



## The Ohio Faculty Council

### Members Present:

Wright State University (Dan Krane [Chair]), Youngstown State University (Chet Cooper [Vice Chair]), Bowling Green State University (Joel O'Dorislo), Central State University (Anthony Milburn), Kent State University (Paul Farrell), Northeast Ohio Medical University (Fred Eruo), University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick [Past Chair]), and University of Cincinnati (Andrienne Lane)

### Members Absent:

Cleveland State University, Miami University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Shawnee State University, and University of Toledo

### Guest:

Bruce Johnson, President of the Inter University Council (IUC) [arrived at 1:30 PM]

Chair Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:30 PM on March 14, 2014. The meeting began in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the Ohio Board of Regents building (25 South Front Street, □ Columbus, Ohio).

The meeting's agenda was approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

The minutes of the February 14, 2014 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

### Old Business

Dan presented a draft of a white paper on related to the items being considered by the Budget Priority Committee. Those present, after reviewing the document, approved that it be posted to the OFC web page.

Dan provided an update on the OFC's response to the "Prior Learning Assessment with a Purpose". Member institutions will have the opportunity to comment on the response document prior to its consideration at the next OFC meeting.

### **New Business**

A draft of an OFC white paper on Quality and Value in Higher Education had been previously distributed electronically. Copies were made available to those at the meeting. Information regarding this supposed collaborative effort can be found at the following URL: <https://www.ohiohighered.org/quality-and-value>. This collaborative committee, headed by Gordon Gee, was to include faculty representation. However, Dan reported that there is confusion if a working group actually exists. Clearly, the OFC has not been asked to participate and there is no direct faculty input. In an effort to have some input by the OFC, Dan formulated the white paper and asked for comments based upon some talking points he presented. Discussion and input were provided members present. Dan will draft a final document for further consideration at the next OFC meeting

Bruce Johnson was introduced. He discussed the following items:

- The procedure and possible principles to be the outcome of the Quality and Value process.
- The possible impact of HB 472 on increased faculty workload.
- STRS developments and pension reform plan. In particular, he noted that unfunded liabilities will now show at each institution rather than solely at STRS. This has a potential impact on bond ratings. In addition, this may result in potential increased contributions by those with defined benefit plans.

A brief question and answer period followed each of Mr. Johnson's comments.

### **Campus Reports**

By consent of the members present, the following campus reports were submitted following the conclusion of today's meeting:

#### Bowling Green State University (Joel O'Dorislo)

- No report submitted

#### Northeast Ohio Medical University (Fred Eruo)

- No report submitted

#### Kent State University (Paul Farrell)

- No report submitted

#### Youngstown State University (Chet Cooper)

- Simultaneous searches for both the Provost and President are underway. A resolution by the Academic Senate to include faculty and students on the Presidential Search Committee was wholly ignored.

#### Central State University (Anthony Milburn)

- No report submitted

#### University of Cincinnati (Adrienne Lane)

- UC Faculty have come to agreement on the AAUP contract. 94% of faculty voted for ratification. The contract will go to Board of Trustees next week.

- Two open searches are active: one for an Enterprise Risk Management Executive and the other for a Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School.
- Faculty Senate passed a resolution in most recent Senate meeting to relative to HB 472 Section 733.40. UC Faculty are not supportive of workload changes driven by entities outside of the university.
- UC Faculty are most interested in faculty and non-faculty role and ownership in courses offered online. A faculty elearning best practices taskforce has been initiated; a report is expected in Fall 2014.

Wright State University (Dan Krane)

- WSU's Faculty Senate will be considering a resolution opposing the language in House Bill 472 that suggests a 10% increase in teaching, advising and service.
- The WSU administration approved a policy that would guide the process by which natural areas on the Main Campus (approximately 200 acres of woods that are used for teaching and research) would be evaluated for possible development purposes. Faculty would play an important role in the process. Discussions are underway with Faculty about the establishment of conservation easements that would put indefinite restrictions on the use of more than 100 acres.

University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick)

- The Administration's proposed budget for next year calls for nearly \$15 million in cuts, with \$9.1 million to come from the academic core of the university and \$5.7 million from administration.

The next meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council will be on Friday, April 12, 2014 at 12:30 PM in the OBOR Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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