



The Ohio Faculty Council

Present: Fenwick (UA); Bourguet (NEOUCOM); Roxburgh (KSU); Cooper (YSU); Bernhard (BGSU); Cuppoletti (UC); Sudkamp (WSU); Ingram, Lopez (OU)

OFC was called to order at 12:30.

Guest: Vice Chancellor Barbara Gellman-Danley

The Vice Chancellor outlined the priorities in her philosophy of education.

1. Focus on the learner.
2. Quality control for teaching and learning (consistent expectations throughout the curriculum).
3. Alignment with accreditation agencies.
4. Alignment of programs with career opportunities.
5. Influence on pre-k through year 16 and college requirements.
6. Recognition of the adult learner.
7. Integration of technology into teaching-learning- as appropriate (technology must be responsive to the skill sets of learners).
8. Ability to change and be flexible- find contexts to make knowledge useful in the real world.
9. Oversight of part time and graduate assistants to make sure teaching and learning is high quality.
10. Creating “learner friendly” master schedule.
11. Academic advising (faculty should be involved).
12. Retention is faculty driven. Retention is determined by classroom experiences. Faculty must be the ones who identify retention problems.
13. Creating internship opportunities such as co-op programs such as Antioch had in the 1940s/50s.
14. Provide faculty with personal professional development opportunities and the time to renew.

The two most important priorities are:

1. Making sure that every student takes a course in public speaking which is taught by public speaking professionals.
2. Improve writing skills of students.

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Q: What are the 2-3 foci that you feel are important to do your job in the next year?

A: Maintaining high standards in transfer and articulation programs.

Q: How are current TAG rules working?

A: Need data on how many students transfer and then stay for one-plus years.

Q: Other issues?

A: Conflicts among schools over degree programs, etc. We need to get schools to work together.

Q: Do you see conflicts between the long range goals of the USO and the short-term plans of individual institutions?

A: We need to see each university's strategic plans. We do not yet have access to all of these plans. Institutions must align with the USO, but can maintain their autonomy.

Q: How are measures of quality controls and their implementation developed in the USO?

A: Hard to define; depends on the specific field of study, but for example: receiving certification and job in the field.

Q: Universities have differing levels of resources for providing distance learning. Should there be a central server that all institutions share?

A: SUNY has one.

1:40 OFC thanked Vice Chancellor Gellman-Danley for her time.

1:45 Richard Taylor, the OBOR IT person discussed setting up the OFC website, and whether it would be free standing or part of the OBOR website.

1:50 The minutes of the November 14, 2008 OFC meeting were approved.

Chair Cuppoletti announced that we would not be able to chair the January 12, 2009 OFC meeting. Keith Bernhard (BGSU) agreed to chair.

Campus Reports

(NEOUCOM)

Was still waiting for the appointment of a BOT member.

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Just opened a federally qualified health care center in Revenna to serve low income, uninsured.

Now has pharmaceutical students on campus and was doing interviews of potential pharmaceutical students.

Report that NEOUCOM was admitting CSU students was incorrect. That would have to wait the construction of a new building.

(WSU)

Was in the middle of identifying centers of excellence. The Chancellor was scheduled to visit in January. Hopefully, the centers of excellence would be identified by then.

The process of changing to semesters was beginning. The plan must go through the faculty senate, the union, etc. before being finalized.

Introduced an appended document: "A Funding Formula for Ohio Universities..."

(OU)

Introduced Dave Ingram as the new alternate representative to OFC.

There would be a meeting with the president, provost, etc. to discuss the OU budget next Monday (December 15).

A card campaign for unionization was beginning.

The faculty senate met with the BOT to present evidence that there should be faculty on the board.

(UA)

A member of the BOT Jack Morrison had been indicted on misdemeanor charges regard the pending purchase by UA of property owned by his son.

(KSU)

Beginning to plan for a school of public health, despite obstacles.

Was implementing Responsibility Based Budgeting, but there were problems.

Hired a VP for academic affairs who had worked for AAUP.

(BGSU)

A presidential search committee was continuing. The committee reported that they had a "good pool" of candidates.

"Excused" the football coach, with a \$250k "parachute."

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The faculty senate was trying to arrange representation from non-tenure track faculty, who make up one-third of all BGSU faculty. A proposal had been sent to two committees.

A fledgling chapter of AAUP had been established with approximately 80 members. This was up from 5 members in October. A card campaign for unionization might begin in the spring.

(YSU)

The president had survived evaluation by the BOT

YSU was receiving a \$1.2m award by Kresge.

(UC)

The combining of the engineering and applied sciences colleges has sparked a re-evaluation of UC bylaws. A group had been convened to look at governance in all colleges and recommend a template for rules in all colleges.

New Business

Agenda for the January 9, 2009 meeting would include models of state-wide faculty governance bodies.

A resolution in support of the “Employment Nondiscrimination Act” SB 305/HB 502 was introduced. OFC would vote on the resolution in the January meeting.

OFC adjourned at 2:40.

Respectfully submitted,

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