

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UPDATE
MAY 2013**

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:

- Curriculum modifications for the Bachelor of Arts in Geology
- The former Bachelor of Arts in Geology (Geoscience Option) is now called the Bachelor of Arts in Geology.

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.

- A full proposal for a **Master of Arts in Gerontology** has received the Chancellor's final approval, and the program has begun admitting students for Fall 2013.
- A request for online delivery for a **Master of Respiratory Care** has undergone campus review and has been approved by RACGS.
- Requests for online delivery for a **Master of Business Administration** and a **Master of Science in Criminal Justice** have undergone campus review and are currently being reviewed by RACGS.
- A request for online delivery for a **Master of Science in Engineering** is being drafted for submission.
- 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.

- Preliminary discussions to initiate a **Master of Science in Actuarial Science** in the Department of Mathematics have begun prior to developing a new PDP for this degree.
- A PDP for a **Master of Engineering Physics** is being revised for resubmission to RACGS now that the new faculty positions needed to staff the program have been allocated.
- Preliminary discussions to initiate a **Master of Accounting and Finance** have begun in the Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance.