



The Ohio Faculty Council

Members Present:

Dan Krane (Wright State), Ed Dauterich (Kent State), Sally Moomaw (University of Cincinnati), Marc Scott and Marc Scott (Shawnee State), Ben Givens and Mike Hogan (Ohio State University), Michael Kalafatis and Vickie Gallagher (Cleveland State University) and Those participating via web conference:

Amy Flick (Youngstown State University), Amy Lee (NEOMED), Lori Liggett (Bowling Green State University), Bill Rich and Leeann Shcaeffler (University of Akron), Lori Liggett (Bowling Green State University), Beth Quitslund (Ohio University), and Amy Thompson (University of Toledo)

Members Absent:

Miami University

Guests:

John Carey, Chancellor, ODHE
Charles See, Associate Chancellor, ODHE
Dan Palmer, President, Ohio Student Government Association (OSGA)
Sara Kilpatrick, Ohio AAUP

Chair, Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:30 PM on November 13, 2017. The meeting was held in the 7th floor conference room of the Ohio Board of Regents building (25 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

New Business

Charles See discussed new possibilities for funding being offered through the ODHE relative to commercialization and technology, which included a supplemental funding opportunity and the Ohio Innovation Exchange, which "is a new initiative developed jointly by four major Ohio universities – Case Western Reserve University, Ohio University, The Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati – with sponsorship from the Ohio Department of Higher Education and accompanied by strong industry support through the Ohio Manufacturing Institute."

Chancellor Carey presented the Ohio Faculty Council Technology Commercialization Award to

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Dr. Jason Heikenfeld from the University of Cincinnati and to runner up Dr. Amit Sheth from Wright State University. Drs. Sheth and Heikenfeld gave brief presentations about their technology commercialization efforts and their impact on the state's economy and their students.

Dan Krane noted the high quality of the nominations this year and asked that OFC members continue to encourage nominations in the future. He also noted that there were opportunities to develop smaller awards to recognize other categories. Some suggestions made were social impact, undergraduate teaching, creative endeavors, and professor of the year for an individual who excelled at teaching, research and service. This is a conversation we will continue in December.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the October meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

Ohio Student Government Association (Daniel Palmer)

Mr. Palmer discussed a petition being circulated to support House Bill 337, which would exempt textbooks from sales tax.

Old Business

HB337 (State Sales Tax Exemption for Textbook Sales, Dan Krane)

Please encourage your institutions to support a resolution in support of this, similar to the draft circulated at the October OFC meeting if you have not done so already. Both Faculty Senate and Council will be discussing this in February. That will provide an opportunity for a resolution from The Ohio Faculty Congress.

HB 66 status and Interested Party Testimony (Dan Krane)

The new version of the bill establishes a committee to review and evaluate how undergraduate education is enhanced through tenured faculty. Bruce Johnson testified as an interested party because this affects the requirements being placed upon state institutions. He also contended that there are not enough faculty to do the work to be done. An amendment to the bill was made that would have the Chair of the OFC (or their designee) be on this study committee.

HB 363 (Campus Free Speech, Sara Kilpatrick)

From the bill: "No state institution of higher education shall require any student to pay any student activity fee as a condition to graduate or earn a degree from that institution. Additionally, no state institution shall collect a student activity fee from a student, unless that student chooses to pay the fee in accordance with division (C) (2) of this section." This bill does not seem to have the support in the Senate. The OFC will monitor IUC activity on this bill but will not plan on taking direct action at this time.

Textbook Affordability

Dan Krane discussed a \$1.3M OER grant to North Central State community college (along with Ohio State and Ohio Dominican) that would develop Open Education Resources (OERs) for high enrollment, entry level courses taught at Ohio's institutions of higher education. The proposed work is consistent with the OER initiative in the October OFC resolution on textbook affordability and still leaves open a possibility of a foundation such as Lumina providing funds that could be used as part of a program administered by the OFC. Information on the North

Central State grant can be found
here: https://www.ohiohighered.org/press/department_higher_education_announces_innovation_program_awards_0

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

- No report submitted

Cleveland State University

- No report submitted

Northeast Ohio Medical University

- No report submitted

Kent State University

- No report submitted

Youngstown State University

- No report submitted

Central State University

- No report submitted

Shawnee State University

- No report submitted

University of Cincinnati

- No report submitted

Wright State University

- The administration anticipates that the University's Senate Bill 6 score for 2017 will be 0.8. It is also planning on having a surplus of \$6M for 2018 and is working aggressively toward having a Senate Bill 6 score above 1.75 so as to not be placed on fiscal watch. Faculty Contract negotiations have been at a stand still since March.
- A professional negotiator hired by the administration has suggested that the Board of Trustees would like to re-open negotiations on what had been agreed upon non-economic issues so as to "increase flexibility." Fact finding is scheduled to take place in January and February. The faculty union membership has approved of a policy that would allow the union executive committee to call a strike.

University of Akron

- No report submitted

Ohio University

- No report submitted

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University of Toledo

- No report submitted

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Flick
OFC Secretary
Youngstown State University