



## The Ohio Faculty Council

### Members Present:

University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick [Chair] and Peg DiMarco), Wright State University (Dan Krane [Secretary]), Bowling Green State University, (Mark A. Earley), University of Cincinnati (Rich Miller), Belmont College (Carter Kaplan), Ohio State University (Jim Rathman and Myroslava M. Mudrak), University of Toledo (Nick Piazza), and Ohio University (Ann Paulins).

### Members Absent:

Central State University, Lakeland Community College, Shawnee State University, Kent State University, and Cleveland State University, Northeast Ohio Medical University, Miami University and Youngstown State University.

### Special Guest:

Chancellor Jim Petro

Rudy Fenwick called the meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM on January 13, 2012.

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

The minutes of the November 18, 2011 meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

### New Business

Rudy Fenwick introduced Chancellor Jim Petro.

Chancellor Petro reported that the Ohio Board of Regents offices would be moving to the building that now also houses the Department of Education. He expects that the proximity of the two groups will facilitate collaborative efforts that will reduce the need for remediation and help schools better prepare Ohio high school students for college educations.

Chancellor Petro also reported that the Park Plan had been adopted but that it would not be ready until 2015. The plan is a three-year assessment of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students regarding their college-readiness. Ohio is currently in the lowest ¼ of states regarding college completion (only 26%). The Chancellor will also be convening a completion council that will be looking at ways to improve completion at Shawnee and Central State Universities (the two institutions with the lowest completion rates in the state).

The Chancellor is interested in the development of associate degree and certificate programs at all of the state's seven open admission universities. He suggested that all students earn a "Career Readiness" certificate upon completion of 30 semester hours (e.g. at the end of their freshman year) and an associate degree upon completion of 60 semester hours (e.g. at the end of their sophomore year). He believes that such programs will make it easier to impress upon prospective employers that Ohio is generating a well-trained work force and that they will provide incentives to students who might otherwise have lost interest in completing their degrees. Ohio University has a certificate program in ecotourism that Chancellor Petro felt might be a good example for such programs.

Chancellor Petro remarked that the proposed enterprise university plan was a promising package that has been generally well received by university administrations. The essence of the plan is that universities will not have to meet 35 specific standards in return for enhanced financial accountability and funding for recruiting and retaining top students from Ohio.

The Chancellor was asked about the status of discussions regarding the distribution of funds associated with the State Share of Instruction (SSI). SSI is being increasingly distributed on the basis of each institution's graduation rate (in seven more years that will be the only factor considered). It was suggested that open admission institutions will be at a significant disadvantage to more selective institutions even though open admission institutions may be in a better position to increase the percentage of Ohio's residents that are college graduates. Chancellor Petro responded that there would be no modification of SSI distribution until the next biennium budget but that the planning for a budget proposal would be starting in the next few months. As part of that process he will be reconvening university representatives for a subsidy consultation process. He also suggested that the Ohio Faculty Council raise this issue with Vice Chancellor for Business, Dave Cannon.

## **Campus Reports**

### University of Toledo

- The University of Toledo Medical School has entered in to an agreement with Promedica (the major health care provider in Toledo) that will provide support for a simulation center.
- The University's president has created an office for the purpose of auditing faculty workloads.
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### Ohio State University

- The University continues to explore alternative sources for funding such as leasing parking to private companies.
- A two-year on-campus residency requirement is being considered for undergraduate students.
- Discussions are underway in OSU's Faculty Council regarding how faculty are rewarded. There may be too high a percentage of associate professors in some

departments suggesting that standards for promotion to full professor may be too rigid.

#### Belmont College

- Belmont Technical College has changed its name to Belmont College

#### Wright State University

- Searches for a Vice President for Diversity and a Vice President of Research are underway
- The location of a new classroom continues to be discussed
- An inquiry was made regarding the role of faculty in commencement ceremonies and planning at other institutions.
- A new Vice President for Business began work at the start of 2012.

#### Ohio University

- The University is changing its budget model to a revenue centered management (RCM) model. Consultants have visited campus from a number of other institutions that have gone through that same process including Michigan State, California State and Rhode Island Universities. A dialog will begin with faculty at Wright State that are in the process of evaluating a similar transition there.
- The University's Associate Vice President for Diversity is leaving for another institution.

#### University of Cincinnati

- The University's new president and provost are being more open about budgeting than had been the case for previous administrations.
- The University is re-evaluating all post-graduate programs and working on an academic master plan.
- 11 of 15 deans have been replaced in the past 1.5 years.
- Enrollment is at a record high.

#### University of Akron

- There is a Dean search in the College of Health Professions ongoing
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The next meeting of the OFC will be on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 12:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.