



The Ohio Faculty Council

Special Meeting

Chancellor will speak about higher education funding

Visitors

Dave Patton AAUP

Steve Doslter OEA

Craig OEA

Jack Batika OFT Ohio Federal of Teachers

Attending:

Stephanie Davidson – Vice Chancellor

Rudy Fenwick

Jack Fatica OFT

Darrell Minor Columbus State CC, Ohio Faculty Senate

Mack Hassler

Terry L. Herman BGSU, OFC

Ken Learman

Nick Piazza

John Cuppoletti

Dan Krane

Jackie Bergdahl

Henry Tucker Central State U, Faculty Senate

Louis Wright, Ohio U

Carter Kaplan, BTC, Ohio Faculty Senate

Anthony Milburn

Brian Pay, Ray? Cleveland State, OFC

Richard Gunther OSU

Tim Gerber OSU OFC

Steve Duffy, Cleveland State, President, Faculty Senate

Claire Bourguet

Gregg Gasim OEA

Steve Dover OEA

Dave Patton AAUP

11:47 introductions start

Impact of election – still driven by strategic plan and that will continue. Budget challenges are similar even with different governor. Make strong case for higher education for Ohio's prosperity. No ticket for jobs that doesn't lead through higher education. Need to apply research to business enterprises. Higher education is significant asset for state. Economic success of those with college education is better – gap is growing between those with and without degrees. Good evidence for unemployment outcomes better for those with degrees: 4% for college education, 10% without.

A budget is a set of projections and they are not very precise. A budget is a projected balance which is corrected as needed mid year as data comes in. Can cut spending or increase revenue. Need more college educated who earn more and pay more taxes – this increases revenue. Chancellor will make strong case for higher education as “top line” of state budget.

The budget is a bipartisan endeavor. We have never had budget that didn't require Republican support. [Don't give up hope – things have not changed that much] Third frontier issue required super majority – was bipartisan. Believes things won't change much. Have been successful in last two budget rounds, and if we stand together we will have continued success.

Everyone's priority must be SSI, not individual school's earmarks.

Questions

Tuition caps? Objective has been to move away from a one-size-fits-all tuition cap. Max becomes min. Goal is to move away from that. Where do we want to move? A broad concept is to distinguish between campuses and sectors that are low cost (cc and regional), main campuses “tuition may float more”. Main campuses will not be our cheapest. Large portion of students don't need or want to go a main campus – just want education opportunity. Chancellor wants to differentiate more.

Increasing revenues – keeping bright young people in Ohio. Can we show that more stay in Ohio? ANS: each year we are getting better at it. Brain drain – need to do a better job. Numbers move slowly.

Will there be a USO in the future? Up and up. New governor needs time but chancellor cannot imagine higher education not being a central component of economic development. It is the sixth largest system in the nation. He can't imagine the governor would walk away from that. Efficiency demands we keep a shared system idea going. He spends a lot of time in economic development and USO schools too – probably 50%. Proposals come in and workforce is number one issue. Higher education provides workforce and research.

Work forces issues are what keep him up at night – that we can't meet the demands needed to meet to be competitive economically.

Have to research to develop patents and create educated workforce at same time.

Develop and make new things that people want to buy to grow the economy. Need research and innovation for that. Need universities for that.

What about the intellectual climate outside of university? Is that raised? Answer – yes. We need to work on our image in that regard: that we have talent that you don't need to go to New York for.

There is a connection between research and creative industries. We need creative work done here to then get the benefit of the stuff that goes forward. We need to do a better job of explaining it.

Balance between research and teaching – keep us informed. If he can help he would like to know.

Focus needed to keep going.

12:35 Chancellor left.

OFC John Cuppoletti will run meeting

Minutes approved.

Old business – resolution on HB 365

Move to put back on table and seconded.

OSU – There was a full discussion in council of grad students, faculty council, faculty senate steering committee. OSU does not support.

OU – not much response. Takes no position.

NEOUCOM – controversial

UT – consensus is that it is long overdue.

WSU – general support with two caveats

OSU handed out Benefits Overview for Graduate Associates, Fellows and Trainees. Grad students are NOT faculty and should not be a part of this. We should save our fire for something really more important down the road. Given new government, doesn't think it will pass.

