



The Ohio Faculty Council

Members Present:

University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick [Chair]), Wright State University (Dan Krane [Vice Chair]), Ohio State University (Kay Halasek), Ohio University (Elizabeth Sayers), NEOMED (Fred Eruo), University of Cincinnati (Adrienne Lane), and Cleveland State University (Brian Ray).

Members Absent:

University of Cincinnati, Kent State University, Ohio University, Shawnee State University, Bowling Green State University, University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Central State University, Youngstown State University, and Miami University.

Chair Rudy Fenwick called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM on November 8, 2012.

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

The minutes of the October 12, 2012 meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

New Business

Sara Kilpatrick, Executive Director of the Ohio AAUP Conference, was a special guest for the meeting. She was interested in learning more about what was known regarding the changes to the State Share of Instruction (SSI) funding formula and concerned about the possibility of degree devaluation being an unintended consequence of possible changes to the formula. The proposal that the fourteen university presidents of the IUC were rallying around would be phased in over two years with the first year maintaining the status quo and the second year using a formula that makes it easier to see how supporting at-risk students (based on four categories: financial, age, preparedness and minority status) will be incentivized. The bulk of the SSI distribution will be driven by graduation numbers and course completion (weighted equally). Approximately 20 to 25% of the SSI distribution will be linked to support for at-risk students.

Kay Halasek forwarded an inquiry from a faculty member at Ohio State regarding the use of undergraduates to assist with instruction at other state schools in Ohio.

Kay Halasek also answered some questions regarding the recently distributed college-ready standards for Ohio students. She felt that they were generated with good faculty input and was involved in that process herself. The hope is that they will give reasonable goals for K-12 education. The new standards are likely to be replaced in two to three

years by a set of Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC; <http://www.parcconline.org/ohio>) standards but those are still being developed. It will be important for faculty to be sure that these standards do not threaten the general education part of the undergraduate curriculum.

Board of Regents Executive in Residence will be invited to talk to the OFC at its December meeting about the work of the Complete College Ohio Task Force (<https://www.ohiohighered.org/completion>). The full report (https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/completion/CCO-task-force-report_FINAL.pdf) of the Task Force and an Executive Summary (https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/completion/CCO-task-force-report_EXECSUMMARY_FINAL.pdf) are available on-line.

Campus Reports

Wright State University

- The university is close to the completion of a dean search for its College of Liberal Arts.
- A new scholarship program will starting soon. College deans have been charged with developing student-recruiting campaigns for their colleges.
- The university's Faculty Senate created a new ad hoc committee to assess how faculty could be better engaged in the process of student recruitment.

Ohio State University

- Discussions are underway regarding the possibility of making the campus tobacco-free. Faculty are opposed to the proposal in its current form.
- An ad hoc committee has been created by the university's Senate to address concerns over the rights and privileges of clinical faculty.
- A standing committee on patent rights is raising concerns that university faculty will not be sufficiently involved in discussions regarding future technology commercialization.
- The university's human resources department has recently proposed that policies need to be developed for personally owned iPads and iPhones used by faculty. Faculty would be given three choices: 1) allow software to be installed by the university for security purposes, 2) take personal responsibility for any security breaches (such as those involved in maintaining student confidentiality), or 3) not use those devices to communicate with students.

Ohio University

- The student senate has passed a resolution calling for student voting rights on the university's board of trustees.
- Work is underway to update the university's technology policies.
- The university received a positive HLC review of its transition from quarters to semesters
- Work continues on the university's transition to a responsibility center management (RCM) budget model.

NEOMED

- The faculty council is looking to have a stronger role in the decision-making that goes on at the university beyond simply making recommendations. There are questions regarding what role students should also have in decision-making. It was suggested that links to each of the OFC member institutions constitution and by-laws be included on the OFC website.

Cleveland State University

- The university's administration is proposing that all course be converted to three credit hours. The faculty senate is resisting the proposal
- Two years have been spent in restructuring the university's budget and proposed changes may soon be implemented. Among the changes is an evaluation of program prioritization that may be used to terminate certain programs.

University of Akron

- Staff has petitioned to unionize with the Communication Workers of America and the petition has been certified by SERB. They are waiting now for the actual election to be scheduled.
- To replace the approximately 30% of faculty that are likely to retire by 2015 the university would have to hire another 200-220 in addition to the 120 additional faculty the administration has proposed to hire by 2020.

University of Cincinnati

- The Interim President has been named President. President Ono was our provost, followed by interim president. Faculty are pleased ... he is a friend of the faculty as well as highly liked by students. He tweets.
- UC will be conducting a national search for Provost. The interim provost, Dr. Larry Johnson, is applying for the position. there will be a minimum of 5 faculty on the provost search committee: 3 elected by the faculty and 2 appointed by the President. The current focus of our interim provost is revenue generation (increased commercialization and increased research, right-sizing (which is not decreasing numbers, but determining how much over 43,000 UC needs to go--- 50,000 possibly or not), and to some extent e-learning. The Faculty Senate has a very active Budget and Priorities Committee: this committee is very focused on analysis of university spending and increased promotion of funding to the academic mission including faculty rather than to the myriad of other agendas. 2013 is a contract year....AAUPUC is gearing up. Last academic year a taskforce made up of faculty and administrators recommended a new decision-making model: this Integrated Decision Making framework can be found on UC President's web-page under Priorities. Faculty have representation on all major committees: committee membership is accessible through links on the IDM framework. The interim Provost is currently identifying additional committee and task force membership needs and will be contacting Faculty Senate chair for faculty representatives. Faculty membership on key decision making committees

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has continuously increased starting with the presidency of Zimpher, followed by Williams, and now Ono.

The next meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council will be on Friday, December 14, 2012 at 12:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.