



The Ohio Faculty Council

Members Present:

University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick [Chair], Wright State University (Dan Krane and Jacqueline Bergdahl [Secretary]), University of Cincinnati (John Cuppoletti), Kent State University (Ralph Lindeman), Youngstown State University (Ken Learman and Chet Cooper), and Central State University (Anthony Milburn).

Members Absent:

Bowling Green State University, Lakeland Community College, Miami University, Shawnee State University, University of Toledo, Ohio University, Belmont College, Ohio State University, Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) and Cleveland State University.

Meeting called to order at 12:34 pm.

Agenda approved.

May minutes approved.

New Business

Regarding honoring John Cuppoletti for his nine years of service. Chair moves for Ohio Faculty Council to honor John Cuppoletti for stalwart service to the council and outstanding dedication to higher education in Ohio. Seconded. Amended to add: Also for his support of Third Frontier, chair of OFC for five years, and making OFC advisory body to Chancellor. And Sage. Text of resolution below:

Whereas, John Cuppoletti has served with distinction on the Ohio Faculty Council for nine years, five of those as chair, and for the last two years as immediate past chair or Sage;

Whereas, among John's notable accomplishments were organizing faculty support for the University System of Ohio and the Third Frontier;

Whereas, John was most instrumental in getting the Ohio Faculty Council's status changed to an official advisory group for the Chancellor and Ohio Board of Regents;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The Ohio Faculty Council commends his stalwart service and outstanding contribution to higher education in the State of Ohio.

Sept and October will probably be dominated by SB 5. WSU suggested getting STRS director in to talk to us again. Ask Petro to visit again. Discussion of other visitors – various legislators. Sara Kilpatrick from AAUP. Stephanie Davidson. Discussion of appropriate vice-chancellors to have for a visit. Information officers from universities. Three year degrees, cut in SSI, tuition caps, enterprise universities.

Call for the vote. Unanimously approved.

Campus Reports

UC – Reported on enterprise universities. Benchmarked themselves over time. Compared to benchmarked institutions – Richard Harknett can provide a draft. UC faculty senate developed report on concept of enterprise us for UC. It has been presented in draft form and will be voted on in June meeting. Secretary requested draft on August 9, 2011 by email. We are expecting a 20% cut if no tuition raise – 14% otherwise.

YSU - Currently in negotiations – not going well. Looking at going to fact finding. See where we go from there. Not much else going on.

KSU- It has been announced that the Board of Trustees has granted KSU President Lester Lefton a \$100,000 bonus. Donald E. "Mack" Hassler, a former OFC representative from Kent, has been appointed interim Dean of the KSU English Department.

CSU – We are in the process of implementing a university college. UC will have associate dean that is already selected without a search – does not have Phd or other credentials. The new figurehead for student advising program also has few credentials. Issue is the common use of interims and then leaving them in place for a long time.

Q – It is not specified that they have to be qualified as faculty members?

CSU – Good question. It is not clear to me. I will double check. Considering amending budget where CSU is named. Waiting to see outcome of that. Currently in collective bargaining. Stopped building on campus.

WSU - Collective bargaining may go to fact finding. There are plans for new buildings: a new \$30 million classroom, \$20 million neuroscience and \$15 million enhancement on engineering. Broke ground on sport medicine complex. Dean of college of nursing search is on going. Administration wants to increase staff salaries.

UA – Things are quiet in Akron. Not in panic mode about budget – expect 10% cut. Expecting sizable enrollment growth. Triggers put in to current contract regarding

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revenues and wages. Looks like will trigger this year and next. Building new dorms – latest public/private ventures. There is currently a long waiting list to get in dorms.

Move to adjourn 1:36.