
MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 24, 2026
TO: AMY BANES-BERCELI, VICE PROVOST; SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE
FROM: GERARD MADLAMBAYAN, CHAIR, SENATE PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE
RE: YEAR END REPORT

During the 2025-2026 academic year, the Senate Planning and Review Committee (SPRC) conducted the following business:

1. The SPRC reviewed and approved the following program proposals:

- a. BS, Engineering Technology
- b. BS, Strategic Communication
- c. EdD, Applied Early Childhood Education Practice and Policy

The SPRC reviewed, for the first time, a 90-credit major (BS, Engineering Technology). There were discussions on the approval of the lower credit major and implications to OU, but the consensus was that these types majors should be offered at OU to provide students with options that fit their educational needs.

2. The SPRC was given a presentation by Amy Banes-Berceli related to the proposed Data Center to be built on the OU campus. A review of the pros and cons of the Data Center were discussed among the members. Subsequently, a joint meeting with the Campus Development & Environment Committee (CDEC) was convened to provide a joint review and recommendation regarding the cite of the Data Center. At the joint meeting, Stephen Mackey gave an update on the Data Center. The recommendations from this collaborative effort were:

- a. "P37 adjacent" site is the preferable site
- b. Noise mitigation is required to avoid disturbing humans and wildlife
- c. Re-wilding P35 was favored over P37
- d. Improved accessibility to trail system and Heritage Site has to be built into the design phase

This represented the first joint effort between SPRC and CDEC and will be a continuing collaboration to review the building of the proposed Data Center and other related campus matters.

3. Amy Banes-Berceli gave an overview of the Dodge Hall renovation to the SPRC. Discussions were held regarding classroom availability leading up to the renovation and what classrooms will remain when the renovations are completed. The SPRC will be informed of any changes to the proposed design and a final summary will be provided as the start date for renovation is identified.
4. The School of Engineering and Computer Sciences (SECS) proposed a name change to the College of Engineering and Computing (CEC). Louay Chamra presented the reasons for the proposed name change. SPRC members were concerned what the name change would mean for the organization of departments within the new CEC. This was specifically related to the whether or not departments in the new CEC would be considered "small D" or "big D" since the definitions and oversight of each are very different. The SPRC did discuss and vote to allow the

SECS to move forward with due diligence to identify what the implications would be of the SECS were to become a college. A vote to approve the name change was not held.

5. The APRC was sent the Bachelor of Applied Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) program for review, however; given the timing of when the SPRC received the program for review, and because there were other concerns from the Assessment Committee, the SPRC decided to delay review until the new academic year.
6. The new SPRC chair (Gerard Madlambayan) upon reviewing the charge of the SPRC, requested to alter the composition and roles of the SPRC members. This was to ensure the SPRC was meeting its charges and had equitable representation from units on campus. This request was approved by Senate and the following changes were approved:
 - a. Membership: 3 members from CAS; 1 faculty from each School and Library; 1 at-large faculty member (all eligible to be chair)
 - b. Student membership: 1 undergraduate student (appointed by Student Congress); 1 graduate student (new; appointed by Dean of the Graduate School)
 - c. Director, Office of Institutional Research and Assessment: role changed to voting and ex-officio
 - d. Vice Provost: role changed to voting and ex-officio
 - e. Dean of Graduate School: role changed to voting and ex-officio; and term is while Dean of the Graduate School

These changes benefited the SPRC as we were able to obtain input from units that were not previously represented. We were also able to complete reviews in a timelier manner by assigning subcommittees to specific tasks. This will allow the SPRC to complete all program reviews prior to HLC review.

7. The SPRC and SBRC received its annual briefing on the university budget from President Ora Pescovitz and Vice President for Finance and Administration Stephen Mackey.

The SPRC went through some changes this year related to membership and member roles, collaborative meetings with other senate committees, and incorporation into the discussion of more campus related matters. These changes better align with the charges of the SPRC.