



The Ohio Faculty Council

Members Present:

University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick [Chair] and Peg DiMarco), Wright State University (Dan Krane [Secretary]), Northeast Ohio Medical University (Fred Eruo), University of Cincinnati (Rich Miller), Cleveland State (Joanne Goodell, Brian Ray), Ohio State University (Myroslava M. Mudrak), University of Toledo (Nick Piazza), Ohio University (Ann Paulins) Shawnee State (Mike Barnhart, Andrew Feight), Bowling Green State University (Mark Earley), and Youngstown State University (Nancy Wolfgang).

Members Absent:

Central State University, Kent State University, Cleveland State University, and Miami University.

Special Guest:

Vice Chancellor (of Finance and Data Management) David Cannon

Rudy Fenwick called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM on February 10, 2012.

The meeting's agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The minutes of the January 13, 2012 meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

Introductions were made, particularly of the new representatives to the Ohio Faculty Council from Shawnee State: Mike Barnhart, and Andrew Feight.

New Business

OFC Chair Rudy Fenwick introduced Vice Chancellor Dave Cannon.

Vice Chancellor Cannon came prepared to make comments on two issues: 1) long term support of OhioLink, and 2) state support for open admission schools.

Regarding OhioLink, Vice Chancellor Cannon said that he felt it would make most sense for it to make its purchases of content as part of the State's operating bill rather than from its capital bill (as is the current practice). He felt that such a change would help with long term planning and is something that will be proposed as part of the preparation for the next biennium's budget. He reaffirmed that Chancellor Petro strongly supports OhioLink.

Regarding state subsidy of instruction, Vice Chancellor Cannon echoed Chancellor Petro's announcement at the last meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council that there would be

a subsidy consultation. Dates for the subsidy consultation will be: March 22, April 19 and May 17. The first two meetings are likely to have a broad list of invitees that brings all interested groups together and the third is likely to be broken into smaller groups to finalize a budget bill proposal. Vice Chancellor Cannon welcomes input from all groups (including the Ohio Faculty Council) in the subsidy consultation process. The Vice Chancellor's plan is to continue talking with the Chancellor about a four page long list of items that will need to be discussed as part of the consultation process and then discuss items that the Chancellor supports with the Office of Budget Management. Things that the Vice Chancellor knows the Chancellor will want the budget to reflect are: 1) an emphasis on degree completion and certificate programs, 2) developmental courses (specifically, where should those be taught – at community colleges?), 3) funding models (should they be sector based or state wide as they are now and should they be based on 2, 3 or 5 year averages?), and 4) a review of funding for “at risk” institutions.

The Vice Chancellor listened to concerns from representatives of Cleveland State, Shawnee State, University of Toledo, Akron University, Youngstown State, Ohio University, and Wright State University regarding the impact on open enrollment institutions of basing state support on graduation rates. Vice Chancellor Cannon said that that concern had not been brought to his attention before but also assured that that would be an issue that is addressed by the consultation process. He would like to come to the April meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council to report back on that issue and get further input at that time.

Campus Reports

Youngstown State University

- A YSU fraternity is making headlines for a hazing incident that resulted in the hospitalization of several YSU students. The fraternity is likely to lose its national charter.

Wright State University

- WSU's Faculty Senate is considering a number of measures aimed at increasing student success such as: a comprehensive freshman seminar program, study tables for students on academic probation, modifying admissions criteria, and joint enrollment in community colleges such as Sinclair and Clark State.
- Searches are underway for a new vice president for diversity and deans for the colleges of business, medicine and liberal arts.
- Negotiations are on-going regarding a workload agreement for non-bargaining unit faculty (instructors, lecturers and senior lecturers).

University of Cincinnati

- UC is beginning to make plans for “UC19” – a celebration of the university's 200th anniversary in 2019.
- The university is working with a new strategic plan that attempts to strategically invest funds (support will go to productive areas at the cost of less productive areas).
- Across the board cuts of 7% have been made.

University of Toledo

- The Higher Learning Commission will be visiting the university in two weeks.
- The university has obtained a \$3 million grant from a private foundation to expand an alternative MS program for teachers. The grant will support approximately 35 individuals interested in becoming teachers in STEM disciplines with full scholarships.
- The university anticipates a revenue shortfall at the end of the year. There is a hiring freeze as a result (though units that make the case that a new hire would be able to generate revenue for the university can still fill positions).
- A University Senate will be created with representation from students, faculty and staff for input and sharing of information on a variety of matters.

The Ohio State University

- The university's Faculty Council continues to discuss concerns about the privatization of parking (annual costs to faculty for parking are currently \$720).
- The university will transition to semesters in the upcoming summer.
- Sophomores may be required to live on campus to enhance the campus life experience.

University of Akron

- The university hired Jim Tressell as a vice president for student engagement.
- A dean search is underway for the College of Health Professionals.

Bowling Green State University

- The university beginning to prepare for a visit of the Higher Learning Commission next year.
- Discussions are underway about student retention (which has dropped once again).
- A business school dean search is underway.

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- No report.

Cleveland State University

- A student success committee has been working for two years and is beginning to propose ways to address retention.
- An analysis revealed that 40% of degree programs at the university could not fit into just four years.
- Existing programs are being reviewed and prioritized.

Ohio University

- The university's vice president for student affairs will be leaving.
- The university will transition to semesters in August.

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- Faculty are still engaged in discussions about a change to a responsibility center model (RCM) financial model.

Shawnee State University

The administration is working with the Faculty Senate to implement the recently released Chancellor's Plan for Shawnee State University, regarding its special state subsidy. The faculty have expressed their concern that tying the subsidy and structuring funding formulas to retention and graduation rates will punish open-enrollment institutions, like Shawnee State. Additionally, there were worries that the Board of Regent's push to encourage transferability of credits between state institutions was also lowering retention and graduation rates as our students transfer to other campuses to finish their degrees.

The next meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council will be on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 12:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.