



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]), Central State University (Anthony Milburn), Cleveland State University (Joel Lieske, Joanne Goodell), Kent State University (Mack Hassler, Paul Farrell), Ohio University (Elizabeth Sayrs), Shawnee State University (Andrew Feight, Michael Barnhart), University of Cincinnati (Adrienne Lane), University of Toledo (Nick Piazza), and Ohio Faculty Senate Liaison (Patrick McLaughlin, Lakeland Community College)

Members Absent:

Bowling Green State University, Northeast Ohio Medical University, Ohio State University, and Miami University

Chair Rudy Fenwick called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:30 PM on September 14, 2012. The OFC met in the conference room in the Ohio Board of Regents, 36th floor of the Rhodes Office Tower (30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio).

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

The minutes of the May 11, 2012 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

For the record: The June meeting of the OFC was cancelled. However, by email, members of the Council affirmed the nomination of Dan Krane as vice chair and Chet Cooper as secretary. There were no other nominations for these offices.

Old Business

None

New Business

Council members requested that Bruce Johnson, head of the Inter-University Council (IUC), be invited to speak to the OFC next month.

Updates

Rudy reported that pension reform had been passed by the legislature effective January 1, 2014. It had been determined that the retirement systems were operating efficiently and that privatization would be more expensive.

Rudy and Dan Krane also reported on possible changes to the State Share of Instruction (SSI) formula. It was previously reported that consulting meetings between the Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) and representatives of the Governors office would take place. These were cancelled. Instead, the IUC has been charged with making modifications to the SSI model, with Gordon Gee chairing this process. OBOR will not be involved at all. There may be opportunity for OFC input. The process was given a deadline of Thanksgiving this year. Approximately \$1.8 billion is to be divided. The Governor has reportedly emphasized that consequences will be severe if an acceptable SSI model is not developed by the stated deadline.

Dan further reported on the establishment of a OBOR Faculty Credentials Committee that is charged with interpreting Rule 4, i.e., what are the minimum criteria needed by an individual to qualify to teach a college course in Ohio, which is intended to become part of the Ohio Administrative Code. This would become effective in August 2016 and impact two groups of individuals: 1) high school faculty teaching dual enrollment courses and 2) online institutions.

Special Guest

Dave Cannon, Vice Chancellor for Finance at OBOR joined the meeting. He noted that for the upcoming derivation of the SSI model that there would need to be input from individual presidents. OBOR will provide the data to the IUC committee working on the SSI model. Dave noted that the model will be likely performance based and involve metrics for allocating funds. He anticipates that funding will be flat. After answering a few questions, he left the meeting.

Campus Reports

Wright State University

- There is a search for a new provost.

Youngstown State University

- No report

Cleveland State University

- A provost search has begun. A committee was appointed without consultation with the faculty. Subsequently, faculty were added to the committee.
- Bonds in the amount of \$152 million have been sold to new construction, facility maintenance, and funding debt service.
- A drop in new hires has been noted with over 50 faculty lost in the past two years.
- All strategic initiatives are being set by the administration.

- Enrollment and student course hours are up.

Kent State University

- A new provost from the University of Massachusetts has been hired.
- Two new deans have been hired and three more are being hired in the near future.
- Enrollment is up 2.85%. KSU is now the second largest higher education institution in the state.
- KSU acquired the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine.
- Approved a faculty contract for those on the tenure track.

Central State University

- A new president is in place.
- Enrollment is down significantly.
- Looking for a new provost and three other top administrators.
- No new faculty have been hired.

Shawnee State University

- The Board of Trustees are currently voting on a new contract that includes a 3.25% raise per year over three years.
- Positive changes have been made to the tenure process.
- Will be soon searching for a new dean.

Ohio University

- Quarter to semester transition has been completed.
- Enrollment is up, but FTEs are down.
- A huge capital campaign for maintenance has been initiated.
- There are 10% less tenure track faculty at present.
- Board of Trustees gave the president a raise and a bonus despite increasing tuition.
- Top 10 employees received, on average, a 17% raise.
- There is concern over a recent court ruling that suggests tenure does not guarantee continued employment.

University of Toledo (as received from Nick Piazza)

- UT underwent its Higher Learning Commission accreditation site visit during the Spring semester. The University of Toledo met all criteria and the HLC is recommending full re-accreditation.
- The provost search has concluded with a recommendation. President Jacobs is recommending that Dr. Scott Scarborough be appointed the new Provost of the UT Main Campus. Dr. Scarborough has served UT in the past as its CFO and currently serves as the CEO of UTMC. Dr. Scarborough's appointment is awaiting confirmation by the BOT. The Scarborough appointment is representative of a trend at UT, which is to conduct a national search, but hire internally from a select few members of the President's inner circle. Examples of such high level internal selections include 2 provosts, 5 deans, 3 vice presidents, 1 vice provost, 2 former Board members, and the CEO of UTMC.

- UTMC was unfortunately identified in *Consumer Reports* as the least safe hospital in Ohio, and only a couple of points better than the 10 least safe hospitals in the US. The administration of the university and the hospital dispute this and, in fact, a subsequent ranking by *US News & World Report* rated UTMC as best in the region for the second time in two years.
- UTMC, after over 1700 successful kidney transplants, removed a viable kidney from a live volunteer donor and then threw it out. This has resulted in extreme embarrassment to what has been a very successful program, and will most likely result in an agonizing review of procedures to determine how best to avoid such an occurrence again. The program is currently suspended while it undergoes an internal investigation and investigations by the Ohio Department of Health and the United Network for Organ Sharing.
- UT and UT-AAUP are in negotiation following a one-year contract extension. Negotiations are stalled as both parties appear to be awaiting the results of the November election.
- 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.

University of Cincinnati

- Quarter to semester transition has been completed.
- Enrollment is flat: undergraduate numbers are down; graduate numbers are up.
- The president has stepped down with a \$1.3 million separation package. The provost is currently serving as interim president.
- An interim CIO has been hired.
- Two senators were chosen to serve on the presidential search committee.

Lakeland Community College

- Enrollment is down 4.3%
- Mandatory orientation as well as math and English placement testing have been implemented.
- A new provost has been hired.

University of Akron

- Enrollment is down 3.2%.
- Two deans have resigned.
- Faculty will receive a 5.5% raise this year.
- A new Faculty Senate chair was elected (Bill Rich, Law School).

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chet Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C".

Chet Cooper, OFC Secretary