Ohio University Chillicothe
Fall Semester Opening Session
September 1, 2016
Faculty Accomplishments and New Roles

Promotion and Tenure
- Dywayne Nicely, Promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure
- Cindy Matyi, Promoted to Senior Lecturer
- Mary Jane Preece, Promoted to Associate Lecturer

New Roles on Campus
- Ronald Vance, Associate Director/Division Coordinator, Nursing (Removal of the “Interim Title”)

1804 Grant
- Team of faculty lead by Brenda Miller and including Rob Moats, Jackie Nace, Sonja Rawn, Chris Potratz and Michael Koop were awarded an 1804 Grant for new and replacement equipment in the campus science labs.
New Faces

- Karen Barney- Tennis Coach
- Allysa Coyle- Volleyball Coach
- Terri Mikesh- SOPTI Commander
New Projects and Initiatives

- **Academic**
  - College Credit Plus, over 160 students on campus this fall participating in College Credit Plus. Increase of 14 students from last year.
  - Academic partnership with Pickaway Ross Career and Technology Center to offer the Environmental Technology (EVT) degree program.
  - Partnership with Adena Health System to offer the BTAS degree has been highly successful and continues.

- **Non-academic**
  - Campus Business Continuity Plan is now complete!!!!
  - Bennett Hall electrical upgrades beginning this fall
  - Upgrades to the SOPTI Training Barn
  - New Classroom Technology Installation (Smartboards/Screens) continues
  - Technology upgrades to the Auditorium/Theater
  - Ricoh Copiers replaced with Xerox
  - Guests can now use the wireless internet without needing guest user accounts
Academic Success Center

- Academic Success Center Project (2 phase project totaling over $10 million)
  - Physical Connector between Bennett Hall and the Stevenson Center
  - Addition of 10,000 sq ft of new space (multipurpose room, lecture hall, bookstore)
  - Reconfiguration/expansion of library, café and Student Success (tutoring) Center
  - Addition of new tutoring/group study rooms
  - Relocation/consolidation of Student Services Offices (phase 2)

- From the “Promise Lives” Campaign, the campus has received over $125,000 thus far towards the construction of the Academic Success Center project.
  - Two, $50,000 gifts each from Adena Health System and the PACCAR Foundation.
  - Significant monetary gifts from McDonalds and (proposal pending) Huntington Bank.
  - $2.3 million in funds available from past capital projects.

- Reanalysis of the project needed considering funding shortfall.

- Will schedule a fall all campus planning session to discuss priorities for the center.
Coordinator of Communications and Marketing

- **Jack Jeffery** resigned his position as the Coordinator of Communication and Marketing effective August 1\textsuperscript{st}.

- A search for his replacement is currently underway.
  - Posting for the open position concluded 2 weeks ago.
  - A Search Committee has been appointed to screen the applicant pool.
  - Hopefully, interviews with the finalist candidates will occur by mid-September.
  - The position will be filled by the end of September.
Ohio University Presidential Search

- President McDavis has announced he will be retiring from Ohio University June 30th 2017.

- The search process to replace Dr. McDavis will begin this fall and hopefully conclude before spring break 2017.

- A search committee has been formed, and I was fortunate to be asked to be part of the committee in representation of the regional campuses.

- Do not hesitate in contracting me if you have questions about the search process or if you have opinions regarding the qualities you would like to see in the next president of Ohio University.
State of the Campus

**Positives**

- Fall Semester Enrollment Stable- Preliminary Headcount is 2,366 compared to 2,318 last fall (2% increase)
- College Credit Plus has significantly contributed to the enrollment numbers (161 fall semester)
- Freshman Enrollment again on the rise, an increase of 5% (3.3% increase last year).
- Successful partnerships developed with Adena Health System and Pickaway Ross Career and Technology Center.
- Continuing Education Activities on the rise: Kids in College, AP Summer Institute, Graduate Credit Workshops

**Challenges**

- Maintaining Enrollment
- Retention- 1st to 2nd year retention rate continues to hovers around 50% (48% last year)
- Campus FTE continues to be a concern (from fall to fall, 1% decrease (5% last year))
- Budget- Continued cuts because of HC/FTE drops, ever changing subsidy model and adjusting to RCM
- Required decrease in Student Worker budget
Changes in Operational Hours of Campus Facilities

- **Stevenson Center**
  - Stevenson Center including IT Helpdesk, Library and Student Success (Tutoring) Center will be open from 8am-7:30pm M-Th and closing at 5pm on Friday. There will be no Saturday hours.

- **Bennett Hall Information Desk**
  - Bennett Hall Information desk will be open from 8am-6pm M-F and closed on Saturday.

- **Hilltop Café**
  - 10:30am-2:00pm M-Th, closed Friday and weekends
Ohio University Chillicothe Celebrates its 70th Anniversary!!!!!!

- Sept 22nd, American Association of University Women (AAUW) Opening Session: Martin Tuck, Ohio University Chillicothe: Celebrating 70 years of service to the region.

- Oct. 23rd, Great Seal of Ohio Band, Outdoor Concert

- Nov 17th, Annual OUC Heritage Day

- Nov 18-20th Theater Performance: “Cultural Memory”: understanding the past by an examination of social and cultural practices.

- Cultural Committee is planning additional events
Other Campus Events for Fall

- Sept 16th, Constitution Day, Dr. John O’Keefe, “Citizenry, Founding Fathers and Immigration”, 12 noon in Bennett 134. Bring a Brown Bag lunch with Ice Cream bar provided!!!
- Sept 23 & 24th, Theatrical Reading: “Spoon River Anthology”
- Oct 4th and 5th, Walgreens will be on campus to administer Flu Shots to faculty, staff and students
- Oct 5th and Nov 3rd, Dr. Tony Vinci presents the Fall Film Festival with a Horror Theme, “locating reality through the camera lens”. 6pm in the Theater, pizza and soda provided
Other Campus Events for Fall

- Oct 6th, OU-C Annual Scholarship Breakfast
- Oct 6th, Kennedy Lecture, Dr. Matt Saltzberg, Univ. of Missouri, Title: “Rehearsing Empathy”
- Oct 19th, OU-C Giving Circle, Professional in the Know Series: Allison Henderson, Optometrist, OU-C graduate
- Dec 8th, Fall Graduate Recognition Reception
- Dec 10th, Fall Commencement Ceremony (Athens campus)