



## **The Ohio Faculty Council**

### **Members Present:**

Wright State University (Dan Krane [Chair] and Carol Loranger), Youngstown State University (Ken Learman, and Amy Flick [Secretary]), Bowling Green State University (Ann Marie Darke), University of Akron (Roland Arter and William Rich), Cleveland State University (Mekki Bayachou), Shawnee State University (Andrew Feight), Kent State University (Ed Dauterich), University of Cincinnati (Sally Moomaw), and University of Toledo (Linda Rouillard), Central State University (Anthony Milburn), Ohio State (Ben Givens),

### **Members Absent:**

Miami University, Ohio University, and North East Ohio School of Medicine

Chair, Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:33 PM on November 13, 2015. The meeting was held in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the Ohio Board of Regents building (25 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio).

### **Agenda Approved**

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2015 OFC MEETING Approved** (available at: [https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/ofc/minutes/2015/OFC\\_Minutes\\_NOV\\_2015\\_DRAFT.pdf](https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/ofc/minutes/2015/OFC_Minutes_NOV_2015_DRAFT.pdf))

### **NEW BUSINESS**

REPORT ON PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT NETWORK MEETING (Dan Krane)

Chairman Krane attended PLA Network meeting and was very impressed with the representatives from the institutions as they raised objections regarding curriculum and faculty interests. See attachment 1 and if you or another faculty member at your institution has an interest in PLA or has any questions or concerns, please send them to Chairman Krane and he will address that at the next meeting.

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OHIO FINANCIAL RATIOS (Dan Krane and Dawn Gatterdam, Director, Capital Planning and Fiscal Services for the Ohio Department of

Higher Education)

Under Senate Bill 6, each state institution must submit standardized measures regarding the following ratios: Viability Reserve (Expendable resources divided by debt), Primary Reserve (Expendable resources relative divided by total expenses), and Net Income Ratio (Net income revenues divided by total revenues). Together, these numbers speak to the financial health of the institution. Information on Senate Bill 6 and these measures along with institutional data can be found <https://www.ohiohighered.org/campus-accountability>

Before January, read through documents on the above website and in the information **linked** on this issue. Specifically, look at your institutional data. This will help you be prepared to speak with Jim Bennett at our last meeting.

Dawn Gatterham also advised everyone to examine administrative code 126:3-1, which came out of Senate Bill 6. The full language of the code can be found at <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/126:3-1>

The concern was brought up that this information could be used to push an agenda that may have been initially unintended.

Chairperson Krane will update the viability ratios and send that out to representatives.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (Dan Krane)

OFC LIASON WITH THE OHIO FACULTY SENATE OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES (Dan Krane)

We used to have a representative from the Ohio Faculty Senate of Community and Technical Colleges attend OFC meetings; however, when he moved, another representative was not sent in his place. The Bylaws of the OFC state that we must maintain an active liaison between the OFC and the Ohio Faculty Senate. Chairman Krane reached out and spoke with the Chair of the Faculty Senate. A meeting between the OFC and Ohio Faculty Senate was suggested for March. Additionally, each group was invited to the other's meetings. Many of the interests of the OFC are shared with the Ohio Faculty Senate. It will be helpful for us to coordinate as a group and with the Ohio Faculty Senate to discuss best practices.

HOUSE BILL 48 AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE ISSUES (Sara Kilpatrick, Executive Director, Ohio Conference of AAUP;  
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-48>)

Sara Kilpatrick spoke first on Ohio House Bill 48, which would allow Board of Trustees to determine concealed carry regulations for their individual campuses. It

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also absolves the university of any responsibility for gun related incidents. This would allow people to sue the individual universities. There is not a consensus regarding opposition to this, so the IUC has been unable to make an official statement. Other concerns state that there might be that pro-gun donors might influence policy. AAUP opposes this. There was no chance to discuss this issue on the floor. The referred the bill to the Oversight and Reform Committee. Ms. Kilpatrick stated that she would be surprised if this did not pass, as there is strong second amendment support. Ms. Kilpatrick stated that an official statement of opposition from the OFC might be helpful.

Chairperson Krane put the issue of such a resolution to this body. There was unanimous support for Dr, Krane drafting such a resolution. He will email this to everyone early next week and give an opportunity for feedback to help tweak the proposed resolution.

Ms. Kilpatrick also spoke about HB 160. AAUP has taken a position of opposition.

Lastly, she spoke on STRS how pension obligations are now being reported in such a way that makes institutions look like they are massively in the red, when in fact this is only a paper change and STRS is in good financial health. The fear is that this will not be understood by upper administration and potentially be used against faculty in negotiations. She said that AAUP has contacted STRS and urged them to train on this issue further in the institutions.

### OLD BUSINESS

CURRICULUM APPROVAL PROCESS (Nigamanth Sridhar)- Not here

COMPARISON OF WAGES ALLOCATED TO PART TIME INSTRUCTORS (Bill Rich)

So far, there is a wide range of compensation for part time faculty, ranging from the low end where Shawnee State is to Ohio University at the high end. Shawnee State Senate passed resolution regarding the need for raise in pay for part time faculty members. Dr. Rich is still gathering data and requested information from representatives from any institution who has not to date provided information on part-time compensation.

### CAMPUS REPORTS

(1 to 3 minute oral reports limited to updates on senior administrative openings, major initiatives and/or matters of general interest to faculty such as contract negotiations)

ADJOURN at 2:37

### **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

1. We are creating an ad-hoc senate committee to determine how Faculty Senate should respond to House Bill 48 regarding carry- concealed on campus.
2. Enrollments for the fall of 2016 are trending toward a freshmen class of 3,400 – 3,500 students. The best indicator of freshmen enrollment is paid housing deposits and those are 21% ahead of last year at this time. Graduate students who have applied to BGSU are up 15% from last year at this time. For spring semester of 2016 we have a 5.6% increase in freshmen over last year.
3. Fall 15 to Spring 16 retention is running a little behind last year.
4. BGSU will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Owens State Community College. The agreement includes a provision for dual transcribing. This will ensure a seamless transition from Owens to BGSU. This is the first case of dual transcriptions in the state of Ohio.

Cleveland State University

- Looking to improve financial standing of Cleveland State

Northeast Ohio Medical University

- No report submitted

Kent State University

- No report

Youngstown State University

- Associate Provost for International Programs
- Dean searches ongoing for Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and STEM

Central State University

- No report

Shawnee State University

- There has been approval for running deficit budget for next three years to turn around enrollment

University of Cincinnati

- SGA passed resolution opposing HB48
- Proposal allotting 87 million dollars to renovate basketball arena going before Board of Trustees
- Continuing diversity efforts underway
  - Formed community advisory panel
  - Had three external investigations of police force; a fourth has been commissioned

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- Irate 8; United Black Coalition representing the concerns of underrepresented students and faculty

Wright State University

- New VP for Business and Finance named
- Senate created committee on research initiatives

University of Akron

- Start search for new provost; Current provost moved into VP position
- Search for general counsel

Ohio University

- Search for new provost; Interim has been named, Bruce Ferrin
- Change in Summer calendar

University of Toledo

- Restructuring again possibly
- Another two colleges have voted to re-merge
- Ad for Provost out
- Interim CFO for Main Campus
- Looking for new Deans soon

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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