Ohio Faculty Council

# OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
## February 14, 2020

12:30 – 2:30 PM
7th Floor conference room, Ohio Department of Education
25 South Front Street, Columbus OH

*Chair, Ben Givens, Ohio State University Vice-chair, Laura Luehrmann, Wright State University Secretary, Cynthia Ris, University of Cincinnati*

**ATTENDEES:**

**Members in Person:**
Bowling Green University: Jenn Stucker, David Jackson,
Central State University: Anthony Milburn
The Ohio State University: Ben Givens
Ohio University: Robin Muhammad
Shawnee State University: Tony Ward, Kyle Vick
University of Akron: Linda Marie Saliga
University of Cincinnati: Cynthia Ris, Greg Loving
Wright State University: Laura Luehrmann, Brian Boyd
Ex-officio: Wright State University, Former Chair Dan Krane

**Members Online:**
Central State University: Leanne Petry
Cleveland State University: Andy Slifkin
Miami University: Dana Cox
University of Toledo: Ainsworth Bailey

**Guests:**
Ohio Faculty Senate (Clark State CC): Terry Filicko
Ohio State Government Affairs: Amy Goyal, Brian Perera,

**INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT REPRESENTATION:**
Kent State
NEOMED
Youngstown State

**Meeting was called to order at:12:33 p.m.**

**1. Approve agenda—approved**
**2. Approve minutes—approved**
**3. Legislative update**

Amy Goyal and Brian Perera
Ohio State University, Office of Government Affairs, State Relations

**Capital budget (Brian)**: hasn't been introduced yet.
- All 4 and 2 year institutions give estimates for FY21 & 22. DeWine gave out general guidance do the same thing you did 2 years ago (i.e., submissions for building, emphasize refurbishment but not workforce development for new construction); Sector will get "plug-number" for goals and unified list to submit. $330 m (4 years) $110 m (2 years). Currently working on community projects that relate to parks and other public buildings. To be enacted by Mar 31 ideally. Could be a continuation budget from past projects; might be Nov/Dec before budget comes down. Once introduced, moves quickly.
- Presidents agreed for 4-years; 2-year general agreement. In general, amicable.
- Would like numbers to be higher, but worked well.

**Free speech (Amy):** two bills protecting first amendment on campuses. HB 88 and Senate Bill 40
- Latter passed out of chamber unanimously. IUC supports 1st amendment, but there are concerns; Senate removed waiver of sovereign immunity; buttoned-up info on sexual harassment
- Security can be charged as long as not on content of speech. Bill now is prohibition of fee based on content. (Ohio State generally charges group's event, not reaction to it. Institution provides security for reaction.) Don't want a speech vetoed by charges. If a group wants extra security, that can be charged.
- Concerns flagged between state bills and federal laws. Any federal court case will trump state law. In March 2019, Ex Order 13864; Federal agencies are promulgating rules; Dept of Ed is trying to do this as well.
- Under concern by right-wing groups because of allegations of chilling effect. More work to be done on definition of public forum. Continued interest; question whether they should apply only to higher ed: what about Capital Square or Municipal Bldg.
- Don't want social media that seems to tout groups of one side or another—message should be we are keeping the messages open as usual. May want to share information with IUC about speakers who have been on campus. CCV; all issues were resolved though they

**Sports Betting & Regulation** SB11—Disagreement in Senate Control Commission. Unlikely that collegiate athletics will be removed, so IUC will ask for certain improvements like officials of games not being able to bet.

**Anti-bullying and hazing proposals** HB 310 pending to limit anti-bullying at K-12; higher ed needs hazing regulations. Rep. Boggs (OSU) and Rep Edwards (Athens, OU)—working on significant anti-hazing based on OSU student death from hazing. When they introduce something it will be taken seriously and probably move.

