



Ohio Faculty Council
Friday, January 19, 2024 Minutes

- I. Approve agenda- Linda Rouillard
- II. Discussion and approval of minutes for Dec. 15, 2023- Motion to approve Anthony Milburn, minutes approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Announcement of the John McNay Leadership Award is open for submissions, and we will have Mike Duffy present that to the winner. The nominations will go to Robyn Miller
- IV. SB83 updates- Has been moved to the Rules committee, not sure where it will go from here.
- V. Campus reports, since we have not been able to get to this in our recent meetings. Sharon Barnes asks if any other campuses are experiencing issues with race-based scholarships. Does your campus have program prioritization initiatives and what are the criteria?
 1. Akron- Just found out our CFO is leaving in March.
 2. Bowling Green State- Still in contract negotiations.
 3. Central State- On the backend of our President's search. The search committee narrowed it down to three finalists. Gearing up for new contract negotiations. May not be finalized until mid-fall.
 4. University of Cincinnati- Initiating sustainability, growing and need to be proactive. Working on data analytics taking a deeper dive into zip codes and why we get certain students from some zip codes and not from others. Working on change of budget model, have been on performance-based model, they want to switch to a margin based.
 5. Miami- In the middle of searching for new Dean of A&S, Senate retreat on Monday, still on break.
 6. NEOmed- New workload policy that was approved to be rolled out in July. COTA is coming in April.
 7. Ohio State- Working on workload policy, is a particular number of weekly hours considered a full time Load. New President just started, looking for a new Provost, just announce a new Athletic Director. Look at discussion the difference between Clinical faculty and Tenure Track Faculty. Examining the number of Clinical Faculty vs Tenure Track Faculty. Not allowed to give race-based scholarships.
 8. Ohio University- Looking for a Provost, and looking for other senior leadership
 9. Shawnee State- Still have an interim president.
 10. University of Toledo- Continuing contract negotiations, Looking for two new Deans.
 11. Ohio Faculty Senate- Approved joint resolution on teaching faculty and awards.
- VI. Jim Bennet- The Governor's merit scholarship, we have not had a signature merit-based scholarship. Provides 20 million dollars provides \$5,000 for the top 5 high schoolers in the state. This will help retain students in Ohio. We have expanded state financial programs to help student on need based. Policy of transcript withholding. Universities will be asked to stop or reform transcript withholding. There is a new FASFA, as we look at enrollment we have this on our list as challenging issues. If there is a delay this can hurt enrollment.
- VII. Links to articles of interest on higher ed finances, employment statistics
 - <https://www.usnews.com/education/articles/one-culprit-in-rising-college-costs>
 - <https://www.usnews.com/education/articles/look-for-these-red-flags-in-a-colleges-finances>
 - <https://issues.org/stem-workforce-shortage-data-hira/>
 - <https://ineducationonline.org/2022/10/17/shortage-of-stem-workers-myth-or-reality/>
 - <https://www.bls.gov/emp/tables/stem-employment.htm>
 - <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>
- VIII. Video conference: draft of announcement of the conference, and call for speakers -

https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/robyngm_bgsu_edu/ET_Oj2KYa2NPsakemEyGcUABJR5tU3eURtRVQsZ_eIW0sw?e=6M6i77

IX. Items from the floor

Race based scholarships; Toledo invited attorneys to explain why they eliminated them. They are taking the conservative approach because they do not know if race-based scholarships are included in the Supreme Court decision.

Need benchmark information when reviewing adjunct faculty.

STARS issues and retirement. ARP mitigating rate.

X. Adjourn 2:30