

OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 11, 2019

ATTENDEES:

In Person: Marc Scott and Kyle Vick, Shawnee State U; Dan Krane, Wright State; Cynthia Ris and Greg Loving, Univ. of Cincinnati; Jeanne-Helene Roy and Linda Marie Saliga, Univ. of Akron; Ben Givens, The Ohio State; David Jackson, and Jennifer Stucker, BGSU; Anthony Milburn, Central State; Laura Luehrmann, Wright State

Online: Amy Lee, NEOMED

Others Present: Terry Filicko (Ohio Faculty Senate)

Marc Scott called meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

- **Approve agenda**—approved
- **Approve minutes**—approved
- **Guest Presentations:** 2:15—Mike Duffy will present Ohio Faculty Council Technology Commercialization Award.

OLD BUSINESS:

HB66 Report: There were no discussions on post-tenure review. Carfagna and staff were receptive to responses.

Administrative evaluation white paper: (Bill Bowen and Marc Scott) Only Youngstown and Shawnee State don't carry these out; others have varied ways of carrying these out;

Part-time faculty white paper: (Cynthia Ris and Laura Luehrmann): Any additions?

Laura: hot topic on many institutions; many PT faculty were happy to be surveyed; good survey available by Columbia University. Much variance across colleges; human services college were best.

It will be important to get salary information, perhaps based on fraction of credit hours awarded. Alternative information available from Appendix A from House Bill 66 for academic study. Unclear what constitutes PT faculty; equal to or more than 50% FTE? 75% would be full time? Average of median salary of 50% vs 100%?

Engagement issue: every institution may say that all instructional faculty have equal rights, but participation rates by PT faculty or other assessment may be needed.

Rationale: Both to find out various data about PT faculty and to educate legislators about role of PT faculty in terms of numbers at universities, their role in relation to the academic mission, and their support or lack of support.

Suggestion to limit questions to what Provost office or HR could answer. Ask for respondents to point to policy as PT participation, activity, etc. Chairs are the ones who communicate most with adjuncts but this may be too invasive, take too much time, etc.

Ben Givens will check with Ohio IR Association for research and planning that may have data n and definitions of PT faculty and any possible data.

Laura will identify Columbia survey.

We can point them to HB 66 study committee and pull out a sentence or two to say that this report says x, y, and z—how does your institution compare with that?

HLC has paid attention to PT faculty and professional development aspects related to this, so this may be important for institutions to address

We'll send a few questions to Dan and then have them ready for December's meeting.

Suggestion to read "The Gig Academy" about part-time faculty conditions.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on potential funding formula changes for job placement and funding formula.

IUC will be providing a recommendation. At IUC retreat—funding formula question but not many wanted to open conversation. Eight IUC President Committee plus possible consultant. Have to have some recommendation in funding formula. SSI formula is complicated (degree/course completion, employment within or outside of state, etc. and many modifiers). Bruce Johnson is knowledgeable about this.

House Bill permitting Boards of Trustees to adopt electronic communications for board meetings. Allow remote attendance with caps. Planning to propose. Unclear where this originated. May not be introduced until 134th assembly.

Question about attendance rules (what happens if trustee doesn't come) and also what is in executive session vs in public domain. Page 2, (B)(a) about attendance. Need close and intimate contact and allowing less attendance may negate that. Requires electronic record of executive session. May want to consider faculty role including in onboarding.

Campus Reports (2-3 minute summaries of news that would be of general interest to faculty across the state, such as changes in top administrative positions and/or contract negotiations)

U of Akron as of October—Gary Miller (Biology) from Green Bay, originally Mississippi; starting search for Provost next week; then replace Interim Deans (7 of 9); Board cut 20% of

programs in August and question about whether university is a research institution—underscored relationship with community.

