

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UPDATE
JUNE 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's Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education has been deactivated. The Bachelor of Science in Education (Physical Education P-12 Licensure) program will be offered by the Department of Teacher Education, but the non-licensure program (the BA in Physical Education) will no longer be offered.
- YSU's Bachelor of Arts in Journalism has been approved for online delivery.

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 **4+1 Master of Arts in Economics** has been approved by RACGS.
- Beginning Fall 2014, YSU's **Master of Business Administration (MBA)** will also be offered at Lorain County Community College.
- 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.
- The **Post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program** has been approved by RACGS.
- 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.
- Preliminary talks continue for a graduate program in **Media Entrepreneurship**.

- A PDP for a **Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Visual Art** has completed the campus review process and is currently being reviewed by RACGS.
- The **Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Option** for the **Master of Nursing (MSN)** and the **Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Post-MSN Certificate** remain tabled at this time.