



The Ohio Faculty Council

Members Present:

Dan Krane (Wright State), Amy Lee and Patrick Gallegos (NEOMED), Mike Hogan (Ohio state University), Cynthia Ris and Greg Loring (University of Cincinnati), Terry Filicko (Ohio Faculty Senate), Davis Jackson and Lori Liggett (Bowling Green State University), and Kyle Vick and Mich Nyawalo (Shawnee State University)

Those participating via web conference:

Amy Flick (Youngstown State University), Michael Kalafatis and William Bowen (Cleveland State University), Travis Doom (Wright State University), and Wade Lee (University of Toledo),

Members Absent:

Miami University

Guest

David Cummins, ODHE

Chair, Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:30 PM on September 14, 2018. 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

The minutes of the October meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

Old Business

OFC TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION AWARD

- There were several outstanding nominations. The winner this year is Dr. Vijay Goes of the University of Toledo; the runner up is Dr. Jay Lee of the University of Cincinnati.

FRIEND OF THE OFC AWARD

- Concerns were expressed about the political implications and perceptions of endorsement that might arise as a result of giving such an award. The conversation was tabled for now and will be revisited at a later date.

New Business

OHIO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT ADMINISTRATION (David Cummins, ODHE)

- Concerns were raised about students at private institutions receiving twice the support of students at public institutions given the existing state investment in public institutions. It was asked why we aren't encouraging students to attend state schools and the impact of the perception that private schools were somehow worth the greater cost. Mr. Cummins explained that OCOG is being administered in a way that emphasizes attending college, not to influence which college they attend. It was also asked why the grant is calculated in such a way that only the very poorest are helped and why the grant can only be used for tuition costs. Essentially the rationale behind this is that it is simply that calculations are meant to be as efficient as possible and calculating need on a sliding scale (like Pell) would be more onerous and to do more would incur more cost. Lastly, it was asked why students are only made aware of grant funding on an annual basis and fairly late in terms of their ability to budget and plan. The answer was that eligibility and need changes and the OCOG operates on a two-year budget, so available funds can change. If faculty want to advocate for changes to this process, Mr. Cummins recommends these issues are generally policy considerations and, as such, that changes would best come through the State legislature, given that this is a transition year in the governor's office.

GUBERNATORIAL HIGHER ED PLATFORMS

(<https://secure.cordrayforohio.com/page/content/on-the-issues/> , <http://files.constantcontact.com/c99b3fea601/c7e3e709-c921-49d0-9950-303176a96787.pdf>)

- Concerns were expressed about how Cordray would fund his community college plan and what the implications of that plan are for the four- year institutions and the perceived value of the bachelor's degree more broadly. Concerns were also raised about DeWine's mechanisms for evaluating the utility of academic programs and his focus on job attainment.

TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS WHITE PAPER

- It was voiced that the white paper, as it stands, is a bit overwhelming in terms of the amount of content it contains and the issues it addresses. It was suggested that the major focus be on the last part of the current draft and articulating the question of whether and how we are supported in our teaching effectively as opposed to whether we are teaching effectively. Dan will work on and circulate a revision.

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

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Northeast Ohio Medical University

- No report submitted

Kent State University

- No report submitted

Youngstown State University

- No report submitted

Central State University

- No report submitted

Shawnee State University

- Shawness State president Rick S. Kurtz resigned effective September 14, 2018. Provost Jeff Bauer has taken on the responsibility of interim president.

University of Cincinnati

- No report submitted

Wright State University

- Fact Finder report delayed until October 29. AAUP-WSU and the University administration are engaged in limited non-binding discussions.

University of Akron

- No report submitted

Ohio University

- No report submitted

University of Toledo

- No report submitted

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Flick
OFC Secretary
Youngstown State University