BSGU—New VP of Academic Affairs; searching for new General Counsel—asked AAUP rep to be on search committee; entering new CBA; reaching goal of salary being at median of peers—took raises; qualified rank faculty 750 faculty (1/3 of all) renamed, instead: Assistant Teaching Professor, etc. plus Clinical ranks (had been Instructor); faculty improvement leave (FIL) also permitted that has expectation of re-employment; after six years renewal is automatic on performance.

Wright State—Searches for 6 Deans; Vice President for Student Affairs; Vice Provost for R&I; Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence (diversity subset); program review—somewhat stressful with business plans for short turn-around for departments at risk; Provost has noted new college plans by Fall—Health College (mix of # of departments)—numerous meetings held w/o faculty.

24 regional campuses; IUC regional Deans meeting coming up. Duffy and Gardner came to grand opening of extension to Lake Campus. Chancellor talking about “Tech Cred Ohio”—\$30 million program to identify up to 2 employees for \$15K for cost of instruction that can help businesses w/tax credits.

Ohio State—Vice President for Student Life; Assoc VP for Institutional Equity; passed faculty rule that allowed for teaching title for A&S—3-5 year contracts (most of senior instructors had been year to year). New fund-raising campaign; a million donors.

Shawnee State—CFO and Provost. Elected President of FS—will attend in Spring; enrollments up this year—12% increase in enrollment. Relaxed admission standard and also put more effort into recruitment. 3600 students. Retention has increased from 50-80%

Central State—new wing completed for dorm; Dean for College of Business; and new President for next academic year.

NEOMED—New President October 1 Dr. John Langell, MD, PhD, PpH MBA, Air Force. Likeable, went on listening tour.

Univ. of Cincinnati—New 3-year contract TAd before one one expired. Kept health care; halfway decent raise. President Pinto has embarked on strategic sizing based on Next Lives Here—16,000 students in ten years. UC Online will be part of increase of students—in-house academic unit that does its own marketing, advising, and recruiting.

Ohio Faculty Senate—Grant relating to College Credit Plus / OACC / not policy but looking at metrics (Joyce Foundation);

PT and CCP also talked about. Savings to Ohio students--\$374m last year; \$740m savings to Ohio residents. That much less to supply higher education. Total resource \$1.3 – 1.8b

Ohio Faculty Council Technology Commercialization Award

Dr. James Lin—runner up from UC. Professor of Orthopedic Surgery/biomedical engineer (PhD). Empicore (sp?) started as a “beautiful accident;” discovered new molecule to promote collagen regeneration—allowed chemical to be a drug; prolongs treatment effect for joint arthritis in lower back; paradigm shifting; Dept of Defense to do clinical trial to facilitate repair of meniscus tears (previously resulting in combat discharge). 1819 Innovation Center to show innovations.

Dr. Katrina Cornish—Ohio State, Latex shrub out west but manufactured here; certain attributes to which others can't compare. No domestic rubber production in states; 90% of production can be lost so want scale large enough to expand before loss happens. Tends to be a three week supply of rubber, and natural disasters can deplete this. The medical glove that has been manufactured is softer, more flexible, and more resilient. Maximum protection. Have to enter market in premium niche. High performance rubber dandelion hydroponic farming is next, which could be used in space application. Plant is 5-7% rubber in natural state, up to 28% in guided harvest. Harvest every two weeks. 25 acres in Ohio. Clothing elastic, airplane tires, shoes, hoses pipes and gaskets, chewing gum. Serve as vibration isolators, tires, disperses heat, and is flexible. One source of commercial natural rubber with 22 parents. Bolted lettuce contains natural rubber.

Mike Duffy: Ohio IP Promise unveiled at Ohio State when UC was there. Hearing complaints on capital side (faculty may have problems too), so the IP Promise is intended to make it easier to enter into contacts for products. Led by Bruce Johnson and modeled on MIT, Stanford, and Purdue. Concerns about litigation can delay this and this provides more fluid responses.

Wants to help promote work through Lt Gov's office. Has a 10-20 slide deck about this.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m

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