Proposed Policy

Advertising Unapproved Programs or Program Changes

New programs or changes to programs that are in the planning or proposal stages [i.e. they have not yet been approved via the Curriculum Proposal Process (CPS)] may only be advertised or promoted as “coming soon.” They may not be posted to websites or via any other public announcements (such as emails, brochures, etc.) as though they currently exist nor can a date be posted (such as coming in Fall 2015) unless that implementation date has been reviewed and approved by the Registrar’s Office.

Rationale

The OSU catalog is the legally binding contract with the students with respect to the curriculum. If a program is advertised to students without it being in the catalog, this makes OSU vulnerable to potential lawsuits.

Curriculum related items become documented for entry into the catalog via proposals submitted into the CPS. Proposers make a request for an effective date for the change to take effect, however the actual effective date is determined by the Registrar’s Office.