



Ohio Faculty Council

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OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FINAL Minutes – 10 September 2021
Approved, 15 October 2021, Leanne Petry

12:30 – 2:30 PM
Virtual via Zoom

ATTENDEES

Bowling Green University: Christopher Frey, David Jackson
Central State University: Leanne Petry, Mitch Eismont
Cleveland State University: Bob Krebs, Andy Slifkin, Anup Kumar
Kent State: Ed Dauterich, Darci Kracht
Miami University: Jennifer Green
NEOMED: Natalie Bonfine
Ohio State: Ken Lee, Ben Givens
Ohio University: Nukhet Sandal
Shawnee State University: Erik Larson
University of Akron: Linda Saliga, Kate Budd
University of Cincinnati: Greg Loving, Dan Carl
University of Toledo: Linda Rouillard
Wright State University: Brian Boyd, Megan Faragher, Laura Luehrmann
Youngstown State: Chet Coper
Ex-officio: Wright State University, Former Chair Dan Krane

Guests

Mike Duffey from ODHE
Jill Galvan from SOHE
Sara Kilpatrick from Ohio AAUP
Cathy Wagner from SOHE

10 September 2021, 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Location: lpetry@centralstate.edu is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) - September Meeting
Time: Sep 10, 2021 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99754372611>

1. 12:30pm | Opening Remarks | Welcome | Approve agenda – request to amend agenda for guests who will be attending later in meeting; Approved
2. Discussion and approval of minutes from June 11, 2021 meeting – request to amend for typos and misspelling of names; Approved
3. Introductions alphabetical by University and special welcome to new OFC members: Bowling Green, Central State, Cleveland State, Kent State, Miami, NEOMED, Ohio State, Ohio U, Shawnee State, U Akron, U Cincinnati, U Toledo, Wright State, Youngstown State, Ex Officio | Former OFC Chair, Invited guests to be joining later in Agenda
4. Onboarding: What does the OFC do? How and with who does OFC interact? How does OFC communicate?

Ben shared regarding OFC communications among members via list serve and website, various groups and individuals at all levels; American Association of University Professors (AAUP, Sara Kilpatrick and John McNay) and Ohio Education Association (OEA, Matt Ides) invited to OFC meetings regularly as collectively OFC, AAUP and OEA have shared interests; lobbyists at individual institutions as collective allies and learn a lot about what happens at governmental and local levels to move legislation; similar administrative organization known as the Interuniversity Council (IUC) comprised of the University Presidents; Bruce Johnson has common interest and attends meetings also; OFC stays in communication with legislators and the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), in particular Chancellor Gardner, etc. who provides updates and opportunities to interact.

Laura shared commonality of shared experiences across institutions across the state, especially in advocacy and policy and initiatives to allow all be involved and engaged in actionable items such as recent HB 327, “Free Speech” and HB 248, “Vaccine Choice”, best practices for higher education; noted OFC bylaws and members on website; commented that there are 2 votes per institutions and 1 alternate who may vote in absentia of a voting member.

Leanne echoed involved in work of OFC across institutions, noting WSU hosts website, Akron the list serve, and CSU the video conferencing (Zoom) and documentation via Google documents when coordination of efforts is necessary; Commented on meeting dates for academic year (see agenda item 5).

5. Meeting dates for AY 2021-2022 (all 12:30-2:30)
Fall Semester 2021: Sept 10; Oct 15; Nov 12; Dec 10
Spring Semester 2022: Jan 14; Feb 11; Mar 11; Apr 15; May 13; June 10
OFC meetings are typically the 2nd Friday of month, however, there are two meetings off sequence (Oct 15 and Apr 15).
Most meetings will be virtual via Zoom. Given the ongoing pandemic, and if at all possible, we want to try to meet in person, but at least for this semester we will continue to meet remotely.

6. Updates:
Recent OFC Testimony (HB 327, “Free Speech;” HB 248, “Vaccine Choice.”) provided in addition to the OFC White Paper on Faculty-Board Relations sent to Board of Trustees Points of Contacts (POCs) [White Paper on Faculty-Board Relations](#)
7. OFC [Technology Commercialization Award](#); Ben provided a brief background noting the award was initiated 6-7 years ago. Dan provided a history and backstory to the award sharing its purpose is to recognize and highlight the work and efforts of faculty in the commercialization of technology and let the state know that faculty are contributing to the state economy. Provosts can nominate individuals as can Senate Chairs; Three (3) nominees in total this year coming from OSU and UC. Concerns expressed to bring in more nominees and that as many as seven (7) nominees in the past have been identified starting with Cleveland State. Most research amenable to commercialization is typically conducted at OSU, UC and OU and their entrepreneur startup initiatives; The Technology Commercialization Award is used as opportunity to shine a bright light on what faculty at public Ohio universities do to contribute to the economy and economic development of the State. It provides a means to open conversation with state legislature encouraging the OFC members going forward to maintain these relationships with policy makers as these relationships are key. These relationships impact district reorganization. Comment on republican party interest in economic development.