**Ed-Choice:** K-12 voucher proposal fights. Every piece of legislation has had to do with higher ed, co-opting other bills E.g., budget bill included expansion of Ed-Choice where students would be eligible for vouchers; budget bill expanded eligibility. In the meantime, school districts noted problems that would leave school districts. Those in support tried to remedy, SB 120 with higher ed performance audits included a provision extending the deadline. Now the state audit can do performance audits of higher ed. HB9 credit transfers now contains Senate choice for Ed-Choice. SB89 career tech included House version of Ed-Choice.

**Government Relations groups in relation to Institutions:**
**Action Items:**
**If we don't already, interact with Government Relations in our institutions.**
- **Keep track of bills.** IUC tracks bills and can subscribe to news services. On Twitter daily and other sites. On legislature.ohio.gov, can create account with committees that you care about to send regular emails.
- **Find out what's on the Docket:** Generally, General Assembly will send out notices late Th or by early M about committee activity (at least 24- hours notice). Can call Chairs Office to be added to email distribution list; will show topic, sponsor, kind of testimony (sponsor testimony, interested party, proponent/opponent only, substitute/amendments, etc.). If it's starred, considered voting out of committee that day. Anyone can come in and testify with witness lip; common courtesy to know that there's a plan to testify, however. Try to ask for written copy; some do and notice is then placed in iPads in front of legislators.
- **Meet with legislators:** but may want to come to talk vs not having an ask. Rapport is a good thing to build so they reach out and become a trusted resource; may ask for opinions on legislation in the idea stage.
- **Watch:** All standing committees are now televised on Ohio Government's TV website. Archived and searchable as well. Can also see 2-years' worth of history on committees.
- **OFC should contact legislators on a regular basis (2-3 times per year) (Dan);** IUC set up a Regional Campus day at State House—OFC can do as well to see legislators. May not want Fridays; check with Government Relations people to check on good day

## 4. Resolution of Appreciation
Ben read Resolution into the record with a motion to adopt and appreciate of the model Dan has been to Ben in terms of timing.

## 5. InnovateOhio – Senior Vice Chancellor
**Mike Duffey recognized the contribution of Dan Krane.** Mike think the "faculty forward" idea led with OFC and with Dan Krane in particular. He has become a trusted resource through the way in which he does business. Through his work on higher ed committee, Mike has seen the arc of change over ten years where pathways of communication blossomed including Open Education Resources; publisher and textbooks information; how resources are handled at universities and issues of free speech and other issues. Instrumental in visits to campuses which were geared around Senate offices and this has changed given more knowledge through Dan. As policy makers, want something that will last and this happens through faculty connections in

relation to organizational change which is also a responsibility by the legislator. The success for students will be much easier. Commendation is provided to Dan and to Ben.

Dan noted his thanks, and his pride and excitement regarding the OFC.

**Innovate Ohio.** Helping new administration with budget through August 22 at the DOE. Asked by Lt Gov to be part of Innovate Ohio; Intellectual Property changes to make commercialization easier. Now 90% of work. More opportunities to think about ideas, but also tapped by Chancellor to look at other matters such as FAFSA completion; ITC's management (cog of government like IUC is to higher ed) of service at K-12. Helping on next operating budget and tech cred.

**Primary example: BMV.** The mission is to make Ohio the most creative and innovative entrepreneurial state in the Midwest. E.g., BMV—can compare with retail and see how it can be improved including language, process, citizen interaction, etc. Six groups overseen by Board with tech start up and others. They meet quarterly; work groups in 6-month sprints. Chose BMV as model for other state agencies. A lot of information and links right now and redundancies. Currently, one-off disposal transaction; if moving to authentication, can streamline and anticipate needs. Act in more of a caseworker support mode. Triaging users and use in a dynamic manner within the website. May push development and hiring further with specialized hires. Could link to other agencies such as hunting, fishing, etc. with interfaces that wouldn't require each system to have high-level technology. Helps to identify which agencies may be needed and provide some standardization of patterns of interaction.

