

October 12, 2018 Meeting of the OFC

Attendance:

Dan Krane (Wright State), Anthony Milburn (Central State); Kyle Vick (Shawnee State); Linda Saliga (Akron), Ed Dauterich (Kent State), Ben Givens (Ohio State); Greg Loving and Cynthia Ris (Univ. of Cincinnati); Online: Jeff Snyder, Travis Doom (Wright State), Amy Lee (NEOMED), and Bill Bowen (Cleveland State)

Guests: Dr. and Mrs. Goel; ODHE Chancellor John Carey; ODHE Vice-Chancellor Charles See; Ohio Representative Mike Duffey; Ohio Faculty Senate chair Terry Filicko

12:33 APPROVE AGENDA

12:34: APPROVE SEPTEMBER 14 OFC MEETING MINUTES

12:36 - OLD BUSINESS

TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS WHITE PAPER

- Useful ideas and wide variety of developments. These points can be important both for our own benefit to increase awareness at our universities but also to help legislators become more and better aware of commitments to improving undergraduate education at our universities.
- The reference to HB 66 (which is not currently being considered by the Senate) in the executive summary will be deleted: “General assembly and others have expressed concern about tenure-track relation to undergraduate teaching, and it is clear that faculty are provided and engage in a wide-range of teaching development to continue and improve the level of engagement in teaching by all ranks of faculty members. This should be important to all government bodies and those bodies interested in education as well as providing an avenue of communication between universities to improve development across universities.”
- Questions remain regarding the availability of support to all faculty: is there a dichotomy about who takes advantage of these opportunities? Possible additions:
 - These opportunities are typically available for all faculty, but there are structural problems in adjunct and other part-time faculty taking advantage of faculty development opportunities given limitations such as teaching at various universities and their schedule which often includes evening courses where faculty development opportunities are offered during the day.
 - In addition, different faculty tracks are varied and have other obligations that may limit their time and opportunity to take advantage of these opportunities; full-time non-tenure track faculty, for example, may have more obligations regarding service, while research faculty may have more requirements to fulfill research protocols.

- The Speaker of the House for the 133rd General Assembly will determine who will be the next chair of the Ohio House’s Higher Education and Workforce Development committee. This white paper could play an important role in discussions by that committee.
- A second white paper regarding adjuncts may be needed to look into the special concerns they have in being able to take advantage of faculty development opportunities or to encourage expenditures in these areas as needed.

OFC TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION AWARD PRESENTATION (ODHE Chancellor John Carey)

Dan: Third year of award to celebrate great work faculty are doing to revitalize economy and to attract and educate the workforce of Ohio with nominations getting better every year.

The review panel for this year’s award were: Provost Jon Harbor (University of Montana), Dr. Richard Billo (Associate VPR, University of Notre Dame), and Charles See (Vice Chancellor, ODHE).

Chancellor Carey’s remarks:

- Expressed thanks and appreciation for the faculty that the OFC represents and the leadership by OFC representatives at our universities. The State tries to support and recognize universities—Chancellor’s Award to Toledo for a member who goes above and beyond. Great things that faculty are doing and changing lives.
- Dan has done fantastic work on textbook affordability and has established a model that is being replicated across the state and beyond. Ohio’s Governor embraces the State’s commitment to develop and invest in technology. ODHE has launched a new website to connect with businesses with university researchers. (Ohio Innovation Exchange).

Ohio Faculty Council award winner—Dr. Vijay Goel (University of Toledo) thanked Mrs. Goel and provided a powerpoint presentation that summarized his entrepreneurial work:

- Dr. Goel provided his history from India through global work to Toledo: Toledo, Iowa, and Yale work helped him see the importance of working with industry, to see what industry needs. You have to have a “game changer.”
- Research areas include lower back pain causing \$40 billion in health care costs
- Works with surgeons from a bio-mechanics perspective, including 3-D printing, for those including young female athletes with sources of funding from national and local sources.
- Product development from the paper napkin through prototype, testing, and trials before FDA approval; \$2-3 million to ensure success.
- Need to consider low cost devices to go to global markets
- A second area of research is a more effective and efficient patient transfer bed
- Funding from local and state through federal sources

- Startups created including Spinal Balance and OsteoNovus and work has contributed millions to the Ohio economy and has done so in collaboration with other universities including OSU
- Bright but challenging future without the middleman.

