RHE Deans Meeting
July 7, 2015 | 10:45pm – 3:00pm

Attendees: Willan, Tuck, Smith, Anderson, Pennington, Abraham, Howard (via Skype)

10:45 – 11:30 Provost Benoit

The Deans provided an overview of the RHE Dean/Associate Dean Retreat for the Provost, including a brief review of identified goals and challenges for the upcoming academic year.

Provost Benoit provided the Deans with updates:
- Planning for the future of online learning at OHIO
- Upcoming, new requirement to report “low enrolled” courses to the Chancellor (January 2016)
- Tuition freeze implications

11:30 – 12:00 Cheri Russo and Brian Heilmeier: Student Organization Management Software

Russo shared with the Deans the interest on the Lancaster campus for student organizations to have their own web presence. There is a policy at OHIO that prohibits student organizations from using an “ohio.edu” URL. Heilmeir, from Campus Involvement, shared a new student organization software management system/product that can be used by OHIO’s student organizations. The new product/service will be newly implemented for fall 2015 for Athens. The regional campuses could participate for an annual cost per campus.

12:45 – 1:30 Cheri Russo, Stacey Stewart, and Toni Heightland: RHE & Campus Websites

Russo introduced the question: how should the regional campuses plan for updating web navigation in light of changes to the OHIO front door? Stewart noted that there are a number of options available to the campuses, and it may be helpful to use an outside firm to assist with determining the final approach. Heightland noted that an RFP is going to be published to secure a new web content management tool to replace CommonSpot. The expectation is to have a new tool in place next academic year. Russo is on the group that will be selecting the future tool. It is recommended that the regional campuses wait to fully rebuild sites until the new product is available; however, the campuses could begin designing a long-term plan and implementing short-term solutions now. At the request of the Deans, Russo will continue to coordinate the effort across the regional campus system.

1:30 – 3:00 Updates and Discussion Items

Budget
The Deans reviewed and discussed updated budget information. All campus budgets were submitted on time and are under review. Howard shared that she is serving on a new group that will be assessing the current RCM model.

E&A (Efficiency & Affordability)
Howard provided an update on the initial meeting of this group. Pennington and Howard suggested there may be value in developing campus committees to identify new opportunities for efficiency and affordability efforts.
Compensation
The Deans discussed several items:
- 2015-2016 faculty/staff compensation plans
- The role of and the stipend for campus academic division coordinators
- Stipend for associate directors for nursing

Tobacco Signage
Southern will be tobacco-free on August 1 but still needs signage. Chillicothe, Lancaster, and Eastern continue to have designated smoking areas. Zanesville is already tobacco-free.

Placement Testing
With the pending loss of COMPASS for placement testing, the regional campuses will need new tools to determine college-level placement. Ideas to consider: HESSI, OHIO’s math placement test, another institution placement exam, internal exams for English / Reading.

Program Coordination
The Deans are planning to provide program coordinator letters to faculty at the beginning of August.

3:00 – Adjourn

Upcoming Events:

August 12       Athens & RHE Academic Leadership Retreat, Burr Oak
August 19-21    RHE Leadership Meeting and Faculty Conference, OUZ