



## **The Ohio Faculty Council**

### **Members Present:**

Youngstown State University (Chet Cooper [Vice-Chair], Ken Learman [Secretary]), Bowling Green State University (Ann Marie Darke), University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick [Past Chair]), Cleveland State University (Nigamanth Sridhar), Shawnee State University (Michael Barnhart, Andrew Feight), Kent State University (John Marino), University of Cincinnati (Tracy Herrmann), and University of Toledo (Mary Humphrys), Central State University (Anthony Milburn)

### **Members Absent:**

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

**GUEST:** Mr. Bruce Johnson, President IUC

Vice-Chair, Chet Cooper called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:34 PM on February 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).

### **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 January 16, 2015 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present with corrections provided.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **BUDGET AND PART-TIME ISSUES (Bill Rich)**

Chet reported his informal survey on who had part-time faculty representation on faculty senate and only 3 institutions in the system do. BGSU and YSU are considering allowing part-time representation at this time. Discussion on classification of part-time or clinical track faculty and what they are allowed to do (including service and program proposals) ensued.

UC RESOLUTION REGARDING HB 616 (faculty textbook selection;  
<http://legiscan.com/OH/text/HB616/id/1044331>)

Reported that the decision was made last month to take this resolution back to respective

institutions for discussion. Additional discussion occurred this month.

**DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP REPORT: No report**  
**GUIDED PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS WORKING GROUP REPORT**

Ken Learman reported on guided pathways information from the [colleagechangeeverything.org](http://colleagechangeeverything.org) website. Discussion ensued about the limitations that may stem from curricular maps but also the opportunities as well. Sample issues from UT, KSU, and CSU were discussed.

**PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP REPORT:** John Marino reported on what was happening at KSU. Mary Humphrys reported that the group did not have a summary report yet.

Chet discussed Dan Krane's email on the potential to work in working groups next month and possibly pursue grant funding through Lumina group. Discussion ensued on how to proceed in this matter. The committee would like to explore mutual interests with the Lumina group.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OHIO'S INTRA-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL (Bruce Johnson):** Mr. Bruce Johnson joined OFC at 1:30pm. First discussed [Governor Kasich's executive order for college affordability](#). Ohio is first in the nation in college tuition cost containment. Mr. Johnson provided a written report outlining the current efficiency of the higher education system in Ohio and how it compares with other states. A critical issue is that higher education is being driven in the direction of training rather than education. Questioned on the initiative for 2-year campuses to provide 4-year degree options. The stipulations for this initiative were discussed. Chancellor should describe standards for educational program admissions.

Discussion on opportunities for OFC to support IUC efforts in the education of the legislature in our joint goal of providing an affordable, high quality education that prepares the graduate for the intellectual challenges of the competitive global workforce.

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

**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

- BGSU has worked hard to increase the retention of our first year students. In fact, the university's first to second year retention rate increased by five percentage points for last year's cohort.
- BGSU is helping to tackle the toxic algal bloom issue in Lake Erie and across the world. University algae researchers will host a workshop featuring the top experts from around the world discussing how to deal with the growth of harmful algal

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blooms. "Global Solutions to Regional Problems" will be held April 13 and 14 on campus.

Cleveland State University

- No report
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Northeast Ohio Medical University

- No report submitted

Kent State University

- No report

Youngstown State University

- There is currently a tentative agreement between the faculty and administration and with applications for next fall up 300%, it is a little less of a concession from the previous contract proposal
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Central State University

- No report submitted

Shawnee State University

- No report.

University of Cincinnati

- No report submitted

Wright State University

- No report

University of Akron

- No report submitted

Ohio University

At the Board of Trustees meeting in late January, our Board approved tuition levels for next year (subject to modification if the legislature makes them illegal). The early date for this was triggered by the need to establish the rate for the inaugural cohort of the OHIO Guarantee®, which establishes a single guaranteed rate for tuition, all fees, and housing/board plans good for four years from the date of a student's matriculation.

Ohio State University

- No report

University of Toledo

- No report submitted

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The next meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council will be on Friday, March 13, 2015 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 2:28 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

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OHIO  
TRUSTEES CONFERENCE  
November 17 & 18, 2014  
Columbus State Community College  
Columbus, OH

The 2014 conference was conducted by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, Washington, DC, the Inter-University Council of Ohio, and the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

The November 17 conference started with a Fiduciary Responsibilities Panel. David Yost, Auditor of the State of Ohio stressed the role of the board in preventing abuse of power by those in charge of the institution, the need for trustees to maintain a professional only relationship with the institution and the use of open records law to promote open and accountable governance.

The second session, “What I Wish I Had Known as a New Board Member” encouraged trustees to engage with students and faculty. The need to establish institutional priorities for planning was emphasized. A discussion on institutional costs, the need for student incentives to achieve, and how to provide more access to courses and programs were discussed. Two questions were asked for the audience to consider: Is the current higher education business model broken? Should marginal enrollment programs be discontinued? The session concluded noting access to university and state council by board members, email subject to a public records request and the need to grow the institutional endowment.

The November 18 session started with a keynote speech by Richard Legon, President of AGB and Trustee, Spelman College. He commented on how boards must be prepared for the challenges and changes now occurring in higher education. He discussed the fiduciary duty of a board and the need for board independence. Mr. Legon noted the need for a board to be engaged but not become a micromanager. He also noted the president should not police the board.

A Quality and Value Review panel discussion session followed. The moderator was Jack Hershey, President and CEO Ohio Association of Community Colleges. The panel was Steve Johnson, President, Sinclair Community College, Laura Meeks, Eastern Gateway Community College and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, University of Akron. The discussion covered the need for degree completion, three year degree programs, more summer offerings, and the need for institutions to be entrepreneurial. The growing evidence of the failure of remedial programs was also noted.

A Plenary Presentation: Habits of Effective and High Performance Boards was conducted by Dr. Carol Cartwright, AGB and past president of Bowling Green and Kent State Universities. The presentation was based on an article [The Ten Habits of Highly Effective Boards](#), Richard Legon, March/April 2014 Trustees Magazine.

After lunch a Board of Regents Staff Presentation and a Q&A session with Chancellor Carey was conducted. Comments on the need for higher graduation rates were made. A focus on low/middle income and minority populations was noted as an imperative. Comments on campus safety and the Cleary Act were made. A program to present career choices during seventh grade is under review by the Ohio Department of Education. Mandatory use of Career Services by students was suggested. The use of

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faculty and alumni, community partnering, required career exploration and tying courses to careers were suggested. Current career services are poor resulting in increases in student debt and poor graduation rates. Poor support by colleges and universities was given as one of many causes. OBR will soon sponsor a program “Ohio Career Conversations”. OBR representatives will make campus visits if requested to address the problem.

Repeating concurrent sessions: “Overview of State Performance Funding Formula”, “Financing Institutional Debt: Issues and Consideration”, “Ohio Ethics and Conflict of Interest Laws” and “Open Question and Answer Session with AGB” were held.

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