<https://www.ohiofacultyCouncil.org/technology-commercialization-award>

8. [PITCH X](#) and Ohio IP Promise will provide some good candidates for the OFC Technology Commercialization Award

Dan notes that PITCH X is another opportunity to shine light on work in Ohio to stimulate the economy. Mike Duffey joined in on the conversation.

Each event highlights work of 3 faculty and how their work is innovative and entrepreneurial (similar to a TedTalk venue/format). The first round of nominations is passed and working on the first date/time to move forward with this round. Completed nominations for second round and that work has gone forward. The website right now still says Round II and that it has closed, but it will be updated shortly. The third round is open for nominations and the link is attached in the agenda. Round III nominations are tentatively scheduled to close November 1st, so there is plenty of time for submissions. This initiative is getting support at highest level of executive branch of state. Side note: two private institutions, UD and CASE Western Reserve, also submitted nominations.

9. Discussion regarding goals and priorities for AY 2021-2022

Greg Loving (UC) discussed pay schedules for faculty lining up with the academic year, how work flows, and trends at various institutions and how impact bargaining table (as UC is in a negotiating year). See saved chat at end of the minutes for comments specific to this topic.

10. Cathy Wagner joined meeting as a special guest to present information on the

Ohio State Conference and AAUP Board Save Ohio Higher Education (SOHE). She provided a historical perspective, information related to censorship bills and commented that some legislators are concerned in the wake of black lives matter that classrooms are being taken over by left wing, minority, anti-critical race theory individualists. There is a power relationship as we think about institutional policy and bills that ask us to not think about these inequities. Comment about restricting diversity trainings at institutions; Question: Does this mean hindering the work of DEI Councils at universities or how institutions whose identity is imbedded in this conversation move forward? Yes-If the bills pass, it impacts what educators are allowed to discuss in the classroom which affects academic freedom. See saved chat at end of the minutes for comments specific to this topic.

Save Ohio Higher Ed Webpage: <https://www.ohiostateaaup.org/save-ohio-higher-ed.html>
<http://www.honestyforohioeducation.info/honesty-in-education.html>

Excellent page with links to bills, info about them, and how to take action — a good page to share with faculty: <http://www.honestyforohioeducation.info/ohio-statehouse.html>

A signup form for Honesty in Higher Ed where you can stay informed on the progress of the bills and actions you can take:
<http://www.honestyforohioeducation.info/stay-informed.html>

11. Sara Kilpatrick from Ohio AAUP joined meeting as special guest discussing HB 327 and its impact toward academic freedom. Conversations focused on how do we make bills less bad and build opposition to these bills.
Kate Budd raised a question about working with IUCs and Sara Kilpatrick noted coordinated efforts moving forward about the IUC Presidents unifying a response. The timeline is currently unknown as they are just getting back in session. She encourages all to examine the website as similar language was passed in Iowa about pro academic freedom. Notation about the loss of SSI funding for violating the bill, including loss of tenure or positions of employment for violating the law. See saved chat at end of the minutes for comments specific to this topic.
12. Jill Galvan joined the meeting as a guest and provided a description of the SOHE forum. Shared information regarding website with a recording, presentation slides, and some of the action toolkits:

<https://www.ohiostateaaup.org/save-ohio-higher-ed.html>

Laura Luehrmann shared that OFC prepared and submitted written testimony expressing concern with House Bill 248, “Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act,”

11. Mike Duffey, Senior Vice Chancellor, from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) joined the meeting as a special guest.
ODHE continues to show our interest in the Ohio Faculty Council's important work and perspectives. The Senior Vice Chancellor, acknowledged the Technology Commercialization Award, IP Promise, and Innovate Ohio.

<https://innovateohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/innovate/priorities/resources/pitchx3262021>

Further discussion on intellectual property and licensing agreements ensued and focused on establishing metrics to advance technology commercialization by monitoring the number of licenses and revenue, invention disclosures, and the actual process itself, etc. This low hanging fruit is streamlining processes, nondisclosure and confidentiality agreements, etc. Ben Givens asked about investors and support? Dan Krane commented he would like to see greater clarity of meaning about what is being asked for (i.e. a deliberate ask), in particular as it related to these PITCH X talks in order to open doors for future initiatives for faculty.

Mike Duffey noted that it is about getting technology out of the university to benefit humanity, which is a difficult process because of bureaucracy, i.e. Waterloo model for inventor ownership.

Lt Governor Husted discussed on campaign trail and bench marked across county; would an inventor-ownership model attract more high achieving faculty and researchers to Ohio to promote synergy between industry and universities; gel absorption; optical switching for energy reductions; heart value innovation research topics, etc.

Share presentations with OFC members when they are ready.

See saved chat at end of the minutes for comments specific to this topic.

