

Ohio University-Chillicothe Campus News

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New structure allows for more collaboration with colleagues

Steps have been completed for the alignment of Ohio University-Chillicothe faculty members into four academic divisions. The new division structure is operational with meetings and other preparation for the beginning of fall quarter 2008.

“This change is a result of a desire expressed by the majority of faculty members to align into a four-division structure. This framework allows interaction between faculty members of similar pursuits and should result in increased collaboration among colleagues and an enhanced ability to develop cross-disciplinary course offerings and academic programs,” OU-C Dean Richard Bebee said. “This type of collaboration creates a better experience for our students.”

The decision to arrange the campus’ faculty into four divisions was based on a vote of Group I faculty members during the 2006-07 academic year.

Since the decision was made to form four academic divisions, the following steps have been undertaken before the structure could become operational:

- The preparation of bylaws governing faculty in general within the divisions

- The preparation of promotion and tenure procedures prepared by each of the new divisions, which were submitted in writing and approved by a majority of faculty in the respective division and the campus administration
- The development of merit raise and annual faculty evaluation by each of the new divisions, which were submitted in writing and approved by the majority of faculty in their respective division and the campus administration
- The selection of division coordinators (DC's) for the new organized divisions

Composition of the new divisions, which include Group I and Group II faculty members:

- Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences/Education: Breidenbaugh, Brogan, Christman, Davies, Deane, Harmount, Kasbekar, Kiersey, Kowieski, Matyi, Maxey, McAdams, McClain, Niroula, Reiger, Rumble, Schmittauer, Trube, Wallace (Division Coordinator).
- Math/Natural Sciences/Economics: Anderson, Hammoudi, Haynes, Knight, Moats, Pontius, Sandy, Shahrestani, Smith, Venkatachar (Division Coordinator).
- Nursing: Kauffman, Leadingham, McManus (Division Coordinator), Miller, Parker, Souers, Vance.
- Technology: Brown (Division Coordinator), Hungerford, Lafreniere, Mahaffey, McKean.

OU-C offering free fall classes to qualified non-traditional students

Ohio University-Chillicothe is offering an opportunity for non-traditional learners to either begin or continue their college careers. Through the "Experience College" program, qualified students can enroll for a class, tuition-free, during fall quarter, which begins Sept. 8. There is a maximum of 100 participating students, and enrollment is limited to classes that are not full.

Qualified students are those who meet any of the following criteria: 25 years of age or older, a parent, a military veteran or an Ohio University alumnus who has not completed his/her bachelor's degree and has not taken classes at Ohio University in the last five years. The classes will be for college credit. Prerequisite requirements and enrollment limits that apply to current students will apply to participants in this program.

"This initiative continues the campus' emphasis on making higher education accessible to area residents," OU-C Manager of Student Recruitment TJ Eveland said. "For many individuals, especially those who are balancing job and family responsibilities, the most difficult part of pursuing or completing a college degree is taking the first step. With program is designed to eliminate that hurdle. We are confident that, once in the

classroom, individuals will find that attaining a college degree, whether it be an associate or bachelor's degree, is within their reach.”

Application fees for participants will be waived and applications accepted at the OU-C booth at the Ross County Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 4 through Aug. 7, the Pickaway County Jobs One Stop from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 13, the Ross County Jobs One Stop from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 11, and in OU-C's Bennett Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 12 and Aug. 14.

For further information, contact Eveland at (740) 774-7721 or evelandt@ohio.edu.

Grant helps to prepare OU-C students to compete in global marketplace

Members of the Ohio University-Chillicothe community are invited to attend an event at **2 p.m. Friday, July 25**, in the **Stevenson Center Learning Commons** to announce a partnership between OU-C and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

OU-C and the ARC are partners in a \$354,000 project, including the ARC grant and the campus' commitment, which utilizes technology to help OU-C students and regional residents remain competitive in the global marketplace.

The grant supports the use of technology and the converging of information and technology to bridge the digital divide. OU-C students and area residents will have the opportunity to become expert in current technologies and will have increased availability of computer resources for accessing information and job-seeking purposes.

Speaking at the event will be OU-C Dean Richard Bebee, ARC representative Fred Deel, Chillicothe Mayor Joseph Sulzer and OU-C Director of Information and Technology Services Patty Griffith.

OU-C is an engaged member of the region. Approximately 80 percent of the campus' students are residents of Appalachia Ohio counties.

OU-C in the News

Campus community members continue to prove themselves as newsmakers. Following are some recent stories that have appeared in the press.

Early Childhood Education faculty member Jamie Harmount shares her insights about how parents can best use the summer months to balance relaxation and educational pursuits for their children.

<http://www.chillicothegazette.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/200807120730/OPINION/02/807120315&template=printart>

Geography faculty member Gary Haynes recently led a group of area teachers on a field trip to study the history of villages in the area.

<http://www.chillicothegazette.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080717/NEWS01/807170301/1002>

The popular Kids in College program has been proving that education can be fun, even in the summer, for more than 20 years.

<http://www.chillicothegazette.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080715/NEWS01/807150305/1002&template=printart>

Upcoming events on campus

- Advanced Placement Summer Institute for Calculus from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily on July 21-25
- Japanese Media Culture Club meetings at 1 p.m. in Bennett Hall room 145 on July 28, Aug. 4, Aug. 11, Aug. 18 and Aug. 25; and at 3 p.m. in Bennett Hall room 132 on Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Aug. 15, Aug. 29 and Sept. 5
- SOAR orientation sessions on July 25, Aug. 15 and Aug. 22
- Advanced Placement Summer Institute for Biology from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily on July 28-Aug. 1
- Governor Strickland's Conversations on Education Reform forum at Ohio University-Chillicothe on Aug. 12 in the Bennett Hall auditorium (Attendance by invitation)
- OU-C Theater presentation of "Rose Colored Glass" on Aug. 15 and 16 in the Bennett Hall auditorium
- Campus planning session at Deer Creek State Park on Aug. 8