



The Ohio Faculty Council

Members Present:

Wright State University (Dan Krane [Chair]), Youngstown State University (Chet Cooper [Vice Chair], Ken Learman [Secretary], Amy Flick), Bowling Green State University (Ann Darke), University of Akron (Rudy Fenwick [Past Chair]), University of Cincinnati (Tracy Herrmann), and University of Toledo (Linda Rouillard), Ohio University (Beth Quitslund), Cleveland State University (Mekki Bayachou), Shawnee State University (Drew Feight and Michael Barnhart), Central State University (Anthony Milburn) and Kent State University (John Marino)

Members Absent:

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

GUEST: Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Chair, Dan Krane, called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:33 PM on May 8, 2015. 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.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the April 10, 2015 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present with corrections provided by Rudy Fenwick.

Stephanie Davidson:

Discussion regarding the Budget: competency-based education (CBE) was discussed. Money would be provided to get institutions to come together to ramp up CBE. If this could not be done, Ohio would adopt Western Governors University (WGU) as a partner through the Ohio system. WGU does not receive state funding but by virtue of acting a part of the Ohio system would give them greater recognition and acceptance. This action could take place by Executive order. The comment was made that WGU has had mixed reviews as not producing the best outcomes and has been reported to get many students in financial trouble. WGU does not necessarily attract the traditional 18 year old student but older adult students who have some college already but did not complete.

There are representatives from CSU, Lorain CCC, University of Cincinnati, perhaps Sinclair CC and a representative from the IUC to begin discussions. There was continued discussion on the merits and strategies of CBE.

2% tuition increase FY16 freeze FY17 and a 2% SSI increase for each year.

By January 1, 2016 and every 5 years after, Program Review must be performed internally and reported to OBOR. Ohio Revised Code 3345.35 all courses and programs need to be reviewed for enrollment and performance. Each institution should consult with other institutions to determine the benefits of geographical collaboration. Each institution must submit its findings to the Director of Higher Education (Chancellor) no later than 30 days after the completion.

OLD BUSINESS

1. UPDATE ON STATE TASK FORCE(S) ON HIGHER EDUCATION RESOLUTION (attached; Dan Krane): Dan Krane reported that he spoke with Chancellor representatives concerning this issue. Governor will make these appointments and there is a possibility for an appointment but this is not as likely. Wayne Struble may be a person to speak with. Dan Krane has reached out to him with 3 messages without reply. Senator Shannon Jones will have a legislative task force and there is greater possibility to be on the legislative task force.
2. OFC TRI-FOLD BROCHURE (Beth Quitslund) Discussed the different versions of the tri-fold brochure provided via email.
3. NON-TENURE ELIGIBLE REPRESENTATION IN FACULTY SHARED GOVERNANCE (Beth Quitslund) Beth reported that what was sent out and would like any feedback on the white paper. Discussion was tabled until all feedback is provided.
4. CURRICULUM APPROVAL PROCESS (Nigamanth Sridhar) Tabled until September.
5. NOMINATIONS FOR OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY (Rudy Fenwick) Dan Krane nominated as Chair of Senate, Chet Cooper was nominated as Vice Chair, and Amy Flick as Secretary. Rudy Fenwick closed nominations. By proclamation vote, each nominee was elected for their respective positions and will serve for the 2015-16 academic year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ADA Compliance (Chet Cooper): Chet Cooper requested feedback on who is currently working on this and how is it getting done. UC is currently working on it and is getting some assistance from the library. There was discussion on the legality of the process and how they are trying to comply and the potential consequences for failure to comply in a timely manner.
2. OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Stephanie Davidson) Previously reported on above.
3. SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BUDGET BILL 64 (Dan Krane) This component of the Budget Bill was rallied around by the IUP and was removed.

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

- No report.

Cleveland State University

- No report

Northeast Ohio Medical University

- No report

Kent State University

- President Beverly Warren has created a Strategic Visioning Advisory Committee to work toward redefining the university's strategic vision. The committee's findings was shared in a town hall forum on May 7.
- The current collective bargaining agreement with the AAUP expires in August. Negotiations will start in June with an agreement to be reached prior to the start of the fall semester.
- Recent denial of tenure made by Provost Todd Diacon has resulted in several faculty members circulating a "No Confidence" petition for action by the Faculty Senate.
- Implementation of the "College Credit Plus", State of Ohio, mandate has been expressed by faculty members in several academic units.
- Interim administrators have been appointed for the positions of Associate Provost for Regional Campuses and Dean of the Regional College. Position postings and national searches are scheduled for fall semester. Positions of Dean, Geauga Campus and Assistant Dean, Geauga
- Campus will also be posted during the fall semester.

Youngstown State University

- Currently in various levels of process for searches
 - Deans of Honors College, College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, College of Education, College of Creative Arts and Communication, College of Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics
 - Associate Vice President of Research
 - Associate Vice President of Student Success
 - Associate Vice President of Student Experience
-

Central State University

- No report

Shawnee State University

- Our out-going president pulled the proposed FY16 budget that had been submitted to our Board of Trustees, citing the possibility that the final state budget bill may block any raise in tuition at state institutions in FY16 — the budget had been based on a 2% tuition increase. Meanwhile contract negotiations have begun with our faculty union in hopes of having a new CBA in place by August. And a special joint faculty-administration committee is finalizing a draft for a new academic program review policy and procedures.

University of Cincinnati

- Graduated 6400 students last week n 3 graduations ceremonies.
- Two new Deans Dr. William Ball named to the College of Medicine and Dr. Jeff Bauer at UC Claremont.
- Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Research are currently open as well as an Associate Director for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning.

Wright State University

- Dr. Joseph Keferl has been selected as the next Dean of the College of Education and Human Services. His appointment will be effective January 1, 2016, and he will begin as Dean-Elect on October 1, 2015, to facilitate his transition, Dr. Charlotte Harris, who has served as Chair of the Department of Teacher Education, Associate Dean, and Dean at Wright State University.
- The Provost and several members of his staff are on indefinite leave.

University of Akron

- There is a proposal to change the name to Ohio Polytechnic University or Ohio Polytechnic Institute and
- Rebranding on a new advertising campaign.
- Going to offer all Gen Ed courses either online or blended (distance) at \$50 per credit. In the end this may eliminate the College of Arts and Sciences.

Ohio University

- Likely searching for a new Provost soon since the current Provost is a finalist in 2 other searches.
- Leasing of temporary housing provided for current President will continue until 2017 but this house will not be purchased.

Ohio State University

- No report

University of Toledo

- Getting a new President
- One of the Trustees is under investigation for potential Medicare fraud
- Portal college (New College) The Dean and Associate Dean and 2 success

M I N U T E S
OFC Meeting • May 08, 2015

coaches were fired for creating a hostile work environment.

The next meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council will be on Friday, September 11, 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 2:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Learman
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

M I N U T E S
O F C M e e t i n g • M a y 0 8 , 2 0 1 5

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.

Submitted by:

John A. Marino

Associate Professor

Kent State University at Trumbull

JMarino@kent.edu

330-675-8988