

ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday October 31, 2018

380 Schoonover

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Attending: C. Anderson, L. Bauer, D. Bell, J. Bender, S. Bergmeier, K. Brown-Clovis, B. Carlson, B. Colvin, C. Coski, S. Downard, H. Duschinski, T. Esworth, L. Hatch, D. Ingram, K. Jellison, G. Krzic, T. VanderVen (for C. Mattley) B. McCarthy, R. Muhammad, B. Owens, S. Poggione, R. Price, L. Rice, A. Ritchie, D. Sack, B. Shambora, J. Shields, A. Showalter, G. Springer

Special Guests:

Cary Roberts Frith, Interim Dean, Honors Tutorial College

Margaux Cowden, Director of the OHIO Honors Program

Christy Zempter, Associate Director of the OHIO Honors Program

1. Ohio Honors – Cary Roberts Frith and team shared some information about the current pilot program. There are 47 participants with 33 of the 47 being CAS majors and the average incoming GPA of the current pilot cohort is 3.54. Their traditional program criteria remain unchanged.

President Nellis has asked them to move more quickly on the full scale launch of the Ohio Honors program. Their new goal is to recruit a total of 200 participants for the next AY. They will be limiting the number of participants to 4-5% of each college's students. After the AY 19-20 year, application to special honors programs will be built into the common application. In addition they will begin accepting transfer students in 2020.

Academic advising will be moving from departments to HTC. Students will be asked to complete additional evaluations for this program, which can be shared with Department Chairs and Directors. A very strong assessment plan is in place and HTC is willing to return to share data and outcomes of the program.

The Ohio Honors team also came to request reconsideration of our request of a minimum of 3.5 GPA for inclusion in Ohio Honors. They explained that some flexibility is important because high school GPA scales are more diverse. For example, some are on 5.5 scale. HTC takes the rigor of the school and their GPA scale into account when reviewing applications. The admission standards for OHIO Honors Program for Fall 2019 were distributed and discussed at length.

2. Criminal Background Check – Dean Shields led a discussion regarding the implementation of criminal background checks for new hires in the college. Kendall Brown-Clovis provided an overview of the proposed process. Some were strongly opposed to the practice while others were in favor. Dean Shields has taken the feedback under advisement.
3. Carnegie Engaged University Designation – The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching was created approximately 10 years ago. It is a prestigious award and the opportunity to apply only comes around every 5 years. The application is due early 2019. President Nellis has asked the Center for Campus and Community Engagement to serve as the collection point for the data. Mary Nally, Executive Director, has asked us to provide data as we are able. Laurie Hatch has sent an email to all Chairs and Directors with the survey. The questions departments can possibly answer are highlighted. Please follow the directions provided in Laurie’s email.
4. E-Sports – aka digital gaming- this is very popular with the current generation of young people and universities are becoming involved in various ways. Some universities house this work in Athletics, some with Student Affairs, and others on the academic side of the house, which is where it will live at Ohio University. Chairs and Directors were asked to talk with their faculty to see if anyone is interested in participating. If so, please send their names to Dean Shields.
5. Variable Workload practices – Tabled.
6. Data needs – We have an opportunity to change or improve the access we have to data. Please send Joe your data wish list within the next 2 weeks. This was discussed during our fall retreat. Since that time a pending change in leadership at IR has been announced.
7. Student performance reporting – Discussion – Starfish/My Ohio Success Network mid-course status update requests are becoming more prevalent. Some faculty have expressed concerns about the length of time it takes to complete the surveys and about the consequences of not responding and/or responding late to the requests. There is particular concern about the number of these received for service classes. At the end of the discussion, the proposal was made to invite Jenny Klein to a future Chairs and Directors meeting.
8. Other Announcements – None.