

Ohio Faculty Council Meeting Minutes Draft May 12, 2017



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Dan Krane called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Those in attendance were Dan Krane (Wright State), Travis Doom (Wright State), Andrew Feight (Shawnee State), Kyle Vick (Shawnee State), Michael Barnhart (Shawnee State), Lee Fox (Kent State University), Matt Ides (OEA), Fayez Safadi (NEOMED), Amy Lee (NEOMED), Tracy Herrmann (University of Cincinnati), Anthony Milburn (Central State), Mekki Bayachou (Cleveland State), Linda Rouillard (University of Toledo), and those participating via web conference were Bill Rich (University of Akron), Chet Cooper (Youngstown State University), and Ken Learman (Youngstown State University).

APPROVE AGENDA: The agenda was approved as distributed.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE April 14, 2017 OFC MEETING (available at <https://www.ohiofacultycouncil.org/sites/ohiofacultycouncil.wright.edu/files/page/attachments/OFC-minutes-2017-April.pdf>): Minutes were approved with a correction to add Anthony Milburn to the list of those in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill 6 ratios and SSI formula (Jim Bennett, CFO ODHE; Dan Krane): Longitudinal data was discussed. Dan reviewed trends and *recommended that OFC members discuss these with their institution's CFO*. He then welcomed our guest Jim Bennett, CFO of the ODHE. Jim explained that SB6 from the 127th General Assembly established financial accountability standards that included the annual reporting of data that is used to determine the financial health of state institutions of higher education. For example, that data provided for an examination of Central State's financial viability and reporting mechanisms allowed for early intervention. A fiscal watch is implemented when an institution's composite SB6 score is below 1.75 for 2 years. Owens and Central State were put on watch in 2015 and a financial mediation plan was required. Institutions on fiscal watch must have a SB6 score of at least 2.4 to come off fiscal watch. Both institutions were released in April 2017. The SB6 process involves submission of financial statements from institutions by June 30 and a December calculation of the SB6 scores. Dan suggested that institutions want to be in the middle of the pack, healthy and sound with reserves but with strategic spending on initiatives. Wright State's trends were discussed as they dropped from the middle of pack in the past two years for which data was available, 2015 and 2016. Numbers are helpful but must be carefully interpreted by considering trends and placing these within the context of the university. Expendable net assets are the most important as they allow institutions time to make good decisions in the face of adversity and allow for strategic initiatives. Concerns regarding the declining enrollment at Shawnee and Owens were discussed. Jim explained that the 37 public institutions have great variability in mission and student body, a strong history of local control, and decisions made by Board of Trustees. Comparisons of selective admission and open access colleges were considered including the potential disparities

between institutions (i.e. OSU as a profitable institution) and the differing needs of open admission students and their colleges.

Changes in formula for SSI: Jim Bennett discussed changes to the formula for SSI from an enrollment based funding formula to a performance based funding formula (i.e. 50% awarded for degree completions, 30% awarded for course, and 20% based upon medical/doctoral enrollments). Four at-risk categories (age, race, income, academic preparation) are also included within those percentages for SSI. These consider how many students were at-risk and provide bonus for colleges with students at-risk who have completed courses and graduated. The risk categories are intended to reward institutions who are successful at supporting at-risk students and as a result selective institutions tend to not get much of the at-risk student bonus. The bonus funding was most recently \$161 million and after the meeting Jim provided the attached table with a break down of amounts to each student. College credit plus students are treated as any other student. The Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) information is available on the web at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/ocog>. From FY13 to FY16 OCOG funding has decreased. Dan inquired as to whether it would be feasible to consider awarding OCOG grants for a 4 year period vs. a 1 year period. Jim explained that this would be a challenge and would bind the future assembly to a 4 year period (i.e. an increased number). A workgroup up came with the recommendation to provide 2:1 private to public (FY13/14) OCOG funding levels. Members of OFC expressed concerns regarding the message this sends about the quality of public higher education vs. private (i.e. charter school analogy).

