Academic Programs Update

## March 2015

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 the Bachelor of Science in Education—Early Childhood License (P-3) at Lakeland Community College.

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.*

* 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.
* A PDP for a **Master of Athletic Training** completed the campus curriculum review process and will soon be sent to RACGS for comment.
* The **Master of Accountancy** has been reviewed at the college and dean level and will begin the curriculum review process.
* The program name change from **Environmental Studies** to **Environmental Science** is currently under review by RACGS.
* The **4 + 1** **Master of Science in Mathematics** has been approved.