158	2024	1778	3430
Difference from prior year		-134	-246	-1652