

Institutional Degree Awarding

Faculty Senate Update 2 of 4

Office of the Registrar

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What is Institutional Awarding?

The act of awarding a degree to a student upon completion of their stated degree requirements in lieu of waiting for a student to apply to graduate.

What does this mean for OSU?

More students will graduate each year (yes- students actually don't realize they need to apply to graduate).

OSU will track and guide students earlier rather than waiting for them to apply to graduate.

Closing the gap between the first-year experience and the “last mile” by working backwards (years 4, 3, 2...) to give advisors better reports on student degree progression.

Improved compliance with federal financial aid regulatory requirements.

Advising and the Office of the Registrar will partner even more than we currently do.

What action is required?

Four areas will require change:

1. Policy/regulations
2. Cultural shift
3. Process changes
4. Technical support

Where are we in the project timeline?

Done:

Presentations to Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

Discussion with Council of Head Advisors, Academic Advising Council (ongoing since late 2016)

Presentations to Faculty Senate (January 2018)

Technical, policy and process work in the OtR and with partners in Financial Aid, Enterprise Computing Services and Academic Regulations Committee (ongoing since 2017)

Current:

Faculty Senate update (June 2018)

Pilot Colleges determined (May 2017)

Implementation timeline selected

Who are the Pilot Colleges? What is the timeline?

Pilot Colleges:

CEOAS, CLA, CPHHS

Summer 2018 work for Fall 2018 degree awarding

Institution-wide implementation:

Fall 2018 work for winter 2019 degree awarding

What is next?

Communication to the campus community

Students, Advisors, Faculty/Staff

Academic regulation refinement

Summer work sessions

Technical and process improvements

Short term requirements for technical needs and long term changes to process for narrowing the window between 1st/2nd year programs and 4-year degree plans.

Questions?

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