



## **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 (Joel Lieske), Shawnee State University (Drew Feight, Michael Barnhart), University of Cincinnati (Adrienne Lane), Northeast Ohio Medical University (Frederick Eruo) and Ohio University (Nick Kiersey)

### **Members Absent:**

Miami University, Kent State University, Ohio State University, University of Toledo

### **GUEST:**

SARA KILPATRICK (Executive Director, Ohio Conference of the American Association of University Professors)

JOHN CAREY (Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents)

Chair Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:30 PM on May 9, 2014. The meeting began in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the Ohio Board of Regents building (25 South Front Street, □Columbus, Ohio).

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 11, 2014 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

Sara Kilpatrick reported that the AAUP has 4500 members state wide. Mid biennium review and legislature. Sara believes we have a unique role in legislation. HB 484 was amended to remove workload issue, an additional component was that faculty be included in WL reporting. HB 484 left house in bipartisan fashion. The Bill contained a financial aid workgroup. Asking that faculty representation in this workgroup. <30% of

funds actually go to faculty salaries and benefits; administrators don't want to discuss where the other 70% are going.

College credit + award credit based on who teaches if HS teacher teaches, they will get the money. HB 483 omnibus appropriations bill it would limit the number of options for 403b plans. Universities are pushing to limit to 4 plans even though the bill calls for a minimum of 4 vendors. Legislation is being pushed by TIAA-CREF. Proponents blaming on bad vendors but there is no data to verify this is really a problem.

Q&A discussion with Sara Kilpatrick on House Bills reported upon. There was discussion on revenue sharing between high schools and colleges granting credit through the College Credit Plus process. There was brief discussion about a proposal to remove all the reference to faculty workload in HB 484 during the week of May 19. What is the view of AAUP on the role of e-learning and how to protect the role of faculty. There is the opportunity for faculty to lose academic freedom with e-learning and intellectual property rights etc.

### **Old Business**

UPDATE ON PLA WITH A PURPOSE (Kay Halasek): Attached to the minutes.

UPDATE ON HB 487 AND HB 484: Updated during Sara Kilpatrick's discussion. Dan Krane will update the resolution and distribute the changes on Sunday and will send report on Monday.

UPDATE ON WHITE PAPER ON QUALITY AND VALUE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: Provided by Chancellor Carey. There was discussion on increase in higher education funding in this budget by \$75 million and the Chancellor is hopeful that this trend will continue. There is discussion about trying to cut tuition statewide by 5%, which the Governor does not favor. Chancellor reported that the PLA should be wrapping up in the next few months. He also believes that the entire provision of faculty workload from HB 484 will be deleted.

### **New Business**

Future OFC scheduling: Next meeting scheduled for June will be cancelled.

Council elections: Chet Cooper and Ken Learman were re-elected for vice chair and secretary respectively for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Ohio Faculty Council Bylaws were distributed and it was requested that they be reviewed in preparation for discussion during our next meeting.

### **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

- They are hiring Dr. Raymond Craig to be the new Dean of Arts and Sciences
- Working on pathways with community colleges to ease the transition.

Cleveland State University

- 4:3 conversions has been completed. Initial projections are that the conversion will cost over \$3 million.
- New student evaluation instrument that has found a correlation of .5 between grades received and favorable instructor evaluation
- Working on process of determining the debt ratio on campus.

Northeast Ohio Medical University

- Received full accreditation for 10 years.

Kent State University

- No report submitted

Youngstown State University

- YSU announced that Jim Tressel was offered and accepted the position of University President this morning.
- Provost selection can now proceed.

Central State University

- Finished accreditation for the college of education through
- Hired a new football coach
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Shawnee State University

- The administration announced that rather than seeking a \$2 million cut in the Academic Affairs Division in the FY2015 budget, they will instead cut only \$500,000 in FY2015, with further cuts to be determined for the FY2016 budget.
- The Faculty Senate created an Ad Hoc Committee on Budget Priorities to provide recommendations to the Senate on the creation of a standing committee on budget priorities, with the hope that the committee can provide recommendations on possible further budget cuts and reallocations of funds.
- There is a major transition underway at the highest levels of our administration. Searches for a new Associate Provost and Provost (on a two year contract) are wrapping up and a presidential search is being launched this summer, now that the upcoming retirement of President Morris has been announced.

University of Cincinnati

- Graduated record number .. More than 6000...on April 26.

- Our new strategic plan, which is being rolled out currently, is named Creating the Third Century. The key areas are 1. Invest in Faculty and staff, 2. Leverage research, 3. Reimagine the student experience, 4. Invest in students, 5. Excelling in e learning, 6. Building the resource base. Faculty support this Plan from the President.
- Creating an office of Enterprise Risk Management.....broad based risk management for research and all compliance issues.
- Faculty Senate Chair has appointed a faculty committee to investigate and make recommendations specific to faculty role in e learning.....an important component of this is faculty role, IT role, and Instructional Design role. These recommendations will go to the Faculty Senate and to the Provost.
- Currently renovating Nippert Stadium for cost of \$86,000,000 plus. Beginning discussions for renovation 5/3 Arena.
- Faculty continue to be concerned about funding and costs of Athletics in comparison to funding for Academics. UC has a new strategic plan announced called creating the third century

#### Wright State University

- Dan will be a Fellow of the American Council on Education.

#### University of Akron

- New President, Scott Scarborough, Provost from University of Toledo.

#### Ohio University

- New Chair of Academic Senate to
- Academic senate
- Concern over pressure to participate in dual enrollment classes with local schools. The concern is on whether or not the classes taught by high schools are rigorous enough to count as college credit.
- Concerns over unionization of college athletes and potential liabilities over things like concussions or other injuries

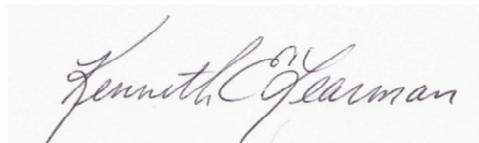
#### University of Toledo

- No report

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Learman, Ph.D.  
OFC Secretary

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