



The Ohio Faculty Council

Members Present:

Wright State University (Dan Krane [Chair], Douglas Petkie), Youngstown State University (Chet Cooper [Vice-Chair], Ken Learman, [acting Secretary]), 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:

Miami University, University of Akron, and North East Ohio School of Medicine, Cleveland State University, Bowling Green State University, Shawnee State University

Guests Present: Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs; Laura Padgett, Policy Director Ohio Department of Higher Education; Sara Kilpatrick, Executive Director of the Ohio Conference; and Lauren McGarity, Director of Special Projects at the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Chair, Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:35 PM on March 11, 2016. 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: February 12, 2016 OFC MEETING (available at: https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/ofc/minutes/2016/OFC_Minutes_February2016.pdf)

NEW BUSINESS

Driving down the cost of a college degree: Ohio Department of Higher Education Mid-Biennium Budget Review (Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, and Laura Padgett, Policy Director)
http://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHORGHE/2016/02/22/file_attachments/503389/Higher+Ed+MBR+Fact+Sheet.pdf and

<http://www.toledoblade.com/Featured-Editorial-Home/2016/03/04/Controlling-college-costs-1.html>)

HB 474: Mid-biennial review. Governor Kasich has routinely used the mid-biennium budget years as an opportunity to articulate initiatives in a way that allows them to be considered absent the voluminous materials associated with budget details. The initiatives in this mid-biennium budget review are largely derived from the Governor's Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency report October, 2015.

Opened the floor for questions and answers on the bulleted initiatives.

The enacted version of the 2015 budget bill did not include a specific reference to Western Governors University (WGU) but individual institutions have not been discouraged from participating in a partnership with WGU. There was discussion about the population served by WGU (students with an average age of 37) and their graduation rates (approximately 40%).

Under the proposed legislation, community colleges would be allowed to offer up to 10 total bachelors degrees statewide (not 10 at each institution). Factors that the Chancellor would likely consider in his approval would be local workforce needs that are not currently filled by neighboring four-year institutions. Community colleges would need to go through the standard ODHE program approval process to gain approval for the new degrees.

The issue of faculty input into the final product was questioned and it was questioned who was responsible for creating the document. The guests explained the process for Bill introduction and they explained that the time for faculty input is now that the bill has been introduced.

OFC representatives are encouraged to look at ways to provide feedback and get involved in the decision making process regarding the initiatives outlined in the previous discussion. It was specifically suggested that faculty leaders cultivate relationships with their institution's government relations administrator(s).

Helmsley grant to Ohio Department of Higher Education:
(<http://helmsleytrust.org/news/helmsley-charitable-trust-awards-student-success-grant-ohio-department-higher-education>). The Ohio Department of Higher Education has accepted a grant from the Helmsley Charitable Trust to continue implementation of its 2013 Ohio Mathematics Initiative that resulted in a mathematics faculty-led redesign of STEM statistics and quantitative reasoning courses. The grant will help engage higher education faculty, advisors and administrators to ensure that redesigned courses are implemented and aligned with specific degrees. Ohio's 14 public universities and 23 community colleges are invited to bring teams of up to ten faculty, advisors and administrators to a day long convening in either Sharonville (April 20) or Lorain (April 21). Institutions that send teams to one of these events will be eligible to apply for one of six to eight

grants to support the development of programs that help students succeed, particularly through the use of co-requisite remediation in math.

Textbook ordering policies: A federal law (the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008) requires that institutions of higher education make known what textbook (including ISBNs and prices) will be used for all classes at the same time that students first have an opportunity to register for a class (typically about six months prior to the start of the class). Students are to realize a cost saving because they will be better able to plan for the expense and also have more time to find lower cost options (e.g. used texts). Members of the OFC were asked by email about their institution's textbook ordering policies. A white paper that captures those responses will be circulated as a draft for discussion at the April meeting of the OFC.

G.R.E.A.T. (Global Reach to Engage Academic Talent) institutional contacts (Lauren McGarity, ODHE Globalization Liaison & Policy Projects)

The Ohio Department of Higher Education is attempting to create a database that would facilitate communication with everyone that should be getting information concerning the cultivation of opportunities for foreign students at Ohio institutions (public and private). A sheet was passed around to all in attendance to supply contact information for each campus.

Discussion about the efforts to globalize educational opportunities in the State of Ohio. The goal is to encourage international (at this point, engineering) students to come to Ohio for their education and to encourage them to stay and work in Ohio. It also encourages our Ohio students to be exposed to other cultures in a way that would benefit them if they stay in Ohio or to make them ready to be competitive in the global economy if they choose to move to another another state or country. A current objective is to get each institution in Ohio to agree to a common admissions process to make the State system attractive to other institutions of higher education in other countries.

OLD BUSINESS

STATE SUPPORT OP-ED/RESOLUTION (Dan Krane): The OFC resolution has been delivered to each state Representative and Senator.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO OHIO HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND MANDATES: Each of the 14 public four-year universities in Ohio were required to submit a report in October, 2015 to the Chancellor regarding how they proposed to reduce student costs by 5%. Those reports can be found online at <http://regents.ohio.gov/efficiency/5-percent-challenge/INSTITUTIONNAME 5-Percent-Challenge-Plan.pdf> (where "INSTITUTIONNAME" needs to be replaced by each institution's name with no spaces, e.g. "OhioState" or "ClevelandState"). A synopsis of those plans will be prepared for discussion at the April OFC meeting.

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 submitted

Cleveland State University

- No report submitted

Northeast Ohio Medical University

- No report submitted

Kent State University

- No report submitted

Youngstown State University

- No report

Central State University

- Anthony Milburn will be a Fellow of the American Council on Education for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Shawnee State University

- No report submitted

University of Cincinnati

- No report submitted

Wright State University

- No report

University of Akron

- No report

Ohio University

- Ohio University's president, Roderick McDavis announced that he will be retiring on June 30, 2017 after 13 years in that position.

University of Toledo

- No report submitted

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Learman
Youngstown State University