

## **Ohio Faculty Council**

### Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2018

#### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council was called to order at 12:36 on May 11, 2018 in Columbus by Dan Krane.

#### **Present**

Dan Krane (Wright State University), Edward Dauterich (Kent State), Joe McLaughlin (Ohio University), Marc Scott and Kyle Vick (Shawnee State), and Sally Moomaw (University of Cincinnati). Joining the meeting virtually: Amy Lee (NEOMED), Travis Doom (Wright State), and Michael Kalafatis (Cleveland State).

#### **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**

Textbook Adoption Policies White Paper

- OFC members will be emailed shortly with requests for information regarding this topic and others (e.g. wait lists, final exam scheduling for on-line and hybrid classes).

Legislative update (Sub HB 512, HB 628, Joint Committee on Higher Education)

- HB 512—While the Governor would like to see this bill pass, it would appear that the bill lacks support in the House, especially with Speaker Rosenberger's departure.
- HB 628—The education school deans (SUED) strongly oppose this bill, especially its provision to allow for-profit institutions to train and credential K-12 teachers. Given that one of the bill's champions in the House lost a primary bid, it appears to have stalled for this General Assembly.
- Joint Committee on Higher Education—There are five senators (Dolan, Hottinger, Wilson, Thomas, and Williams) and five representatives (Antani, Duffey, Perales, Boggs, and Kelly) on this committee and they'll issue a report on how to make higher education more affordable. The OFC will need to keep an eye on the workings of this committee as its work progresses.

Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways (OGTP)

- The OFC asked Paula Compton to include an OFC representative on the steering committee for OGTP and was invited to attend the last meeting in March. The faculty content panels meet once to discuss the 60 credit hour blocks that four-year institutions would also be required to accept toward a baccalaureate degree.

- Bruce Johnson at IUC will attend next Thursday's meeting of the OGTP Steering Committee and will seek to get the committee to consider the impact on four-year colleges. Marc Scott from Shawnee State will represent the OFC.
- The OFC discussed their thoughts on the OGTP: there seemed to be agreement that the rushed process may result in some unintended consequences that will negatively impact students.

#### Transfer Credit from For-Profit Institutions

- The committee addressing this topic has developed a strategy plan, but there's been no decision yet with respect to this issue.

#### Technology Commercialization Award

- Deadline for nominations is in August 27. One nomination (from the University of Toledo) has been received already.

#### Draft Op-Ed Regarding State Support

- Dan will reach out to OFC members regarding publication of the letter in our local media. The members seemed supportive of the letter and its publication.

#### Nominations for OFC Secretary and Vice Chair

- Beth Quitslund has accepted an administrative position at Ohio University and will not be eligible to serve as Vice Chair. Chet Cooper has accepted the nomination for Vice Chair and Amy Flick has accepted the nomination for Secretary.

#### **New Business**

David Cummins from ODHE addressed the group to discuss the fiscal health scores (SB6 scores) of the IUC schools.

- There are three ratios which are considered when compiling the composite score: a viability ratio (expendable net assets divided by plant debt), a primary reserve ratio (expendable net assets divided by total operating expenses), and a net income ratio (change in total net assets divided by total revenue).
- Once a school's composite score drops below 1.75 for two consecutive years, the institution is placed on fiscal watch.
- Question from Dan Krane: are SB6 scores published too late for institutions to recognize that they are approaching a fiscal problem? There was some discussion about Wright State and Mr. Cummins agreed that SB6 scores were something of a lagging indicator and that changes in net income ratio might give an earlier warning of impending problems.
- Information about the SB6 scores can be found at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/campus-accountability>

#### OFC Secretary and Vice Chair Elections

- Chet Cooper was elected to a one-year term as Vice Chair of the OFC. Amy Flick was elected to a one-year term as Secretary of the OFC.

#### OFC Meetings in June, July, and August and Faculty Congress of Ohio Meeting

- The members decided to hold meetings in June and July, with the possibility of a Faculty Congress of Ohio meeting in July on either the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> (there will be no OFC meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>). During the June OFC meeting, we may discuss STRS or SB6.

#### **Campus Reports**

*University of Cincinnati:* The institution will celebrate its bicentennial this year and currently has seven or eight dean searches in the works. The university will also go through accreditation this fall.

*Kent State:* Bargaining taking place now for tenure-track faculty CBA.

*Ohio University:* A new provost was hired at the institution and there are seven or eight dean searches planned for next year. There are issues at the regional campuses (particularly enrollment competition among the regional institutions and main campus) that the university will address in the next year.

*Shawnee State:* Contract negotiations will take place this summer. The institution's president recently received a three-year contract extension.

*University of Toledo:* Faculty are renegotiating their contract.

*Wright State:* The faculty are working on an expired contract and the negotiations are now entering fact-finding. The university has spent through roughly \$130M in reserves in three years.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:36 PM by Dan Krane. The next general meeting will be at 12:30 on June 8, 2018, in Columbus.

Minutes submitted by: Marc Scott