



Ohio Faculty Council

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**OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FINAL Minutes – 12 November 2021
Approved, 10 December 2021, Leanne Petry**

12:30 – 2:30 PM
Virtual via Zoom

MEMBERSHIP (ATTENDEES highlighted in yellow)

Bowling Green University: Christopher Frey, David Jackson
Central State University: Leanne Petry, Mitch Eismont, Lubna Abu-Niaaj
Cleveland State University: Bob Krebs, Andy Slifkin, Anup Kumar
Kent State: Pamela Grimm, Ed Dauterich, Darci Kracht,
Miami University: Jennifer Green, Thomas Poetter, Rosemary Pennington
NEOMED: Patrick Gallegos, Natalie Bonfine, Charles Thodeti, George Litman-Guest Representative
Ohio State: Ken Lee, Ben Givens, Amy Darragh
Ohio University: Robin Muhammad, Benjamin Bates, Nukhet Sandal
Shawnee State University: Tony Ward, Erik Larson, Drew Feight
University of Akron: Linda Saliga, Kate Budd
University of Cincinnati: Greg Loving, Dan Carl
University of Toledo: Tony Bigioni, Linda Rouillard
Wright State University: Brian Boyd, Megan Faragher, Laura Luehrmann
Youngstown State: Chet Coper, Mike Ekoniak
Ex-officio: Wright State University, Former Chair Dan Krane

Guests:

Mike Duffey from ODHE
Sara Kilpatrick from Ohio AAUP
John McNay from Ohio AAUP
Mathew Ides from OEA
Terry Filicko, Chair from Ohio Faculty Senate and Clark State Community College
Jon Husted, Lieutenant Governor
Julia Poling, Lieutenant Governor's Team
Shahid Nimjee, from Ohio State University (Technology Commercialization Awardee for 2021)
Charles See, Vice Chancellor from ODHE, Judging Panel Technology Commercialization Award
Tom Zupancic, Chair Judging Panel Technology Commercialization Award (InfinixBio)
Bill Couch, Assistant Vice President for Federal Relations, Ohio State University.

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1. Agenda approved
2. Discussion and approval of minutes from October 15, 2021; moved, seconded, motion to approve carried
3. Welcome to any new OFC members or alternates in attendance (NEOMED: Welcome to George Litman-Guest Representative; Cardiologist and past chair of internal medicine); reminder to please help ensure that the [OFC website](#) and mailing list remain up to date; if there are any other new members or any alternates joining for the first time, OFC officially welcomes you and if there is any change in representation or if missed anyone in email distribution list or somebody who is not appropriately listed on webpage, please let the OFC Leadership Team know so it can be corrected to ensure the most accurate representation from all campuses.
4. Updates
 - a) Ohio College Teaching Consortium (OCTC): <https://ohiocollegeteachingconsortium.org/> (*please note: Melinda Rhodes-DiSalvo, Associate Director of Operations and Strategic Partnerships, will be joining for the December OFC meeting to discuss initiatives focused on improving instruction at the university level across Ohio institutions and to provide opportunities for faculty to engage in professional development; will discuss pilot year of consortium focused on diversity, equity and inclusive teaching*)
 - b) Collaboration with Ohio Faculty Senate (Terry Filicko-Chair) of Community and Technical Colleges; soliciting volunteers regarding collaborative document; document regarding community and technical colleges; focus is on applied fields and accreditation for applied programs
 - c) Program Reviews: being referred to as program transformation rather than program viability (a.k.a. program elimination); Bowling Green deadline to submit reports has passed
 - d) Divisive Concepts: ongoing discussion between OFC and Ohio Faculty Senate to determine best way to respond to legislature as it continues to advance this topic; great interest in both bodies collaboratively writing and speaking with one voice; request for volunteers to assist with the writing process of joint document.
5. OFC Technology Commercialization Award (12:54 PM)

Past awardees posted on OFC website; Special thanks to the judging panel: Tom Zupancic, Chair (InfinixBio), Charles See (Vice Chancellor, ODHE) and Representative Rick Carfagna (District 68). This year's award is formally presented by Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted. The awardee is Shahid Nimjee, MD, PhD, a vascular neurosurgeon and Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery from Ohio State University's Wechsler Medical Center
6. Guest: Bill Couch, Assistant Vice President for Federal Relations, Ohio State University, discussed higher education priorities at the federal level, build back better legislation and its impact on higher education, faculty scholarship, teaching and service; noted back in person full time in DC office but Congress is on recess; Senators Portman and Brown worked on this

legislation and bipartisan infrastructure deal; discussion of Pell Grant awards, workforce training and retention programs as well as improving access and affordability for low income students, student loan programs and loan forgiveness

7. Campus examples of shared governance successes and challenges: discussion of transcript withholding and graduating student credentials needed for job applications; Ohio State is having an investiture of its new University President on 19 November and it is being held remotely (investiture.osu.edu); Miami University is having good compliance with vaccination rates and current discussions are focused on accountability and potential disciplinary actions for employees; similar conversations occurring at Wright State including uploading of vaccination status; Shawnee State is continuing to push the vaccination message but has not mandated it; Ohio University has a vaccine mandate; 927 Ohio revised code concern at Ohio University in which this code stipulates the institution cannot engage in transactions with organizations that do not have litigation clauses; discussion of Ohio based universities contracting with other entities and language specific to agency litigation (i.e. research offices and new systems software, society organizations, etc.).
8. Adjourn (2:29 PM)

Note: meeting dates for AY 2021-2022 (all 12:30-2:30)
Dec 10; Jan 14; Feb 11; Mar 11; Apr 15; May 13; June 10