Academic Programs Update

## SEPTEMBER 2014

1. Undergraduate Program Development:

Undergraduate Program Actions Requiring Board of Trustees Action and/or OBOR Notification or Approval

The Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) is continuing to revise its approval processes for undergraduate program proposals. Since the last set of YSU Board of Trustees meetings, OBOR has approved the following undergraduate program changes:

* YSU received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care completion program for students who already possess an associate degree in respiratory care.
* YSU received approval to change its RN-to-BSN degree from hybrid to fully-online delivery.
* The former Clinical Laboratory Science program is now called the Medical Laboratory Science program (BSAS).
* The former Clinical Laboratory Technology program is now called the Medical Laboratory Technology program (AAS).
* The former Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in Music Recording is now called the Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in Music Recording and Technology.
* The Business Education program in the College of Education has been deactivated.
* The Physical Science Education program in the College of Education has been deactivated.
* The Earth Science Education program in the College of Education has been deactivated.
* The Histotechnician track in the Medical Laboratory Technology (AAS) program has been deactivated.
* The Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies has added a Social Media track.
* The Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunication Studies has added a Sports Broadcasting Track.
* The Marketing Management major (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) has added two new tracks: Consumer/Retail Marketing and Business/Industrial Marketing.

2. Graduate Program Development:

*A new proposal (Program Development Plan or PDP) for graduate programs must be approved internally by YSU’s Graduate Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council before it is presented to the Board of Trustees Academic Quality and Student Success Committee as an information item. The PDP is then forwarded to the Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study (RACGS) for comment, and a full program proposal is prepared, in response, if there are no serious objections. The full proposal must be reviewed by the internal curriculum process and then go to the Board of Trustees for action and approval. The proposal then goes to RACGS for a second review and in-person presentation. If RACGS recommends the program for approval—and after YSU Board of Trustees approval—it goes to the Chancellor’s staff, which makes a recommendation to the Chancellor based on RACGS review and public comments. The Chancellor’s signature is the final step of the approval process. Board of Trustees approval is required prior to any final decision by the Chancellor’s office.*

* Beginning Fall 2014, YSU’s **Master of Social Work (MSW)** will be offered at Lorain County Community College and Lakeland Community College.
* A program development plan (PDP) for a **Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Visual Art** has been reviewed by RACGS, and responses to comments are being composed.