



Ohio Faculty Council

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OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
9 Oct 2020

12:30 – 2:30 PM
 Virtual via Zoom

ATTENDEES (via Zoom):

Bowling Green University: Christopher Frey, David Jackson
 Central State University: Leanne Petry, Anthony Milburn
 Cleveland State University: Andy Slifkin, Anup Kumar
 Kent State: Ed Dauterich
 Miami: James Bielo
 NEOMED:
 Ohio State: Ben Givens
 Ohio University:
 Shawnee State University: Kyle Vick
 University of Akron: Linda Saliga,
 University of Cincinnati: Greg Loving, Cynthia Ris
 University of Toledo: Timothy Brakel, Ally Day
 Wright State University: Laura Luehrmann, Brian Boyd
 Youngstown State: Mike Ekoniak
 Ex-officio: Wright State University, Former Chair Dan Krane

Guests:

Terry Filicko
 John McNay
 Melinda Rhodes-DiSalvo
 Mike Duffey
 Glenn Daehn, winner of the OFC Technology Award, and guests including Dave Stroud,
 Kevin Taylor, Art Gooray, Ryan Zinn, Cassie Dickerson, and Vivek

Meeting came to order at: 12:32 p.m.

- 1. Approved agenda; may be modified**
- 2. Approved minutes pending correction of attendance**
- 3. White Paper on Reorganization and the Role of Faculty**

- Thanks for response and all but several voted; some have passed resolutions in support of this;
- Cleveland State: Introduced at CSU and unanimously accepted; distributed to all faculty; discussed realignment so this is very relevant. What else can we do?
- Wright State: also shared with institution and will be up for vote/endorsement in November. Plan to share with Bd of Trustees; better the more we can discuss how it's being implemented.
- White Paper—reflects general consensus of institutions; Resolution drawing on some of that language, but makes it local and applicable to that institution. This is fundamentally critical and effects recruitment.
- Perhaps should go to Chancellor and others in legislature
- UAkron—Everything's stopped at this point; still trying to get answers, not sure about the processes
- Q from Ally Day: Save Ohio Higher Ed; haven't met yet with them; understanding is that they started connected with unions but now advocate for higher ed; have open panel/colloquium;
- John McNay: OFC isn't directly connected. Its founding members are the three largest advocacy chapters: OU, OSU, and Miami. Cathy Wagner at Miami is one of the main leaders. OFC should be linked in some way to the SOHE. Coalition with students e.g., UC students through Boldly Bankrupt and OSU grad students
- From Anthony Milburn in chat: <https://www.ohiostateaaup.org/save-ohio-higher-ed.html>

4. Ohio Higher Education Professional Development Consortium • Melinda Rhodes-DiSalvo, Associate Director of Operations and Strategic Partnerships, The Michael V. Drake Center for Teaching and Learning, The Ohio State University

- Asked to join organizing committee/initiative. Endorsement for Inclusive Teaching; began 1.5 years ago from Strong Start to Finish Conference. OACC was interested in endorsing deep dives into various teaching areas. ODHE and Miami U Scripps Gerontology Institute on “Active Aging Learning” involved to attract older adults thinking of finishing degrees. Leverage professional development opportunities to larger population of faculty around Ohio. OSU, UC, OU, Columbus State CC and Lorain County Community College involved.
- Would like others to get involved and will be asked to provide experiential responses after sessions—6 sessions, 12 hours of professional development, and can be awarded endorsements (at OSU part of RPT); added on CVs—19 at Drake Institute, including one for 100 hrs. Available across the state of Ohio and have made contact with various Teaching and Learning units and community campuses. Any programming that each institution already has could join
- Q: How does ODHE relate here? Longer term goal is to be independent; OSU able to collect registrations and reflections, etc. ODHE supporting and encouraging through funding with Lumina Grant.
- Building new website to reflect partnerships—all T&L centers interested, including local consortiums. Building awareness and trying to publicize. Faculty members can start enrolling. Partners are those who have said they are. ODHE event—email will note upcoming events such as the Oct event. For example, UC: Teaching online and inclusive

teaching already done; right now open to many ideas but may have an application process moving forward.