<https://kenney.faculty.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/332/2018/03/does-inventor-ownership-encourage-university-research-derived-entrepreneurship.pdf>

12. Campus examples of shared governance successes and challenges
13. Reminder to update google doc
14. Adjourn 2:30

Significant Comments from the Meeting Chat:

13:01:45 From Laura Luehrmann to Everyone:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xitnjxEPugE4c4SDoRSn_DYPEEAadZPUIv0QDuCx0NM/edit?usp=sharing

13:14:45 From Laura Luehrmann to Everyone:

From our webpage: <https://www.ohiofacultycouncil.org/technology-commercialization-award>

13:26:58 From Laura Luehrmann to Everyone:

Save Ohio Higher Ed Webpage: <https://www.ohiostateaaup.org/save-ohio-higher-ed.html>

13:29:24 From Brian Boyd to Everyone:

WSU has a staff senate...

13:29:31 From Christopher Frey to Everyone:

BGSU - Classified Staff Council, and Administrative Staff Council

13:29:37 From Linda to Everyone:
Toledo has a professional staff association

13:29:38 From Laura Luehrmann to Everyone:
Greg, I believe our Staff Senate already participates in an OFC-type organization. I will check on this for you and follow up.

13:29:51 From David Jackson to Everyone:
We have a classified staff council, and an administrative staff council at BGSU.

13:29:58 From Kate Budd to Everyone:
We have a university council that includes staff with faculty, admin, and students

13:30:22 From Nukhet Sandal to Everyone:
Ohio University has admin senate and classified's staff senate

13:31:13 From David Jackson to Everyone:
August 26th this year at BG.

13:31:28 From David Jackson to Everyone:
New faculty don't get paid until September 20th.

13:31:29 From Ben Givens to Everyone:
We have a university staff advisory council: <https://usac.osu.edu/>

13:31:29 From Laura Luehrmann to Everyone:
Welcome, Cathy!

13:31:45 From Cathy Wagner to Everyone:
Hi all! Thanks for letting us join you!

13:33:58 From Robert A Krebs to Everyone:
Cleveland State pays twice a month so we don't run into a problem with a mid month start.

13:37:26 From Laura Luehrmann to Everyone:
Welcome, Jill! Thank you for joining us today.

13:38:05 From Jill Galvan to Everyone:
Thank you and my apologies for being late!

13:39:20 From Laura Luehrmann to Everyone:
OFC did prepare and present testimony responding to HB 327

13:40:12 From Cathy Wagner to Everyone:
<http://www.honestyforohioeducation.info/honesty-in-education.html>

13:40:58 From Cathy Wagner to Everyone:
Excellent page with links to bills, info about them, and how to take action — a good page to share with faculty: <http://www.honestyforohioeducation.info/ohio-statehouse.html>

13:42:11 From Christopher Frey to Everyone:
BGSU should have a resolution on these bills at our Senate Exec Comte meeting on Tuesday

13:42:56 From Christopher Frey to Everyone:
our undergraduate student govt has passed on in opposition as well, and been active on the bills

13:43:09 From Christopher Frey to Everyone:
*passed a resolution

13:43:27 From Jill Galvan to Everyone:
Here also is a description of the SOHE forum we just had, together with a recording, presentation slides, and some of the action toolkits:

13:43:33 From Jill Galvan to Everyone:
<https://www.ohiostateaaup.org/save-ohio-higher-ed.html>

13:47:51 From Cathy Wagner to Everyone:
Here is a signup form for Honesty in Higher Ed where you can stay informed on the progress of the bills and actions you can take: <http://www.honestyforohioeducation.info/stay-informed.html>

13:48:23 From Laura Luehrmann to Everyone:
Prior Free Speech on Campus Resolution from OFC, just FYI.
<https://www.ohiofacultyCouncil.org/sites/ohiofacultyCouncil.wright.edu/files/page/attachments/OFCFreeSpeechResolution.pdf>

13:48:56 From Christopher Frey to Everyone:
link to the proponent testimony on HB 322:
<https://ohiohouse.gov/legislation/134/hb322/committee>

13:55:50 From Jennifer Green (she/her/hers) to Everyone:
Can anyone explain why there are 2 different bills and how they are very different or similar?

13:57:12 From Laura Luehrmann to Everyone:
Welcome, Mike; thanks for joining us today.

13:57:51 From Cathy Wagner to Everyone:
Jen, if you follow the link here you will see the text of the bills —

13:57:52 From Cathy Wagner to Everyone:
<http://www.honestyforohioeducation.info/ohio-statehouse.html>

13:58:11 From Mike Duffey to Everyone:

Thanks everyone! Happy to join as a visitor today as the Ohio Department of Higher Education continues to show our interest in the Ohio Faculty Council's important work and perspectives. - Mike Duffey, Senior Vice Chancellor

14:06:10 From Laura Luehrmann to Everyone:

<https://innovateohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/innovate/priorities/resources/pitchx3262021>

14:09:09 From Mike Duffey to Everyone:

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14:09:56 From Mike Duffey to Everyone:

Nominations are not dependent on text changes, so feel free to share the link. The form is below

14:20:17 From Mike Duffey to Everyone:

<https://kenney.faculty.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/332/2018/03/does-inventor-ownership-encourage-university-research-derived-entrepreneurship.pdf>

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leanne Petry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "L".

Leanne Petry, Secretary
Ohio Faculty Council

cc: Chair, Laura Luehrmann | Vice-Chair, Ben Givens | 2021-2022 OFC Members