

May 10—Ohio Faculty Council

In Person: Ben Givens (OSU), David Jackson and Lori Liggett (BGSU), Dan Krane (Wright State), Greg Loving and Cynthia Ris (U Cincinnati), Laura Luehrmann (Wright State), Joe McLaughlin (Ohio U), Anthony Milburn (Central State), Linda Saliga (U of Akron), Marc Scott and Kyle Vick (Shawnee State)

Online: Bill Bowen (Cleveland State); Amy Lee (NEOMED); Leann Schaeffer (U of Akron)

Also in Attendance: Terry Filicko (Ohio Faculty Senate); Mike Duffey (Sr Vice Chancellor); Mike Suver (Inter-University Council/Vice President of Government Relations); David Cummins (Vice Chancellor of Finance and Data Management, Ohio Department of Higher Ed), Lauren Jones (JEOC)

Absent: Kent State; Miami U; U of Toledo; Youngstown State U

APPROVE AGENDA—approved

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 12, 2019 OFC MEETING—approved

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

ODHE PRIORITIES (Sr. Vice Chancellor Mike Duffey)

Updates:

- Close monitoring of state budget; House worked on the introduced budget longer than it has in the recent past and Senate began hearings even before it left the House
- Western Governors University’s eligibility for OCOG support didn’t get restored in omnibus—WGU will be lobbying about this in the Senate
- Community college side: Eastern Gateway CC w/online program has been able to tap into SSI / \$1million (possible growth to \$3m or more) Ohio Assoc of CC asked for the budget to specifically not allow SSI to be allocated for online out-of-state students and the House made that change
- House did not cut higher ed funding levels and included modest increases due to earmarks relative to the Governor’s proposed budget; current revenues are ahead of estimates
- ODHE is interested in efforts to improve financial literacy and FAFSA completion rates (especially for Pell-eligible students); there is room for improvement in communicating the true costs of college education and what constitutes an economically reasonable (“normal”) amount of debt
- Q: What would authorization look like for differential tuition?
 - A: Chancellor would be able to do this; primarily for Engineering, Business; not heard about drafting yet; it would be degree based after major declared and attached to tuition guarantee model. Institutions have been functionally fulfilling mission through special fees, but these are less transparent. Some programs would like to grow but don’t have money to build and allowing them to charge more for tuition might both allow them to assert quality and invest in expansion.

- Q: What about those who take gen ed courses at lower tuition rate and then switch Jr year for higher tuition? Also Pell-eligible and other students may choose to not pursue certain majors because of higher costs of tuition.
 - A: Studies suggest that discounting occurs at such a high level that student with financial need pay a very low rate which is supported by those who can afford to attend without a discount – but, communicating that to financially challenged students will be an important consideration.
- Q about “Faculty-friendly” amendments proposed by Rep. Perales
 - A: ODHE has no formal position; nothing conflicting & supportive in informal way; will check if can be in a formal way. Recommendations all seem useful. E.g., OSU prof won Japan award and donated back to university; want examples like this before the General Assembly.
- Q about trustee training
 - A: Discussions are underway to make the November Trustees conference better attended and more worthwhile – Chancellor and Governor might attend to demonstrate importance. On-boarding of new trustees could be done in conjunction with this annual conference.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Mike Suver, IUC) Vice President of Government Relations

- Tracking SSI / OCOG
- SSI: Based on course completions and degree completions is generally what’s used (after degree completed)
- Other factors include at-risk factors
- If out-of-state but remain in Ohio for at least 1 year shall be weighted by a factor of 50%; (based on the average of the past three years for those who stayed in state). Total # degrees and courses are factored in.
- WGU has not been getting SSI at all—it is considered to be a private for-profit institution; only gets scholarships (OCOG, War Orphans, National Guard). No capital or operating funds. We (IUC) can provide competency-based education programs in our 4-year institutions. Recognition expires Dec 31, 2019. Language will cover others like WGU.
- Budget looks different than under Kasich—more sympathetic to needs of students and institution. SSI: 1% each year; requesting additional funding of 1% to take up to 2% more like rate of inflation to \$41m. Still \$1580 below state funding; \$628m just to average.
- OCOG grant \$119m; \$145m second fiscal year; half of 2008 which was \$220m. Approx 21% increase each.
- Overall good budget—House bill does limit tuition increases to not more than 2% in each year.
 - Exceptions to fees including for mental health and substance abuse services. No limitation on amount for this fee. Intended to support or existing services
 - Senate seems more willing to put money behind these programs and less enthusiastic about paying for them with student fees
- Q: Fees subject to Chancellor’s approval?
 - A: Blanket authority to assess and prohibit if not in best interest of students.
- Q: If colleges kept costs low 10 years ago, may need to increase over 2%--is this in place?

