

Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2018

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council was called to order at 12:32 on April 13, 2018 in Columbus by Dan Krane.

**Present**

Dan Krane (Wright State University), Lori Liggett (BGSU), and Ben Givens (Ohio State University). Joining the meeting virtually: Amy Lee (NEOMED), Amy Flick (Youngstown State University), Vicki Coleman Gallagher, Michael Kalafatis, and William Bowen (Cleveland State University), Bill Rich and Leeann Schaeffer (University of Akron), Thomas Atwood and Amy Thompson (University of Toledo), Travis Doom (Wright State), and Beth Quitslund (Ohio University)

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

**Old Business**

Transfer credit for for-profit institutions update (Beth Quitslund)

- Extensive conversation with rep from HLC. They said that the accreditation of the previous institution should not be the sole determinant regarding the transferability of course credits. University policies should not say that credits will only be accepted from regionally accredited institutions.
- The ODHE working group tasked with drafting a policy regarding transfer credits from for-profit institutions seems to be moving toward recommending guidelines at their last meeting in June. It is not clear if other states have developed policies regarding the acceptance of transfer credits from for-profit institutions.
- Beth Quitslund represents the OFC on this ODHE working group (Terry Filicko represents the Ohio Faculty Senate and Cindy McQuade represents the IUC).
- Beth will work through the OFC list serve to develop an OFC position on these recommendations prior to the May meetings of the OFC and the ODHE working groups.

Legislative update (Sub HB 66, HB 337, SB 216, HB 512)

- HB 66—Has passed the House and is still in committee in the Senate. The substitute bill is a significant improvement over the original bill and would have the chair of the OFC be a member of a study group that would evaluate means of helping undergraduates have more opportunities to benefit from instruction from tenured faculty. An amendment in

the Senate would include the chair of the Ohio Student Government Association as a voting member of the study group. The study group would constitute an opportunity to engage with legislators about the value and utility of tenure. The bill may still clear the Senate.

- HB 337—(State sales tax exemption for textbook sales) Has been unanimously supported by the House Ways and Means Committee but will not come up for a vote before the whole House in this General Assembly. Representatives have expressed an interest in sponsoring a similar bill in the next General Assembly.
- SB 216— The OFC expressed concerns about the original bill's requirement that students take all College Credit Plus courses on high school campuses and that language has now been removed from the bill. The State Education University Deans (SUED) helped to craft a compromise position regarding proposed changes to licensing bands for K-12 teachers. There is a good chance that the bill will clear the House and the Senate.
- HB 512—(The creation of a single agency to administer K-12, higher education and workforce development) It had strong support from the Governor and Speaker but the prospects of the bill passing the House have been greatly diminished with the resignation of the Speaker. There is little support for the bill in the Senate.

Questions for gubernatorial candidates — answers

- Questions the OFC would like for gubernatorial candidates to consider have been privately communicated with campaigns. One has suggested that they would like to know what the OFC would consider to be good answers to the questions. Members of the OFC are invited to continue to access the document () and suggest acceptable responses.

### **New Business**

Opening of nominations for OFC Vice Chair and Secretary. Nominations will close at the May 11 OFC meeting and will be followed by a vote.

- Beth Quitslund was nominated for Vice Chair
- Amy Flick was nominated for Secretary

Textbook adoption policies (Chet Cooper)

- Amy Flick or Chet Cooper will follow up with OFC members about their policies that speak to the conflict of interest relative to faculty financially gaining from adopting texts they wrote, if any, to begin a white paper on the issue. Bill Rich will provide a summary of the State's ethics laws that pertain to this issue.

SHEEO report ([http://www.sheeo.org/sites/default/files/SHEF\\_FY2017.pdf](http://www.sheeo.org/sites/default/files/SHEF_FY2017.pdf))

- Dan has begun circulating a draft of an op-ed on this report via the listserv. He will continue to take suggestions for revisions.
- It was suggested that it would be useful for the committee to develop a set of talking points, so this information can be shared quickly.

### **Campus Reports**

**Shawnee State:** The Faculty Senate voted at its March meeting to approve a resolution affirming the rights of transgender students and employees. At the April Board of Trustees meeting, it was announced that the university will have an approximate operating budget deficit of \$5M with the administration citing high insurance claims as a significant factor. At its April meeting, the faculty Senate will consider a motion of displeasure regarding the administration's decision to warehouse six academic programs over the objections of faculty. It was announced at the April Board of Trustees meeting that additional program cuts would happen in the Fall; it was also announced at the Board of Trustees meeting that the university has stepped closer to signing an agreement with Learning House, a private online program development and management company. Also, the faculty union will renegotiate its contract this summer.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:31 PM by Dan Krane. The next general meeting will be at 12:30 on May 11, 2018, in Columbus.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Flick