



## **Minutes from August 18, 2023 meeting**

### **I. Introduction to members and their particular areas of concern**

Members introduced themselves naming their departments and roles at their representative universities.

### **II. Status of SB 117 Institutes at OSU, UT, Miami U, CSU, and UCin**

Mandate to create institutes by the legislature. There has been a group that has been formed to look into this mandate. Discussing the parameters. Coordination between institutions

concern how we are going to handle this mandate. Concern with curriculum development and tenure. Concerned about authority to appoint faculty. Appointment to center vs TTF faculty different issues. It is important that institutions are aware of what each other is doing.

SB 117 creates centers of intellectual diversity. Making sure students are hearing both sides of the political perspective. There was money afforded OSU and UT but there was not money afforded Miami, CSU and UCinn. Law mandated that the President appoint a director within 30 days of the law passing. They have to create a faculty line but do not have to hire for these lines. This is too political and the AAUP is going to take a hardline on this.

### **III. Institutional budget information/concerns with OFC.**

Are your institutions reporting budget shortfalls and cuts to academics? As a starting point, please read the AAUP report concerning University of Toledo's finances at <https://utaaup.com/wp-content/uploads/7.28.23-Analysis-of-Financial-Position-for-2007-2022.pdf> This report is both informative about understanding institutional finances in general, as well as demonstrating that UT's financial position is good. Please share what

you know about your institution's budgets, finances (separate from other information we'll share in our general campus reports.

AAUP paid for the analysis for UT because they are negotiating with administration. The link for the analysis for UT are in the link. UT has been hearing from the CFO that they are on shaky ground. The analysis shows the University is fine. This report is very educational viewing the Universities audited financials.

#### **IV. Strategies for pending House bill 151**

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb151> The amended version is available here:

<file:///Volumes/Home/lmr/Desktop/schoolofficehome/facultysenate/ofc2023/hb151amendments.pdf>

This is the House version of SB 83. The bills are moving parallel. There is more resistant in the House than in the Senate. We should contact the people who wrote 151 we should still contact our Senators.

Volunteers to contact individual Ohio legislators. List at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/members/house-directory?start=1&sort=District&committeeName=Higher%20Education>

Consider adopting a legislature meet face to face or on video. Write the legislature regularly. Anyone who we can work with to build a relationship with. There were 3 republicans voted against it. So maybe we can work with them.

#### **V. Future Guest for OFC**

Will have Randy Gardner and Mike Duffy come and speak. Has the Governor ever spoken to this group? Would Dewine be open to that?

What would be a lawsuit on 117 be with the legal basis? Any one have connections to faculty in Florida or Texas to see how these laws are affecting them? Kimberly McBride will try to send out a listserve to see how these laws affect these faculty members. The AAUP have contacts these faculty maybe able to speak at meetings. We could do a mini conference and have different faculty from these other states. Maybe a webinar with a panel and hopefully a legislature will attend. Maybe pre record or get a commitment for a specific day. Cryshanna Jackson is on a steering committee for this Anti DEI and she will reach out to see if anyone can come and discuss the affects of these bills.

Future face to face meeting. OFC and OFF will meet separately in the morning will convene as a group for lunch at OSU. We will be discussing mental health and some programs that are out there. We want to invite 5 members of the Ohio House once we have the agenda. It is the folks on the finance committee some overlap with their responsibilities with mental health.

## **VI. Campus reports**

Youngstown state has a new contract for 3 years that will go to the board.

Kent State NTF unit and TTF units have done MOUs to extend contracts until 2026. With a higher percentage increase in wage.

UC big changes in how our IT programs are being handled. Every college and program have their own IT people. Everything is going to be centralized. It is creating turmoil.

U Akron addresses the debt that Akron has. The administration is trying to do something about it. Have not had a raise in parking in 20 some years. Faculty were not consulted so the adjunct faculty are paying the same as the full time faculty, however they are.

Ohio State is still without a President, should have an announcement soon.

UT postmortem on what the numbers were that were due to the cuts. Concerns about retention. All success coaches were let go over the summer. Notified in the newspaper. Many searches for upper-level admin.

BGSU has contract negotiations going, we have a great team.

NEOMED- Gathering information from faculty concerning workload policy. Not sure if we can share it yet.