



THE OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL

Members Present:

Wright State University (Dan Krane [Chair], Carol Loranger [by phone]), Youngstown State University (Chet Cooper [Vice Chair] [by phone]), Bowling Green State University (Lori Liggett, Rachelle Hipler [by phone]), Central State University (Anthony Milburn), Cleveland State University (Nigamanth Sridhar [by phone]), Kent State University (Lee Fox, Deborah Smith), Northeast Ohio Medical University (Fayez Safadi, Amy Lee), Ohio State University (Ben Givens), Ohio University (John McLaughlin, Beth Quitsland), Shawnee State University (Mike Barnhart, Mich Nynwaw), University of Akron (Bill Rich [by phone]), University of Cincinnati (Sally Moomaw), and University of Toledo (Linda Rouillard, Amy Thompson)

Members Absent: Miami University

Guests: David Jackson (Bowling Green State University), John McNay (President, OH-AAUP), Sara Kilpatrick (Executive Director, OH-AAUP), Ohio State Representative Rick Perales, Andy Swaim (aid to Representative Perales), Larisa Harper (Director of College Credit Plus, ODHE).

Chair Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:30 PM on February 10, 2017. The meeting was held in the 7th floor conference room of the Ohio Department of Higher Education building (25 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio).

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

The minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

Old Business

College Credit Plus: Larisa Harper from the Ohio Department of Higher Education attended the meeting and entertained questions and input regarding the College Credit Plus program. OFC members presented their concerns – particularly in regard to: 1) the advantages of limiting CC+ to courses for which there were state-approved learning objectives (e.g. TAG courses/GenEd courses) that would help students earn a degree at any public university in Ohio, and 2) the need to enforce the requirement that students demonstrate that they are “college-ready” through testing. Concern was also raised that ODHE had issued a directive finding that state universities needed to pay for CC+ students to take the ACT to demonstrate college-readiness. Ms. Harper noted that the Department's goals were to ensure that the program possessed clarity of purpose, consistency of its components, and continuous improvement in quality and delivery.

New Business

Metrics of Quality for ODHE Efficiency Reports: There is an opportunity for the OFC to make recommendations regarding changes to the guidance document that ODHE will be releasing for the 2016-17 Efficiency and Affordability reports for each of the two- and four-year public institutions in Ohio. The OFC has previously endorsed an op-ed that suggested that metrics of quality be included in the guidance document. Those metrics include: fraction classes/credit hours taught by full-time faculty, ratio of full-time to adjunct faculty, course completion rate,

graduation rate (for students within four-point windows of incoming ACT scores and also for non-traditional/continuing education students), fraction of graduates going on to graduate/professional school, and fraction of graduates with experiential learning as part of their degree program. An objective basis of comparison of energy efficiency between institutions (e.g. mmBtu/square foot) would be helpful for that portion of the reports as well.

Nominations for OFC Officers: The nomination period for OFC officers was opened and will close as part of old business at the March meeting of the OFC.

State Legislative Matters: Representative Perales joined the meeting and introduced himself. He described his role as chair of the House Finance committee's subcommittee on Higher Education. He discussed the legislative process and priorities in addition to inviting OFC members to attend his listening tour across the state in the next few weeks. A very productive discussion then followed between Representative Perales and OFC members regarding various issues of common concern in higher education. It was agreed that the conversation was positive in nature and needed to continue.

Campus Reports

By consent of the members present, campus reports were to be submitted electronically for inclusion in these minutes. The following were received.

Ohio University: 1. Our Presidential Search is wrapping up and the lucky winner is Dr. Duane Nellis, most recently president of Texas Tech. Dr. Nellis spent much of his career as a faculty member/ chair at Kansas State, served for 7 years as Dean of A&S at West Virginia, and then returned to K-State for five years as provost. He was the strong consensus favorite of the faculty. We had an unusually open search that included public open forums and small-group interviews with our Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Individual Trustees contacted approximately 50 individuals on campus, including the 8 members of our Executive Committee, for phone conversations that lasted from 30-90 minutes. I'm told that at the meeting at which they made their decision, each Trustee reported on each phone call they made. The lesson from Athens is that it's worth pushing to be heard and, sometimes, they do listen.

2. On February 1, 70 of our students were arrested during a peaceful protest in our student center. The sit-in followed a demonstration in opposition to President Trump's Executive Order on Immigration. The students had three demands: 1. Making "immigration status" a protected category under the University's harassment policy; 2. Declaring Ohio University a "sanctuary campus"; and 3. A declaration that "conceal carry" would not be allowed on our campus. Despite resolutions from Faculty Senate, Graduate Student Senate, and Student Senate asking the University to recommend the charges be dropped, the University has refused to do so and we are pessimistic about this occurring. Faculty are particularly upset that no representative from our administration attempted to visit and speak with the students before the police began to arrest students.

Wright State University: WSU concluded its Presidential candidate visits on Thursday, February 9th. Three academic deans: College of Nursing and Health, College of Liberal Arts, and Raj Sooin College of Business, are leaving or have left for other opportunities. Currently an interim dean has been identified for Nursing. The other two colleges no decision has been made and the imminent end to our presidential search may impact the speed with which decisions about those colleges' leadership will be made. Candidate visits for the VP for International Education are about to commence. No word as yet as to how the current budget remediation will affect AY 2017-18 staffing or programs.

Adjournment

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It was moved and seconded that the current meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved. The next meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council will be on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM in the Ohio Department of Higher Education building (25 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CR Cooper, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Chester R. Cooper, Jr., Ph.D.
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Vice Chair, Ohio Faculty Council
Chair, Academic Senate, Youngstown State University