



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

August 12, 2022

ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUSPENSIONS

REQUEST: Approval for academic program suspensions for the following programs: Communication Studies, Minor; Digital Advertising, Minor; Paralegal Studies, Associate of Arts; Measurement, Evaluation, and Research Graduate Certificate; Arabic, Bachelor of Arts and Minor; Diversity and Community Studies, Bachelor of Arts.

FACTS: The Faculty have made the decision in regard to each of these programs to close for new admissions, due either to changes in curriculum by adding a different certificate or degree, or low and declining enrollment. In each case, the Department Chairs, Deans, and Provost Fischer support these program suspension decisions. Academic programs which are suspended will continue to support current students through completion of their programs.

Communication Studies, Minor	All courses in the minor are still part of the Communication Studies major and will continue to be offered. Only the minor program is being suspended, not the courses within it.
Digital Advertising, Minor	The Digital Advertising undergraduate certificate was created to serve students interested in gaining knowledge in this field. It is an updated and more nimble version of the minor, which we no longer need.
Paralegal Studies, AA	The associate degree in Paralegal Studies was a remnant of the Bowling Green Community College. More recently, the Bachelor of Arts in Professional Legal Studies was created to serve students seeking professions as paralegals and legal assistants. We also offer a certificate for students who do not wish to pursue the entire major.
Measurement, Evaluation, and Research Graduate Certificate	Low and declining enrollment along with competing demands on faculty were factors in the decision to suspend this program. Courses in this program will continue to be available to students as part of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership.
Arabic, AB and Minor	There are two obstacles to continuing the program, the most pressing of which is enrollment in courses. Numbers of majors barely surpass a dozen individuals; upper-division courses enroll no more than 3 individuals. Secondly, the program coordinator recently retired, and the full-time instructor left in mid-May for opportunities elsewhere. We looked for ways to maintain these programs, but without success.
Diversity and Community Studies, AB	Numbers of both students and faculty have fallen significantly in this program, such that it is no longer the best use of resources. We are working to ensure needs can be met elsewhere.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: Closing these academic programs to new admissions will have a positive impact on the University Budget because of the efficiencies created by greater utilization of faculty in higher demand programs.

RECOMMENDATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATE: President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of the above listed academic program closures to be implemented Fall 2022.

MOTION: Approval to close the following programs: Communication Studies, Minor; Digital Advertising, Minor; Paralegal Studies, Associate of Arts; Measurement, Evaluation, and Research Graduate Certificate; Arabic, Bachelor of Arts and Minor; Diversity and Community Studies, Bachelor of Arts with implementation Fall 2022.

**EMERITUS
APPOINTMENTS**

REQUEST: Approval of faculty emeritus status for Drs. Cathy Carey, Daniel Myers, and Julie Ellis.

FACTS: Listed below are faculty members who have been recommended by tenured faculty, department chair/director, and college deans to be awarded emeritus status. All have served the university for at least ten years and have had distinguished records of achievement and service.

Gordon Ford College of Business

Dr. M. Catherine (Cathy) Carey, Professor of Economics, Emeritus

Dr. Daniel Myers, Associate Professor of Economics, Emeritus

Ogden College of Science and Engineering

Dr. Julie Ellis, Professor of Engineering & Applied Sciences, Emeritus

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: No funds requested

RECOMMENDATION: President Timothy C. Caboni recommends awarding Drs. Cathy Carey, Daniel Myers, and Julie Ellis emeritus status.

MOTION: Approval of emeritus status awarded to Drs. Cathy Carey, Daniel Myers, and Julie Ellis.