- A: Not the way it's written; Tuition Guarantee Program—BoT may increase up to 6% for cohort; if more, BoT shall submit request to Chancellor who can approve or disapprove. May increase up to 1 time; sum of avg rate of inflation + cap set in temp section which is now 2%. For incoming cohort, actually 3.5% though public view is 2%. If after 2013 BoT determines that costs have fallen “significantly lower” than other state institutions, may ask for increase to Chancellor.
- This bill allows 2 plus 2; Tuition Guarantee lets you have tuition increase and that's frozen; could be good or bad, it's 3.5% over 4 year period. Good if it was 0, but not necessarily with 2% each year. Increase tuition if rate has fallen below others, then can ask for increase Tuition Guarantee Program

DAVID CUMMINS Vice-Chancellor of Finance and Data Management (leaving June 30)

SENATE BILL 6 SCORES

Spreadsheets—Discuss with home administrators

- SB6 Maximum score 5; possible to get 0; threshold for being placed on fiscal watch is 1.75 for two years or 0.8 for one year
- Composite scores have held steady or gone up for selective admissions; Overall SB 6 score is influenced largely by the size of an institution's cash reserves
- Less selective institutions have not fared as well in regard to overall SB 6 scores over the past ten years
- Website data on financial data: It is important for institutions (and faculty leaders) to keep an eye on changes in total net assets – problems arise when expenses exceed revenues and that should not be allowed to occur for multiple consecutive years

Q: For purposes of SSI—Is course completion or degree completion considered differently for in-state vs out-of-state students?

A: For four year institutions the calculation for SSI is based solely on in-state students.

Change to minutes—

- In OSU Report—Provost / President switch
- Central state: Teams meeting for negotiations prep
- Lori Ligett (two ts)

Visits to Institutions:

Chancellor and/or Sr. Vice Chancellor has been to faculty senate meetings at both Cleveland State and Ohio State

Want dates for FS Meetings so they can meet with group of faculty—new way of doing things.

Send dates to Dan Krane

McGraw Hill:

Is anyone else interested in course that hadn't been inclusive access but switching to it, or sections were some in and others not to consider change between different sections depending on inclusive access (including previous years if data available)

OLD BUSINESS

EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATORS (Bill Bowen and Marc Scott)

ASSESSMENT OF OUTCOMES (Kyle Vick)

Need range of input; 8 of 12;

ATTRACTING, DEVELOPING AND RETAINING HIGH-QUALITY FACULTY (Dan Krane)

Did talk about this.

TRUSTEE ORIENTATION (Dan Krane)

Need to start reminding ODHE that OFC wants to do this in November.

NEW BUSINESS

WESTERN GOVERNORS

- If there is a concern about competency-based education, more effort in our own institutions; Is there someone who is the champion for competency-based education?
- Ohio Faculty Council perhaps can have sub-groups on state-level activity to work over summer on recommendations to improve competency-based online education to fill niche that Western Governors is trying to fill.
- This could be an opportunity to draw attention to legislators that faculty are able and willing to solve problems such as competency based education.

CAMPUS FREE SPEECH FORUM, JUNE 11 (no OFC meeting on June 14)

Bruce Johnson testified on behalf of the IUC regarding HB 88 this week

MEETING DATES FOR 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR (pasted below)

No meeting on Friday June 14th

Future meetings:

July 12th

Aug 9

Sept 13

Oct 11

Nov 8

Dec 13

Jan 10

Feb 14

Mar 13

Ap 10

May 8

June 12

CAMPUS REPORTS (two to three minute summaries of news that would be of general interest to faculty across the state such as changes in top administrative positions and contract negotiations)

U Akron: No longer has a Provost: Executive Vice-President, Chief Administrative Office and Chief Academic Office

UC: Contact negotiations; 3 days a week; 2% raise but gutting health care; put own health care on table—taken up; 2% pay raise still up

Wright State contract officially ratified

Bowling Green contract ratified