



Members Present:

Wright State University (Dan Krane [Chair]), Youngstown State University (Chet Cooper [Vice Chair]), Bowling Green State University (Lori Liggett), Central State University (Anthony Milburn), Cleveland State University (Mekki Bayachon), Northeast Ohio Medical University (Fayez Safadi), Ohio State University (Ben Givens), Ohio University (Beth Quitsland), University of Akron (Bill Rich), University of Cincinnati (Tracey Herrmann), and University of Toledo (Linda Rouillard)

Members Absent: Kent State University and Miami University

Guests: David Jackson (Bowling Green State University), Karla Krodel (Youngstown State University), and Traci Haynes (Columbus State Community College)

Chair Dan Krane called the meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) to order at 12:30 PM on January 13, 2017. The meeting was held in the 7th floor conference room of the Ohio Department of Higher Education building (25 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio).

The meeting's agenda was approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

The minutes of the November 18, 2016 meeting of the OFC were approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

Old Business

College Credit Plus. Dan introduced our guests, Karla Krodel and Traci Haynes, who are representatives on the College Credit Plus (CCP) advisory committee. They were present to address the OFC regarding issues concerning the CCP program. Several issues were discussed among those present including i) costs to universities/colleges and high schools, ii) the level of student preparedness, iii) the quality of courses offered, and iv) then state of communications between various parties involved. Following this discussion, members of the OFC agreed to ask the legislature to ensure that longitudinal studies shall be conducted that would support and enhance CCP state-wide.

Developing Relationships with Policymakers. Dan reported that he made contact with the newly appointed chair of State House subcommittee on higher education, Rep. Rick Perales. Rep. Perales will attend the February 10 meeting of the OFC to discuss emerging issues: standardized textbooks, a vocational view of higher education, enrollment in on-line courses across institutions, roles/responsibilities of 2- and 4-year institutions. Several OFC members agreed to generate ideas and documents to be distributed to the group for further consideration prior to Rep. Perales' visit.

New Business

Resolution regarding DACA. Dan presented a draft of a resolution regarding the OFC's position on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. A letter to various US Senators was also presented for consideration.

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Following discussion, it was moved and seconded that minor modifications be made to the resolution's resolving clause. This motion was approved.

Subsequently, it was moved and seconded that the amended resolution be approved and distributed to appropriate legislators. This motion was approved.

ODHE Efficiency report. Due to time constraints, this report shall be discussed at next month's OFC meeting. Dan requested that OFC members look at the template and suggest what metrics should be part of the template in the next round of evaluations, particularly with regard to those metrics pertaining to quality.

OFC Nominations. Dan also reported that the nomination period for officers of OFC shall be opened at the February OFC meeting.

Campus Reports

By consent of the members present, campus reports were to be submitted electronically for inclusion in these minutes. The following were received.

Kent State University: A sub-committee of Faculty Senate's Budget Advisory Committee (FaSBAC) discovered that the effective tax on the RCM units (better known as the colleges) had crept up from an initial 46.6% in FY 2010 to a projected 50.8% for FY 2017. The subcommittee recommended a reduction in the effective tax rate to 48.7% over two years though a budget reallocation affecting the so-called service centers. This recommendation was approved by FaSBAC as a whole and accepted by President Warren and her cabinet.

Cleveland State University: 1) The construction of the 100,000-square-foot addition to the Washkewicz College of Engineering on the CSU campus, which will include simulation and teaching labs, is on track to be completed by December 2017. 2) The Department of Labor issued revisions to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) requiring overtime pay for workers making less than \$47,476. This rule is of importance particularly for postdocs on federal grants. A federal judge has blocked implementation of the overtime rule, and Congress has introduced bills to delay or phase in the rule. CSU has determined that it will not implement the new regulations until a final ruling is issued.

Campus Reports

It was moved and seconded that the current meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved. The next meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council will be on Friday, February 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM in the Ohio Department of Higher Education building (25 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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