



## **The Ohio Faculty Council**

### **Members Present:**

Wright State University (Dan Krane [Chair]), Youngstown State University (Amy Flick [Secretary]), Bowling Green State University (Ann Marie Darke), University of Akron (Leann Schaeffer and Bill Rich), (Nigamanth Sridhar), Shawnee State University (Michael Barnhart and Jennifer Pauley), 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), Ohio University (Beth Quitslund)

### **Members Absent:**

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

Chair, Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:34 PM on October 9, 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 amended to include a discussion of newly formed prior learning assessment working group and Linda Rouillard's presentation on the rhetoric surrounding higher education and the Lumina Foundation. The discussion of the curriculum approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

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

The minutes of the September 11, 2015 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present pending the following amendments:

- Inclusion of higher ed link to article on former president who took ACE approved classes
- Adjust Central State's campus report to simply address assessment and program Review

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION/TEACHING INNOVATION AWARDS (Dan Krane)**

Chairman Krane has not heard anything from the governor regarding this issue. If he has not heard from the governor by November, he will begin soliciting sponsors for the Technology Award and hopefully will be able to also get funding for a teaching award.

### **NON-TENURE ELIGIBLE REPRESENTATION IN FACULTY SHARED GOVERNANCE (Beth Quitsland)**

The council was hesitant to take further action on this issue at this time because there is not a solution or proposal that would work universally across all campuses. It was suggested that the OFC could suggest that institutions should consider representation of non-tenured faculty as it relates to the university's mission. Concerns again were raised about how increased representation of non-tenured faculty could erode tenure and deincentivize the creation of tenure track positions. There were also questions about whether it is appropriate to have part-time faculty serve on committees where they are not compensated. It was then proposed that we use this to highlight the issue of how much money of the budget is actually used for instruction and the treatment of part time faculty. We will post the white page. Bill Rich will collect data on the wages allocated to part-time instructors. Bill Rich will also share a resolution that was passed in the Faculty Senate in University of Akron that proposed a 35% wage increase for part-time faculty to account for cost of living increases.

### **COMPARISONS OF OFC INSTITUTIONS (updated spreadsheet attached)**

Dan Krane will re-send this spreadsheet and he requested that OFC members provide the information from their institutions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PLA**

The Board of Regents distributed a guide to best practices for prior learning assessment. The OFC members were given a first draft and asked not to distribute this beyond this group as the draft is in very rough form. In November Brett Visker will be coming to our meeting to discuss this proposal. Dan Krane has been asked to be on the working group on PLA to represent faculty and the OFC. If we have questions or concerns, we should contact Dan so that he can raise those issues in the working group.

### **THE "NEW" HIGHER ED AGENDA (Linda Rouillard)**

See Powerpoint

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/ofc/minutes/2015/OFC-higheredfunding-oct2015.pdf>

QUALITY AND VALUE IN HIGHER EDUCATION  
REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS (Bruce Johnson, IUC)

Bruce Johnson stated that his understanding of this report is that the universities should consider each of the recommendations, but this does not necessarily mean that all recommendations need to be implemented if increased efficiency will not be a result. Johnson cautioned though that universities should take these recommendations seriously and should engage with the governor on all of these issues. He also reminded the Council that the 5% Challenge is different than the language provided by the Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency. The two have different requirements.

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

- No report

Cleveland State University

- No report

Northeast Ohio Medical University

- No report

Kent State University

- Kent State hired Mark Polatajko, Ph.D., CPA, as senior vice president for finance and administration.

Youngstown State University

- No report

Central State University

- No report

Shawnee State University

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- At Shawnee we began the strategic planning process with our new President. Dr. Kurtz has included a refreshing amount of faculty input up to this point. We are generally optimistic.

Ending a long road of proposals and amendments and discussion the faculty approved a new General Education Program and are now beginning the rigorous process of submitting and vetting the courses that will populate it.

We are beginning the search process for a new Provost.

### University of Cincinnati

- No report

### Wright State University

- The nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates has selected Wright State to host the first of four general election debates in the fall of 2016 where the final candidates will debate each other prior to the November general election. It is expected that more than 100 million people worldwide will be watching the debate on Monday, September 26, 2016. It is anticipated that the event will bring as much as \$14 million to the Dayton economy.

Dr. Mark Polatajko, Wright State's CFO for the past four years and COO for the past two months, will be taking on the role of Senior VP at Kent State starting in January. A national search for a CFO will be initiated and President Dave Hopkins proposes to take on the responsibilities of COO. Faculty leaders have been kept informed about the status of the search that led to Dr. Polatajko's departure and have been consulted about appropriate next steps for the university.

### University of Akron

- No report

### Ohio University

- No report

### University of Toledo

- No report

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Flick  
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