UC Faculty President, Cynthia Ris accepted the 2018 Runner-up award on behalf of Dr. Jay Lee (University of Cincinnati).

Final Words:

- Dan: To Chancellor and Rep. Duffey—Takes time and commitment to academic freedom and support and requires the system of tenure. Economy, reputation, and innovation and citizens of Ohio.
- Rep. Duffey: Economic Development and patents crucial and important. Greatly appreciates the OFC’s willingness to engage in constructive dialog with legislators.
- Our committee seconds that the OFC and Dan does important work in regard to spotlighting the important work being done by faculty at public institutions of higher education.
- The process of soliciting nominations for a 2019 OFC Technology Commercialization Award will begin soon.

OCOG ADMINISTRATION (<https://www.ohiohighered.org/sgs/expenditures>)

Dan: Talked to Jim Bennett about who benefits by Ohio College Opportunity Grants—see website; top 106.

- Two-year institutions (and branch campus students) get no OCOG support except perhaps over summer.
- Eliminating OCOG support for students at Ohio’s private universities may not be politically feasible but a reconsideration of relative support levels may be possible,
- Any changes to OCOG should be completely independent of SSI
- You either get an OCOG award or not but can less if Pell Grant is awarded because it must be less than tuition
- One idea that generated a lot of agreement: One single amount to each student directly to choose where they go.

2:05 p.m: NEW BUSINESS

Report of the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability

- Freezes affect all, when allowed, some forego opportunity to help faculty and then it hurts as divisions increase. Increase next time should be cognizant of chance to raise later.
- Game changer about varied tuition for different department or to link SSI to careers.

- Included is some concern regarding CCP, \$262 million in savings for students translate directly to lost revenue four-year institutions with implications for how higher ed works; less variety and offerings of upper-level courses are a likely unintended consequence if the erosion of tuition from lower level courses through programs like CCP continues.

Gubernatorial and Legislative Update

A plank of the Cordray (D) campaign platform on higher education still calls for free community college for all Ohioans (and does not seem to have been amended to be “free first two years of higher education” despite the raising of concerns regarding the financial implications to public four-year institutions).

A plank of the DeWine (R) campaign platform on higher education still places an emphasis on careers (and, by extension, salaries of graduates) as a key component for allocating SSI.

November 15 Trustees Conference

These conferences have typically provided a higher education agenda for coming year. They represent an opportunity for faculty to have a conversation with trustees. This year’s agenda is calling attention to college textbook affordability. OhioLink will spotlight progress made on a joint grant awarded by ODHE to North Central State Community College, Ohio Dominican and OSU regarding the generation of open education resources. OFC members should consider attending.

Campus Reports

Wright State—October 29 final vote possible at that point. If 2/3 AAUP-WSU members do not accept the report as a contract then there is an expectation that a faculty strike will occur.

Univ. of Cincinnati—

- Univ. of Cincinnati just hosted Higher Learning Committee on September 24-26, 2018
- 2019 is a bargaining year and the AAUP will be begin gathering data for priorities for negotiations starting in Spring
- 200th Anniversary began with Homecoming Oct 6 with various events through 2019
- Faculty Senate will honor its 60th Anniversary at our Full-Faculty Senate meeting this month

Kent State: Hundreds of demonstrators and counter-demonstrators clashed in a tense march at Kent State on the last Saturday of September and resulted in the cancellation of classes for that day. The march was organized by Kaitlin Bennett, a Kent State graduate. Hundreds of law enforcement officers (many in riot gear) from as far away as Toledo and Columbus responded to a request from Kent State police for support.

NEOMED: President just announced retirement.

Shawnee State: At its October 12th Board of Trustees meeting, the Shawnee State administration introduced a draft budget for the 2019 fiscal year. The budget includes an 8% projected revenue decline and a 12.3% projected cut to compensation. A finalized budget will be delivered to the

Board in December. The Board also approved campus closure during Spring Break, which will require most staff to either take a furlough or use a week of vacation. The faculty's bargaining unit met recently with a mediator and made modest progress. Another mediator visit will take place at the end of this month. The university also had a visit from the Higher Learning Commission earlier this month and we should have a report in November. Jeff Bauer, the Interim President, has emphasized enrollment growth in online and face-to-face programs, and he's tasked a vice president with overseeing recruitment and enrollment management.