

OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2019

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In Person: Bill Bowen, Cleveland State; David Jackson and Jenn Stucker, BGSU; Laura Luehrmann and Dan Krane, Wright State; Robin Muhammad Ohio Univ; Cynthia Ris, Univ. of Cincinnati; Marc Scott, Shawnee State U

Online: Ed Dauterich, Kent State,; Amy Lee, NEOMED; Linda Saliga and Leanne Schaeffer, Univ. of Akron;

John McNay (AAUP), Terry Filicko (Ohio Faculty Senate), Matt Ides (OEA)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 12:34 p.m. by Marc Scott Acting acting on behalf of Dan Krane

AGENDA APPROVED

OFC LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE SPECIAL ELECTION OF AN ACTING CHAIR

Dan Krane: Accepted Interim Dean position with search later this semester. Opportunity to see if he would be a good Dean and may apply for permanent position. At the very least, cannot be Chair of OFC. Talked with others about the position. Acting Dean was difficult to take on given the competing positions as faculty member, role on Faculty Senate at Wright State, and OFC. Wants the trajectory to continue and would continue to serve while in the Interim Dean position as designee to talk about faculty, etc.

OFC needs to decide. Interim may be useful as otherwise, no time is available to hand off duties. This could allow for a better and smoother transition. Dan's position as Chair is 2-year term, so he is 3 months into a 24 month term.

OFC Chair position:

- ½ day on average a week interacting with people in Columbus;
- 5 texts a day from General Assembly for responses;
- Prep for meeting about 2 hours per month (4-5 first);
- Meeting time

Marc Scott:

At his institution, he has just taken on a position as HLC liaison and is planning to step down from Faculty Senate.

At least three options:

1. Interim position: facilitate meetings and run meetings
2. Hold election now or at September meeting

3. Vice Chair election

Group Discussion about the various options was initiated with just the OFC members (Dan Krane and guests stepped out of the room).

Determined:

- According to the bylaws, Dan is no longer Chair or member of OFC;
- Marc Scott can be Acting Chair designee through calendar year;
- Marc Scott can designate a member to serve on HB 66 meeting;
- An ad hoc committee consisting of Bill, Robin, and Ben to work on transition issues

Options moving forward to consider in the Council and/or through an ad hoc committee:

- Separate political liaison position;
- Clarify role of anyone in a consulting position (as former chairs might be);
- Consider what will make the OFC the strongest and maintain momentum and institutional presence;
- Election of a Vice Chair position;
- Any bylaw additions/clarifications that might be needed to effectuate changes; and
- Opportunity to call for and strengthen engagement by all institutions.

MINUTES APPROVED

MIKE SUVER, IUC—had to leave/no report today

OLD BUSINESS

Evaluation of Administrators (Bill Bowen and Marc Scott)

- All responded except Miami
- Take a look at institution's response to see if there are any corrections on summaries

Assessment of Outcomes (Kyle Vick)

- Document is listed; willing to go forward on it—no change from prior except for U of Toledo addition

Attracting, Developing, and Retaining High-Quality Faculty (Dan Krane)

- No grants written into Budget Bill, some support but didn't materialize under Speaker of House

Trustee Orientation (Dan Krane)

- Cleveland State told meeting will be two-day Trustees' Conference in Columbus; Randy Gardiner may assume discussions take place at institutions—what would best practices be for the role constituents play; invitation to Chancellor or Randy Gardiner to have a discussion at next OFC meeting or offline

NEW BUSINESS

HB 66 Study Committee (Ben Givens and Dan Krane)

- Central part of report is white paper on what can be done to improve excellence
- Would also be good for encouraging best practices for undergrad research activities.

- Question about overall impression of detailing PT vs FT faculty hours; some concern about how these differences will be viewed; importance noted about support of adjunct faculty members
- Bruce Johnson / Mike Suver might write report if not Dan and Ben

Technology Commercialization Award nominations needed by August 19

- University Cincinnati and Ohio State; one through Faculty President and one through Provost

CAMPUS REPORTS (two to three minute summaries of news that would be of general interest to faculty across the state such as changes in top administrative positions and contract negotiations)

Please send to Marc or Cynthia and can be integrated into report

ADJOURN at 2:20 p.m.