- Open to anyone teaching, including TAs
- Outcome achievement shown through “show and tells,” surveys, and other means
- One year pilot through academic year and summer and will continue to take in programs; everyone can reach out to centers for teaching and learning to talk about inclusive teaching.
- Q: Relationship between Teaching & Learning and FS?: Akron—administratively run; Wright State—informal but growing closer; talking more about accessible education.
- Useful opportunity for various institutions’ faculty to get together and learn from panel discussions. A number of different kinds of endorsements including relating to online learning

5. OFC Technology Commercialization Award

- Six different universities—all were excellent; difficult to have a single winner
- Winner of 2020 OFC Award is Dr. Glen Daehn OSU Professor of Metallurgical
- Innovating with many around the world; innovating to take aluminum foil + insulator and lightning bolt to generate pressure with very simple devices. There’s both an academic piece and a practical piece—1 km/second to move metal; can cause aluminum and steel to meld together.
- Vivek and Dave Stroud have worked with him. More at OSU website
- Applications: auto industry (Honda and Ford); aluminum 1/3 density of steel for lightweight cars and joining with steel for the safety “cage” can be useful; joining very different materials such as metals used for medical stents and guidewires; Columbus/OSU is a center for the Western World for welding; aeronautics/aerospace;
- Kevin Taylor: had a number of worthy applications; Glen is innovative researcher and entrepreneur; impactful to Ohio’s economy and beyond; taken passion for science and engineering into the classroom for focus on encouraging STEM for career in K-12 as well as higher ed; inspiration as researcher, entrepreneur, and teacher. Thanks and congratulations to Glen for his accomplishments. Appreciates the OFC TCA.
- Dan: Glen is epitome of what the award is for; it’s to showcase the work that’s being done across Ohio. Great to spotlight such good work.
- Ben: Training is also important as graduates come out well-prepared for supporting the state.
- Glenn: Thanks for recognizing commercialization as part of land grant mission. Reflects well for OSU.
- Mike Duffey: Shared this with the Chancellor; exciting work that’s being done. Commendation from the Lt Governor’s Office will be coming his way.
- Put in proposal for Engineering Research Center on hybrid autonomous manufacturing; 10 year/\$50 million grant.

Ben & Laura had to leave early; Cynthia continued by asking about campus news and ideas for visits from legislators or others

6. Campus examples of shared governance successes and challenges

- OSU: Keeping infection rate down; testing students weekly and isolating using CARES dollars; new President focused on research

- Kent State: things going well with shared governance right now
- UC: Keeping numbers down; don't get much turn-around time to review requests from administration due to changes; good attendance for Senate meetings though having trouble for voting
- Akron: WebEx room takes votes on honor and do poll—shows only Senators are voting
- UT: New President; responsibility-based budgeting in terms of reorganizing at administrative level and how liberal arts education will be affected
- Shawnee State: As of middle of summer, Dr. Sunil Ahuja as new Provost; COVID rates—county we're in, but not been reflected in university numbers
- Youngstown State: No update on Senate; COVID under county rates; request for support from union President; YSU vote in executive session and rejected fact finder's report—will probably go on strike on Monday; vote closes Saturday; two-day fall break starts Monday. Had student members vote who were barred from voting. Hope that it will be as short as possible (2-3 day range)..
- John McNay: AAUP Ohio Conference needs to pay attention to your situation; the way the decision came down had a big outcome on striking. National AAUP doing investigation on institutions ignoring routine shared governance, esp. Akron and Wittenberg U (latter spent a lot of money on sports facilities);
- BGSU: Sent letter 5 to 3 to reject fact finder's report; if any support needed, let them know. Concerns being heard at BGSU are the persistence rate (fall to spring retention within the same academic year, essentially) and whether there may be a cut in SSI.
- Discussion on importance of reaching out to legislators and sharing information.

7. Adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Ris, Secretary
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