



## The Ohio Faculty Council

### Members Present:

University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick [Chair]), Wright State University (Dan Krane [Vice Chair]), Youngstown State University (Chet Cooper [Secretary] and Ken Learman), Bowling Green State University (Mark Earley), Central State University (Anthony Milburn), Cleveland State University (Joel Lieske), Kent State University (Ralph Linderman), Miami University (Steve Wyatt), Ohio State University (Kay Halasek), Ohio University (Elizabeth Sayrs and Nicholas Kiesey), Shawnee State University (Andrew Feight, Michael Barnhart), University of Cincinnati (Adrienne Lane), and University of Toledo (Nick Piazza)

### Members Absent:

Northeast Ohio Medical University and Ohio Faculty Senate Liaison

Chair Rudy Fenwick called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:30 PM on October 12, 2012. The OFC met in the large conference room in the Ohio Board of Regents, 36<sup>th</sup> floor of the Rhodes Office Tower (30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio).

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

With minor corrections, the minutes of the September 14, 2012 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Special Guest**

Bruce Johnson, head of the Inter-University Council (IUC), joined the meeting. The majority of the ensuing discussion focused on issues regarding the State Share of Instruction (SSI). When asked why control of the SSI process was moved from the Ohio Board of Regents to the IUC, Mr. Johnson suggested that Governor Kasich was going to form his higher education budget with input from the various university presidents in a manner that was used for the prior capital budget. Thus, all presidents "would be on the same page". Mr. Johnson further commented that the governor challenged Ohio State University President, Gordon Gee (head of the IUC committee steering this process), to

make a recommendation of a formula based upon outcomes. Further discussion by OFC members and Mr. Johnson followed pertaining to various issues of this process.

The remainder of Mr. Johnson's time with OFC members was spent discussing issues regarding impending faculty retirements due to imminent pension fund changes in 2015, as well as the challenges presented by MOOC courses. In summary, OFC members found the interaction with Mr. Johnson productive.

### **New Business**

Rudy requested suggestions for future speakers to invite before the OFC.

### **Campus Reports**

#### University of Toledo (as received from Nick Piazza)

- The UT board of Trustees appointed Scott Scarborough the new Provost of the Main Campus. Provost Scarborough assumed his new responsibilities September 17.
- The Dean of the College of Business was promoted into the Provost's office. An interim has been appointed and a search is getting underway for a new Dean.
- Dr. Iryna Pentina, assistant professor of marketing, received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research at the International Solomon University's Eastern Ukrainian Branch.
- As a result of the unfortunate disposal of a viable kidney during a transplant surgery, UTMC new policies and procedures in the operating room to prevent a recurrence. Also, UT engineers have developed a device that will sound an alarm should someone try to remove an organ from the OR without authorization. No such device exists, so there is the potential that such a device will be in demand by other transplant services nationally.
- Enrollments are down this year, however, this is largely attributed to setting higher admissions requirements.
- President announced his intention to implement MOOCs into instruction at UT. This raises questions about the value that a classroom instructor adds to instruction.

#### Wright State University

- There is a search for a new dean of liberal arts.
- Buildings are going up across campus due to a recent bond issue. These buildings include those for teaching, neuroscience and engineering, campus ministries, and admissions.

### Central State University

- Searches are continuing for a new provost and an associate dean.

### University of Cincinnati

- Presidential search has started with the current and former faculty senate chairs being members of the search committee. The current provost is serving as interim president.
- The faculty union is apprehensive as they enter 2013 – the year that contract negotiations begin.

### Ohio State University

- Enrollments are generally even overall (0.5% increase across all campuses), with a slight increase on the Columbus campus (1.4% with a record high of 56,867) and a somewhat higher *decrease* (-5.6%) on the regional campuses
- A new vice president for agricultural administration and dean of the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences—Bruce McPheron—has been appointed
- The University is considering creating a proposal for a tobacco-free campus and is currently seeking feedback from the University community through a series of open forums
- Faculty Council is in the process of creating and charging two ad hoc committees to examine current practices and propose possible recommendations for addressing concerns regarding SEI (Student Evaluation of Instruction) and clinical faculty rights, responsibilities, and appointments
- Faculty Council is also attending closely to recently enacted state retirement and pension revisions, proposed revisions to health and wellness policy, and proposed revisions to computing and technology policies

### Bowling Green State University

- Currently negotiating the first faculty contract in the university's history.
- A search is ongoing for a Dean of Health and Human Services
- The Higher Learning Commission will visit in April 2013.
- A smoke free campus has become an issue for discussion.

### Ohio University

- Two dean searches are now in progress.
- A task force to investigate faculty compensation has been formed.
- A smoke free campus has become an issue for discussion at OU as well.
- The university is moving towards a responsibility management model.
- There is discussion ongoing regarding the revision of general education.
- Issues pertaining to the rights and responsibilities of long-term, non-tenure track faculty are being considered.

Cleveland State University

- A provost search has begun.
- The new capital budget has resulting in increased debt service, but the provost is still committed to strategic initiatives.
- An ad hoc student success committee is examining the creation of more 3 credit hour general education courses.
- Parking costs have increased 28%.

Kent State University

- The university is initiating a comprehensive Strategic Plan in conjunction with our new Provost who joined KSU this past spring.
- KSU's final fall enrollment figures topped out at slightly over 42,500, an all time record.

Shawnee State University

- The university's Board of Trustees recently voted to maintain Shawnee State's open access admissions policy, turning down the recommendations of a Faculty led task force, which had called for the gradual implementation of minimum ACT scores.
- A search committee of seven faculty members and one administrator has been created for a new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- The campus was playing host to Gov. Mitt Romney, who is set to speak on the university's Alumni Green.

Miami University

- Currently open positions include the Athletic Director and the Dean of the Business School.
- A responsibility management system will soon be employed.
- A new division is being created to help regional campuses develop new visions, which may also require faculty relocation.
- Enrollment increases were above the anticipated target.
- Bonds were issued for badly needed new dorms.
- Faculty received a salary raise.

Youngstown State University

- Newly hired administrative positions include a Chief Technology Officer, a Director of Distance Learning, a Development Officer, and a Police Chief.
- The Equal Opportunity officer has left.
- Graduate admissions processes have been moved to the undergraduate admissions office, which will now be known as Admissions.
- Enrollment is down 3.5% with about a \$4 million loss in revenue.
- New athletic fields for softball, soccer, and track are being built.
- A former hotel on campus has been renovated to be the new home for the president.

University of Akron

- General education reform is being considered, particularly moving courses that are now 4 credit hours to 3 credit hours.
- Reorganization of various colleges and programs are being considered.
- A Board of Trustee member recently resigned after serving for 3 years. Her original appointment was flawed due to technical reasons.

The next meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council will be on Friday, November 9, 2012 at 12:30 PM. The meeting will be in the conference room in the Ohio Board of Regents, 36<sup>th</sup> floor of the Rhodes Office Tower (30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chet Cooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chet" being more prominent and the last name "Cooper" following in a similar style.

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Chet Cooper, OFC Secretary