UC – supports

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Question called and seconded
5 for 4 against 4 abstentions - passed

New Business

New bill dictates that engineering educators need to be professional engineers (PE). It would be problematic. Engineering is not uniformed professional i.e. chemical engineers without PE licenses. This cripples engineering programs. Not a well thought out bill. Need to find out where it is coming from.

Who should we invite for the next meeting? Rudy suggested new vice chancellor.

OSU – pension program legislation needs to have an eye kept on it. Idea for future meetings.

Senate President Bill Harris said he would not take up new legislation during the lame duck session.

Invite Mr. Neff again? Prepare a resolution? To send to house and senate.

OSU – involve K-12 too. Neff could advise us on that.

Try and get Mr. Neff as soon as possible.

Red hair suggested Talking to IUC.

Business of OFC over next couple of years to cultivate relationships within the new government.

OSU – mobilize faculty if draconian cuts in STRS. Need to generate tens of thousands of letters.

UT – make point that STRS is protecting an economic asset to state of Ohio. K through higher ed – STRS is an asset, not a liability. Helps us attract and keep the best and brightest.

YS – we may need to make adjustments in the economic reality.

UT – yes but with sharp knife, not with meat cleaver

First step, talk to Mr. Neff. When should we flex our power? How do we maintain ability to take this action in the face of potential backlash? Would it make us look partisan? Need to be careful.

OSU – resolution of HB365. Grammar issues make us look bad. Asked to give changes to secretary to pass along to Rudy. Given on paper.

Discussion of whether we attach names – roll call vote.

Discussion of upcoming issues: SSI, Chancellor, reducing regulatory environment – like building construction. STRS should be on table, but other things may rise up to supercede it.

OSU – SSI cut 50% rumor or more.

Chair – managed to hold us harmless last budget.

Brian Red Hair – stimulus gone

OSU – cut income taxes

Reports

Steve Duffy Cleveland state
3 dean searches- law education science
One VP, budget is big issue

WSU – Interim deans in College of Science and Math and Lake Campus. Search for new College of Nursing and Health dean to start soon. Collective bargaining has started.

UT – ongoing search for dean of law school and one provost position
Reorganization on hold pending outcome of lawsuit to stop university from going forward. Suspect it will get thrown out. Strike by ASPE averted.

OSU – reexamination of budget model. In light of conversion. Ad hoc committee to reassess budget model. Expects serious rethinking of funding allocation. Faculty and students participate in line item review in Fiscal Committee. Can bring about change.

Frustrated over making campus more sustainable. Energy conservation for example. Now major sustainability plan and VP Ron Seca – appointed as sustainability czar. Should help change.

Belmont Technical College – plans to build health sciences bldg – will check on. Faculty busy with semester conversion. Paula Compton visited about GI promise initiative.

CSU – budget, CSU is in red. President met with faculty and students about furloughing all non faculty employees, a cross the board hiring freeze including contingent faculty, faculty about to go into collective bargaining. Developed strong relationships with law schools. Finished probation status in NCAA and accepted into conference. President wants 90% retention rate.

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NEOUCOM – The second step in the reorganization of the academic administration was announced on November 2nd. One associate dean, one assistant dean and two other administrative positions were eliminated and those responsibilities were consolidated into other offices. Four support staff positions were eliminated and five other positions will not be filled. Because the personnel whose positions were eliminated had a great deal of seniority, the expected shifting of senior civil service personnel is on-going.

The new dean of medicine appears to be very supportive of shared governance with the faculty. The stated purpose of the reorganization is to return control of the curriculum to the faculty. The faculty are supportive of this goal. However, civil service rules and the ensuing bumping of personnel mean that course directors are losing trained support staff. This is extremely disruptive to course management especially as it is occurring in the middle of the semester.

YSU – budget concerns, no major things going on. Next phase of comprehensive strategic plan. Looking at university wide policies – like open enrollment to

OU – planning for budget problems. Furlough procedure in case it is needed – for faculty and staff. Switching to semesters going along. U just come out with enrollment forecast. Early retirement program – teach 1/3 load and get 1/3 salary until 70 adopting for semesters too. Enrollment up and quality of freshman class up too.

BGSU – active dean search for college of technology and active president search. Just became unionized.

UC – new provost has control over all academic matters and fiscal control. President doing good things at state level. Looking for new dean. Three hospitals pulled out causing problems for clinical programs at university.

Any other business?

Adjourned at 1:45.