

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UPDATE
MARCH 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:

- OBOR has approved a new **Digital Media** option within the **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art**.

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 and Student Affairs 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.

- The request for online delivery for a **Master of Arts in Financial Economics** has been approved by RACGS.
- The Economics department is currently developing a proposal for a 4+1 **Master of Arts in Economics**.
- A program development plan (PDP) for a **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** has undergone the campus review process. YSU has received comments from RACGS. The Full Proposal is now in preparation in the department.
- A PDP for a **Master of Engineering Physics** has undergone the campus review process. YSU has received comments from RACGS. The Full Proposal remains in preparation by the department.
- The Nursing department is currently preparing responses to comments from RACGS reviewers for the **Post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program**.
- Preliminary talks continue for a graduate program in **Media Entrepreneurship**.
- A PDP for a **Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Visual Art** has begun the campus review process.