



The Ohio Faculty Council

Members Present:

Wright State University (Dan Krane [Chair]), Youngstown State University (Ken Learman [Secretary]), Bowling Green State University (Ann Marie Darke), Central State University (Anthony Milburn), University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick [Past Chair], Bill Rich), Cleveland State University (Mekki Bayachou), Shawnee State University (Drew Feight, Michael Barnhart), University of Cincinnati (Tracy Herrmann, Marla Hall), Ohio University (Beth Quitslund, Nick Kiersay), and University of Toledo (Mary Humphrys

Members Absent:

Miami University, Kent State University, North East Ohio school of Medicine, Ohio State University

GUEST:

Chair Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:30 PM on November 14, 2014. The meeting was held in the 7th 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 with a change in the order of discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the October 10, 2014 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present with corrections provided.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) SWOT ANALYSIS OF THE OHIO SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION-
Tabled with request for review and comment by OFC members prior to and at the December OFC meeting.
- 2) FINANCIAL RATIO ANALYSIS (Vice Chancellor Dave Cannon; <https://www.ohiohighered.org/campus-accountability>)

Chair Dan Krane prepared a spreadsheet (attached) that compares the three key

financial ratios and composite score used by all 13 public four-year universities in Ohio.

VC Cannon explained that the composite score is an indication of the financial health of the institution. The financial picture seen by the Board of Regents is a retrospective analysis rather than a prospective one so when an institution is heading for trouble, it is hard to see it coming and making a real-time change to correct. VC Cannon has proposed that a projected year-end Senate Bill 6 score rather than a 4th quarter cash basis score would significantly improve the BoR's ability to monitor the fiscal health of Ohio's universities and community colleges. State law requires that two years of a composite score under 1.75 results in an institution being placed on fiscal watch (state oversight). Other criteria may also cause an institution to be placed on fiscal watch. VC Cannon said that he would provide an electronic document that spelled out the BoR's implementation of the Senate Bill 6 analyses. Definitions and weighting of factors for the composite score can be found on-line at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/campus-accountability>.

The shift in Federal accounting practices that will put pension liabilities on the books of universities will have a great impact on the financial ratios used by Ohio. It is anticipated that the financial ratios for state universities will be calculated both with and without these liabilities for at least a few years since there are no data to base the financial health of the institution with the liabilities included.

- 3) STATE SUPPORT OF HIGHER EDUCATION OP-ED (Beth Quitslund, Dan Krane)
Seven papers state-wide have picked this paper up and published.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) CHANGES TO OHIO TRANSFER MODULE (OTM; Assoc. Vice Chancellor Paula Compton; <https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/transfermodule/modules>)
OTM has been around since 1990. There are no proposed changes for OTM in the Guidelines and Procedures for Academic Program Review Manual which includes TAGs (transfer articulation agreements), AP modules and transfer modules. The manual will be presented in the form of a directive and be ready for public document by Monday (Nov. 17). The first transfer initiative in Ohio was the Ohio Transfer Module followed by the Transfer Assurance Guides, the Advanced Placement Policy, and then the Career Technical Assurance Guides. All transfer course initiatives are faculty driven and student-focused. In many cases state law is behind these initiatives. Honors courses may have trouble getting approved for OTM since they are too specific to meet the OTM guidelines (but some institutions have had their honors courses approved as OTM courses). AVC Compton reported that she will provide the OFC the names of TAG committees and of their chairs. She suggested that we have to be sensitive to what the OTM is trying to accomplish and work with our GE requirements fit within the OTM to allow transferability. AVC Compton suggested that the OFC invite some of the BoR researchers to a meeting of the OFC to discuss the "swirl" of how students transfer between universities in Ohio. Mary Humphrys brought up concerns about the high number of credits that are required within the OTM

which states that between 36-40 credits be from the specified disciplines and that foreign language credits do not count. This makes it very important for each institution to consider this policy while creating their own general education program since it must align within these rules. There are concerns that this policy can stifle creativity and innovation in the structure of individual general education programs.

- 2) BUDGET AND PART-TIME ISSUES (Rudy Fenwick): University of Akron representative Bill Rich asked that members of the OFC obtain answers to a number of questions pertaining to the funding of depreciation and to salaries for part-time faculty for a discussion at the December meeting of the OFC. Those questions are:

What percentage of annual depreciation does your university fund (i.e., expend on maintenance or replacement of plant and equipment)?

What is your university's current deferred maintenance in terms of dollars per square foot?

What is your university's federally negotiated rate for indirect cost recovery?

What is the minimum compensation per credit hour for part-time faculty at your university?

OU reported that its campus-wide deferred maintenance is at \$89/ft² and that it has a goal of being at \$50/ft². (At \$100/ft² it is generally considered prudent to just invest in a new building.) At UA the total depreciation is at \$40 million. Minimum salary for part-time faculty has not changed since 2001 at UA. It is \$700/credit hour at the lowest rank. \$750 per credit at UT with a cap of 15 credit hrs per academic year. BGSU varies by rank (\$900).

- 3) TRUSTEES MEETING/QUALITY AND VALUE UPDATE

(<http://www.cvent.com/events/2014-trustees-conference/event-summary-5729dfe330a24725aef9e248a157e427.aspx>) Chancellor Carey and President Gee's recommendations regarding "quality and value" in Ohio higher education will be announced at this year's retreat. John Marino from Kent State will be reporting to the OFC about this meeting in December.

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

- Enrollment still looks good, up 800 from last year's numbers at this time.
- Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and BGSU President Mary Ellen Mazey on Nov. 10 officially opened the new Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation crime lab located on campus. "Opening this new building with all of its cutting-edge equipment and technology will not only help local law enforcement solve crimes,

but also open new possibilities to students who are interested in careers in forensic science and criminal justice," said DeWine.

Cleveland State University

- No report submitted

Northeast Ohio Medical University

- No report submitted

Kent State University

- No report submitted

Youngstown State University

- The new interim Provost has been open to moving forward with efforts to expand eternal funding and allocation of resources to make this happen
- The Interim Provost has proposed changing the graduate school to a college and splitting the current open position of Graduate school dean and VP of Research into 2 separate positions
- The YSU-OEA has a tentative agreement with the administration and it currently awaits ratification by both sides. The sticking points were compensation, faculty rights and healthcare premiums.

Central State University

- No report submitted

Shawnee State University

- No report submitted

University of Cincinnati

- No report submitted

Wright State University

- The GE Core review committee has started reviewing our core and exploring innovations such as adding experiential/service learning to the curriculum.
- The Distance Education Taskforce had their kickoff meeting. Their charge is to formulate a strategy for DL at Wright State and make recommended infrastructure to support the strategy.
- The senate reviewed draft of the MDA (Mission Driven Allocation) model for Wright State.

University of Akron

- No report submitted

Ohio University

- No report submitted

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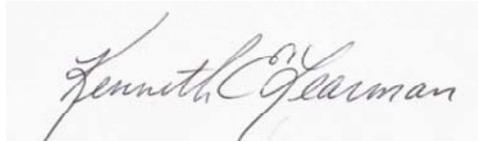
University of Toledo

- No report submitted

The next meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council will be on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 12:30 PM in the seventh floor conference room of the Ohio Board of Regents Offices (50 South Front Street, Columbus, OH).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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