**Also interested in overall technology and innovation.** That's where **IP Promise** came from; relates to risk adoption and a conversation about who would benefit: benchmarks were MIT Stanford and Purdue. Needs continuous improvement; was launched September. Example is Dr. Katrina Cornish who gave Mike a list of faculty concerns. Larger agenda of how to build eco-system. Lt Governor's office interested in metrics like patent disclosures. A lot is coming in from universities, health care institutions, and others. Also need to consider what are the real successes—need something to attract the right faculty and support them in research when it can turn to commercialization; how to grow and integrate into many different elements and areas from K-12 and outside education.

Much of conversation from Jobs Ohio is to **increase pipeline** not at the cost of liberal arts but a combination of many processes. Given declining enrollment, have to consider how to attract, support, and grow. Need to have conversations and adapt into spaces where growth is. One barrier is to manage and connect more closely to other talents—clustering effect. How we beat it is to bring VC company here—we charge income tax on capital gains and so will go to state without it (Austin, Denver, Nashville, etc.—looking at "next Bay area"). What are factors to get ahead of these cities? What will people fly in for? What is our landmark public art? Percent for arts—certain % provided. We need to think of signature art, murals, other ways to attract people. $30 m of Ohio Arts Council wasn't sustaining for them, and not enough to make us to rise in stature. Need to support other areas.

**IUC is pushing for entrepreneurial approach.** What and how are we seeding for this?

What is application to rural areas?—broadband/hub & spokes model. Office of broadband and USDA connect funds. Trying to support those who can write the grants.

Ready to engage with Chancellor for some faculty-friendly considerations in the budget, such as centralization of faculty development opportunities. Eg., Conferences in Columbus. Got echoed in joint committees. Ben will meet with Randy Gardiner and Mike Duffy

## 6. Old Business
**White paper on Program Closures** – Laura Luehrmann
- Had conversation at campuses. Best next steps to look at categories: (1) data used; (2) faculty role/AAUP role; (3) review decisions appeals; (4) CBA language; (5) process of program review; (5) what data are used for program review—e.g., employment detail and limitations because employed at federal government (Equifax or Ohio Census?); (6) priority sections in program review; (7) what is being asked; (8) oversight for review of decisions.
- Example: SSU: firewall between program review and program closure. Would like to hear how this works and how is holding up.
- Whole program review and program closure; for data collection hear all of this. Closure policies.
- Marc Scott will help with report to collect information from all campuses. At April meeting can share collection of big stories. Marc and Laura can work on white paper in June and July.

**Updating lists and website.** Please be sure to include information.

## 7. New Business—Ben
**Privacy statement:**
- Do we have data privacy officer? Often under CSO or CIO. Concerns about 3rd party vendors and so forth in terms of who has what data. Minimal principals of what we would like to have and to have a data privacy policy.
- More of an inward focused effort to help universities to discuss and use at institutions—talking points. Do you have a data privacy person? What are policies? Who holds them? How are they sent out and who is notified of it?
- Public institutions being subject to open records law.
- Notify Ben of ideas, information on this.

**BGSU/Travel Policy:** Vice President wants to come to talk about change to travel policy at BGSU to take precautions about certain kinds of travel limitations. Do we know about other kinds of limitations? Notices, choices, opt outs, guidelines, etc.

**Bylaw update:** Examples:
- Council operations and goals for remainder of academic year.
- Quorum by institution if we have majority of institutions present and second part for voting of people present to carry motion.
- Roberts Rules: Followed unless otherwise noted.
- Electronic use; resolutions may be difficult to insure responses?

- Changes to some dates about when folks will come on board to August 1.

**9. Campus examples of shared governance successes and challenges:**
Intellectual Property—Do your institutions have standing policies? Bowling Green provision in contract sets out exceptions for use of above-and-beyond normal resources—contract is online; work-for-hire available.

**10. Meeting adjourned at 2:35**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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