

Ohio Faculty Council Friday, April 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Wright State University (Dan Krane [Chair] and Carol Loranger), Bowling Green State University (Ann Marie Darke), University of Akron (Roland Arter), Kent State University (Ed Dauterich), University of Cincinnati (Sally Moomaw and Marla Hall), and University of Toledo (Linda Rouillard, acting secretary), Central State University (Anthony Milburn), Ohio State (Ben Givens)

Members Absent:

Cleveland State University, Youngstown State University, Miami University, Ohio University, Shawnee State, and North East Ohio School of Medicine.

Chair, Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:32 PM on April 15, 2016. The meeting was held in the 7th floor conference room of the Ohio Board of Regents building (25 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio).

Agenda Approved

Minutes of March 11, 2016 approved

New Business

Discussion of OFC white paper on prerequisites for course registration which outlines the various restrictions and inconsistencies across member institutions, due in large part to the software system in use.

Sara Molski, Assistant Policy Director of Ohio Department of Higher Education discussed the Affordability and Efficiency report and the Efficiency Advisory Committee. After reviewing all A&E reports, she noted that most institutions had addressed the number of credits required for graduation, pointing out, however, that ODHE never mandated a decrease in credit hours, but had merely offered that option as one way of meeting the request for the 5% decrease in cost of college, a one-time request originating in the office of Senator Faber. She stressed that ODHE understands that "one size does not fit all" and that ODHE is dedicated to quality improvement and wants to hear from faculty. She likewise noted that the ODHE has not mandated the elimination of duplicate programs or low-enrollment programs, but rather has suggested institutions examine such programs for the possibility of course and program sharing between or among institutions. Indeed, she has told institutional efficiency officers "not to get bent out of shape over this." The final efficiency report will be posted on August 2016. Ms. Molski clarified that general education programs and courses are not considered duplicate programs. Chair Kane discussed an idea of sharing "boutique" courses system-wide, perhaps establishing a clearinghouse of 10 courses from each institution: students in the Ohio system could register for courses in this clearinghouse centrally, without having to go through different registrars and would pay the same tuition as at their home institution, in a fashion similar to the way CSU, UA, and YSU offer a collaborative fine arts masters degree, or in the way WSU and UT collaborate on a degree in nursing. Ms. Molski invites faculty feedback and information so that she can present positive

information about higher ed in Ohio to the governor.

When asked about the current practice at Ohio institutions of cutting tuition costs for out of state students at the expense of in-state students, Ms. Molski indicated that institutional BOTs as governing bodies are responsible for this.

Jim Bennett, CFO of ODHE on Administrative productivity measures

ODHE is looking for common measurements of administrative productivity, often perceived as an impossible task. There are 4 ratios to be used, 2 aligned to productivity (for example, how many administrators relative to all employees; student numbers and graduation rates) and 2 aligned to efficiencies (for example, administrative salaries relative to total staff). Costs related to medical centers will be excluded while auxiliary costs in athletics will be included. Mr. Bennett accepted Chair Krane's invitation to return to the May 20, 2017 meeting and describe more specifically the metrics.

Ms. Falan Donohue from VentureOhio was part of the discussion on the OFC Technology Commercialization award. The group decided that the award would be limited to nominations from OFC institutions, would ask for a \$500-\$2000 nomination fee, with a deadline for nomination of July 1, 2016 for the fall award. We adopted the resolution from UC addressing HB474 and will forward to the legislature.

The textbook initiative will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chair Krane then brought us up to date on the Interstate Passport initiative, sponsored by seven of the state members of WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education). This initiative addresses the transferability of gen ed courses nationwide and uses 9 skill areas listed on their website as: oral communication, written communication, quantitative literacy, natural sciences, human cultures, creative expression, human society and the individual, critical thinking and teamwork and value systems. Paula Compton is the point of contact in Ohio. There is an April 22 meeting of OTM where the Interstate Passport Initiative will be a major point of discussion, including 5 faculty team leaders from the OTM. Paula Compton will speak to OFC at our May 20th meeting about this topic.

Meeting adjourned at 2: 45.