SUMMARY OF AT-RISK STUDENT EARNINGS WITHIN THE FY 2017 STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION (SSI) FUNDING FORMULA, BY SECTOR AND INSTITUTION				
4-YEAR SECTOR	Course Completion At-Risk Earnings	Resident Degree Credit At-Risk Earnings	Non Resident Degree Credit At-Risk Earnings	
AKRON	\$ 1,106,892	\$ 8,393,605	\$ 41,040	
BOWLING GREEN	\$ 775,681	\$ 5,064,186	\$ 51,658	
CINCINNATI	\$ 1,356,023	\$ 7,968,667	\$ 192,806	
CLEVELAND STATE	\$ 743,823	\$ 5,935,971	\$ 95,021	
CENTRAL STATE	\$ 96,606	\$ 1,503,241	\$ 48,354	
KENT STATE	\$ 2,401,110	\$ 15,024,655	\$ 238,045	
MIAMI	\$ 750,457	\$ 3,098,165	\$ 16,565	
NEOMED	\$ 1,098	\$ 11,404	\$ -	
OHIO STATE	\$ 1,880,181	\$ 10,352,425	\$ 100,063	
OHIO UNIV	\$ 1,419,156	\$ 9,012,325	\$ 188,242	
SHAWNEE STATE	\$ 308,072	\$ 1,222,645	\$ 4,875	
TOLEDO	\$ 732,726	\$ 5,081,619	\$ 132,042	
WRIGHT STATE	\$ 795,387	\$ 4,911,513	\$ 32,241	
YOUNGSTOWN STATE	\$ 728,624	\$ 4,421,699	\$ 90,608	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 13,095,836	\$ 82,002,118	\$ 1,231,561	
2-YEAR SECTOR	Course Completion At-Risk Earnings	Associate Degree At-Risk Earnings	Certificate At-Risk Earnings	Transfer At-Risk Earnings
BELMONT TECH	\$ 254,485	\$ 548,045	\$ 24,506	\$ 42,980
CENTRAL OHIO	\$ 748,729	\$ 1,366,585	\$ 67,080	\$ 153,672
CINCINNATI STATE	\$ 1,630,847	\$ 2,191,529	\$ 127,178	\$ 513,648
CLARK STATE	\$ 739,467	\$ 899,255	\$ 127,880	\$ 137,412
COLUMBUS STATE	\$ 3,649,994	\$ 4,026,737	\$ 559,317	\$ 1,321,790
CUYAHOGA	\$ 3,696,691	\$ 4,629,623	\$ 246,829	\$ 1,303,596
EASTERN GATEWAY	\$ 424,101	\$ 402,635	\$ 87,622	\$ 72,085
EDISON STATE	\$ 338,186	\$ 768,696	\$ 61,067	\$ 85,134
HOCKING	\$ 716,341	\$ 1,077,127	\$ 42,833	\$ 141,740
JAMES RHODES STATE	\$ 522,316	\$ 838,924	\$ 53,048	\$ 93,170
LAKELAND	\$ 823,570	\$ 1,012,082	\$ 22,681	\$ 334,146
LORAIN COUNTY	\$ 1,451,100	\$ 1,452,378	\$ 119,535	\$ 506,692
MARION TECH	\$ 354,798	\$ 568,532	\$ 26,481	\$ 81,382
NORTH CENTRAL	\$ 367,583	\$ 582,949	\$ 14,839	\$ 100,850
NORTHWEST STATE	\$ 585,382	\$ 624,263	\$ 99,172	\$ 63,188
OWENS STATE	\$ 1,657,415	\$ 2,537,402	\$ 58,186	\$ 398,103
RIO GRANDE	\$ 330,063	\$ 412,701	\$ -	\$ 72,302
SINCLAIR	\$ 2,648,894	\$ 2,899,814	\$ 182,717	\$ 639,521
SOUTHERN STATE	\$ 348,815	\$ 556,344	\$ 43,098	\$ 108,270
STARK STATE	\$ 1,589,445	\$ 2,354,022	\$ 187,168	\$ 399,733
TERRA STATE	\$ 343,149	\$ 476,227	\$ 15,991	\$ 62,753
WASHINGTON STATE	\$ 238,765	\$ 360,509	\$ 34,811	\$ 39,522
ZANE STATE	\$ 381,441	\$ 833,625	\$ 41,840	\$ 113,910
SUBTOTAL	\$ 23,841,577	\$ 31,420,003	\$ 2,243,879	\$ 6,785,601
STATEWIDE TOTAL AT-RISK SSI EARNINGS	\$ 160,620,576			

Metrics of Quality for ODHE Efficiency Reports (Jim Bennett, CFO ODHE)

<https://www.ohiofacultycouncil.org/sites/ohiofacultycouncil.wright.edu/files/page/attachments/L>

[etter-March-2017.pdf](#)): The legislation that established an efficiency advisory committee for the state system of higher education will transition from temporary to permanent law this year. The Governor's Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency will be suggesting changes to the affordability and efficiency reports prepared by each public institution of higher education (IHE) in Ohio. ODHE will work with those recommendations to modify the template/guidance document that it provides to each institution. Jim said that the OFC's recommendations regarding changes to the reporting guidelines were welcome (especially the suggestion that energy efficiency be reported in accordance with guidelines set out in HB 251) but that it would be better if they were communicated directly to the Governor's Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency (Dan said that he would get those messages delivered).

Ohio Faculty Congress Update: An initial meeting of the Ohio Faculty Congress is being planned as a retreat of faculty leaders from all public two-year and four-year institutions in Ohio. This group will consider establishing a permanent organization that would be able to speak on behalf of all faculty at public IHEs across the state. Representative Rick Perales (Chair of the House Finance subcommittee on Higher Education) is making arrangements for the retreat to begin at the Statehouse and will be sponsoring the event. Rep. Mike Duffey (Chair of the House committee on Education and Workforce Development) and Senator Randy Gardner (Chair of the Senate Finance subcommittee on Higher Education) have agreed to participate. Possible meeting dates were discussed and these were narrowed down to July 28, July 31, August 4 and August 18. The date should be set before the June OFC meeting. Dan asked that OFC members get him the name and address of two faculty leaders from their institution who should be invited to the retreat.

