



The Ohio Faculty Council

Members Present:

Wright State University (Dan Krane [Chair]), Youngstown State University (Chet Cooper [Vice Chair], Ken Learman [Secretary]), Bowling Green State University (Ann Marie Darke), Central State University (Anthony Milburn), University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick [Past Chair]), Cleveland State University (Joanne Goodell and Mekki Bayachou), Ohio State University (Kay Halasek), Ohio University (Nick Kiersey), Shawnee State University (Drew Feight), and University of Toledo (Mary Humphrys)

Members Absent:

Miami University, University of Cincinnati, Northeast Ohio Medical University, and Kent State University

Guest:

Laura Padgett, Policy Director of the OBOR and Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents [arrived at 1:00 PM]

Chair Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:30 PM on April 11, 2014. The meeting began in the 7th floor conference room of the Ohio Board of Regents building (25 South Front Street, □Columbus, Ohio).

The meeting's agenda was approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

The minutes of the March 14, 2014 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

Laura Padgett reported on State Reciprocity for online and distance education process. OBOR will petition Midwestern Pac for online and distance education so our courses would be accepted nationwide. There was discussion on HB 484 and the changes in the current draft.

There was also discussion on College Credit Plus and the funding model for the plan. Further discussion on how it would apply to online or distance class models and transferability of coursework taken in this manner. There was also discussion regarding credentialing of High School teachers participating in this program.

Old Business

OFC white paper on quality and value in higher education. There was discussion on a white paper regarding quality and value in higher education. Editorial adjustments were discussed throughout the document.

Dan reported he would provide an electronic update on the OFC's response to the "Prior Learning Assessment with a Purpose".

New Business

OFC RESOLUTION ON FACULTY WORKLOADS (prompted by HB 484):
The current draft of HB 484 has been mended to basically state that all 4-year institutions are to evaluate their current workload policies but the language to increase it by 10% has been eliminated. The latest draft of the WL resolution was discussed

The Senate Executive from YSU endorsed the current resolution. The faculty senate at Wright State University also endorsed this resolution. Shawnee State University passed a resolution based on the OFC resolution.

The Resolution was passed by unanimous vote.

OFC RESOLUTION ON COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (prompted by HB 487, <http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses130/h0487-i-130.pdf>):
There was discussion about the OFC Resolution for HB 487. There was unanimous support for the resolution and it was passed.

Rudy Fenwick reported that a proposed change to management of 403b plans in the State of Ohio. It was reported that existing 403b plans would remain in place and that there was not a provision to make faculty members change plans and bear the cost of shifting to the new vendors. There was discussion about the issues surrounding this possible

Campus Reports

By consent of the members present, the following campus reports were submitted following the conclusion of today's meeting:

Bowling Green State University (Joel O'Dorislo)

- No report submitted

Cleveland State University

- 4-3 Conversion: All of our general education and the majority of our upper division major courses are now converted from 4 credits to 3 credits with corresponding revision in the programs, and registration has begun. There has been a huge push to get students to see an advisor since we don't place holds on students who don't see their advisor.

- We are revising our student evaluation of teaching instrument, and plan to potentially use a mobile app to administer this in future.
- Student government is pushing hard on finding ways to lower textbook costs.
- The university is constructing a campus master plan since the previous one is 10 years old and the downtown real estate market is heating up. They hope to have something ready by the end of June, which will break the record for development time of any campus master plan in the USA!
- We broke ground on the new Center for Innovations in Health Professions and Euclid is down to one lane to accommodate utilities work. The building is set to be ready by Fall 2015. The NEOMED partnership programs along with other health professions programs will be housed there.
- We are considering introducing Academic Milestones for undergrads as a way of focusing students on completion.
- Our Board of Trustees is fired up about eLearning, and wants to see a huge increase in the number of courses we offer. We have for the first time a dedicated standing committee making recommendations about this, however they have not made much progress because all of the members are new, and the mission is very broad and not really clear.
- We now have a compliance officer who ensures that we are in compliance with federal, state and local policies. It has taken us more than a year to file the revised personnel policies and procedures with the state due to draconian formatting regulations-this is one reason why we have such bloated administrations.

Northeast Ohio Medical University (Fred Eruo)

- No report submitted

Kent State University (Paul Farrell)

- No report submitted

Youngstown State University (Chet Cooper)

- Presidential search is beginning the initial interview stage; Provost, who will officially retire on 6/30/14, was appointed interim president. Hopefully, the new president will be in place by then.
- Provost search will be extended with anticipated on-campus interviews in the fall; the associate provost has been appointed interim provost.
- Faculty contract negotiations are ongoing, but there is no public disclosure due to a complete and effective news blackout.
- Three deans are searching for new positions, both on and off campus.

Central State University (Anthony Milburn)

- No report submitted

Shawnee State University (Drew Feight)

- After originally announcing this past fall a need for \$2 million in cuts to the Division of Academic Affairs in the FY15 budget, the President announced that

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the administration will implement a cut of \$500,000 in FY15 as it was determined there was no way to make the larger cut without eliminating existing and filled faculty lines. Thus, the Administration has begun plans for cutting the remaining \$1.5 million over the next two years.

University of Cincinnati (Adrienne Lane)

- No report

Wright State University (Dan Krane)

- Committed to becoming tobacco free by 2018.

University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick)

- No report.

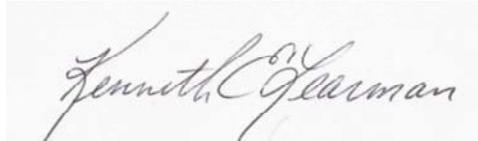
University of Toledo

- No report

The next meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council will be on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 12:30 PM in the OBOR Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth C. Learman". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Ken Learman, Ph.D.
OFC Secretary
Youngstown State University