Discussion of Potential OFC Member Institutions Dues: The group discussed the possibility of institutional membership dues for the OFC as this would provide the group with funding to support initiatives such as the dinner for our commercialization award winner, the webpage, and creation of materials to promote OFC. Institutions represented on the Ohio Faculty Senate of Community and Technical Colleges are asked to make voluntary contributions to support that organization (largely in the form of release time for the organization's chair) each year. Five to seven OFSCTC institutions regularly contribute \$250 to \$1,500 each year to a separate account maintained through the business office of the institution of the OFSCTC chair.

NEW BUSINESS

Technology Commercialization Award (<http://ohiofacultycouncil.org/technology-commercialization-award>): Dan reported that the Technology Commercialization Award has gotten good mileage in House testimony as it applies to ideas for developing Ohio's economy. All OFC members were copied on a message to their Provost and/or VP for Research that included an invitation for nominations a week and a half ago. Dan asked that *OFC members follow up with an email or speak to their Provost or President or VP for Research in order to get their support for a nominee*. The deadline for nominations to be received is August 28. There is no cost to nominate. However, the institution may be asked for support later if one of their nominees chooses to attend the award dinner. The need to assure that the House knows that commercialization is already recognized in RPT processes was discussed.

Legislative Update on HB 49 (<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-66>): HB 49 includes requirements for faculty to disclose perks from textbook publishers (e.g. free textbooks/desk copies, payment). The amendment would require all faculty at two and four year institutions involved in the assignment of textbooks (i.e. all faculty) to file a disclosure with the ethics commission and pay a \$35 filing fee. Dan worked with Rep. Duffey on a proposed amendment; however, the proposed amendment did not make the final cut because there were over 2000 changes to the bill. Dan recommended that we give an alternative that allows for withdraw of the original language and a substitution. The clause is intended to accomplish two things—reduction in textbook costs and increased faculty awareness of textbook costs. A draft resolution was discussed and revisions were suggested.

Dan suggested a white paper for next November regarding ways to resolve the rising cost of textbooks. The resolution (<https://www.ohiofacultyCouncil.org/sites/ohiofacultyCouncil.wright.edu/files/page/attachments/OptOutTextbooks.pdf>) was adopted by OFC members in person and online. Dan will send to interested parties including Reps Duffey and Perales and Senator Gardner.

HB49 does not support an increase in SSI. IUC has asked the house to consider removal of caps on tuition increases. Previous tuition caps have been coupled with increases in SSI. The consensus of those present was that the OFC prefers an SSI increase. However, if this is not possible then the OFC supports eliminating the tuition caps. Dan will distribute copy of his written testimony

(<https://www.ohiofacultyCouncil.org/sites/ohiofacultyCouncil.wright.edu/files/page/attachments/HB49OFCtestimony.pdf>) in advance for comment.

Legislative Update on HB 66 (<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-66>): HB 66 requires all faculty to teach three undergraduate credits every term with up to 20% exempted. This is problematic for many reasons (e.g. NEOMED, research, law schools). A resolution (<https://www.ohiofacultyCouncil.org/sites/ohiofacultyCouncil.wright.edu/files/page/attachments/FacultyWorkAssignments.pdf>) was discussed and will be distributed by Dan for email discussion and approval.

CAMPUS REPORTS:

Cleveland State: Nigamath Sridhar (Faculty Chair and OFC member) has been named as a Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

Wright State: The new Interim President is Curtis McCray. Bob Fyffe, VP of Research, will be retiring in the fall. The Board of Trustees has put AAUP contract negotiations on hold.

University of Toledo: There has been a voluntary separation incentive program where those who retire can separate with 50% of next year's pay. This incentive is intended to help with the budget shortfall.

Shawnee State: There is an opening for the Dean of Arts and Sciences and University College. There has been a change in Senate leadership with Kyle Vick taking Mike Barnhart. The new President is Mark Scott.

University of Cincinnati: The new President of the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Neville Pinto, has assembled a search committee for the next Provost. The committee will be active over the summer. The University is also seeking three new deans: Engineering, Law, and UC Blue Ash.

At the request of Senate, three committees composed of faculty, administrators, and AAUP representatives, are working on policies to resolve several important issues:

1. Policy on ownership of course materials, raised when it was discovered that students were selling course materials
2. Policy delineating who has access to courses via the learning management system (Blackboard), raised when faculty found that staff were observing their courses without their knowledge (advisors, course designers, etc.)
3. Implementation of the report from a Senate eLearning Task Force, which is now part of the collective bargaining agreement.

The next OFC meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 9, 2017. Let Dan know if there are important topics to warrant holding this meeting in person. A web conference meeting may be considered. Dan will keep us abreast of legislative activity via email. Our likely next meeting will be at the Ohio Faculty Congress retreat in July or August. Next year's OFC meeting dates are on OFC's web page. Be sure to mark your calendar.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Tracy Herrmann