Monday, March 17, 2015
10:30 – 3:00 RHE Deans’ Meeting

10:30 – 3:00 Updates and Discussion Items

- Meeting with Senators
  From the BOT agenda, Tab 26, FY 15 Budget Forecast vs Actual Outcomes shows a $6.3 million deficit for RHE. Calculations from RHE indicate a significantly smaller amount. Tab 15, shows about $13 million deficit in the next two FYs across the university.

- CC+ Implementation Issues
  Some schools are requesting MOUs with the campuses. Carissa and Rob will discuss a standard Ohio University MOU for use by the deans. It would be best if the university provides an MOU so we can stipulate policies and expectation that schools might not be aware of. Carissa and Rob are also discussing some procedures related to teacher clearances.

- Content Server Videos
  OULN does not plan migrate current/past recorded sessions to their new server. They have asked faculty to backup sessions they want to keep by the end of the semester. Deans will provide a reminder. Questions can be addressed to Zach Tumblin. In the future recorded sessions will be removed from the server after a year unless requested otherwise.

- ATS
  Carissa noted that the state mandate for 30 hours of transfer from an approved technical program conflicts with the university’s major residency requirement. In addition there are issues with technical residency for concentration areas that we do not offer. Carissa, Janet Becker and others are working on a solution with UCC that will be acceptable to HLC.

- Webpage Redesign
  OUC is about to launch its new website. The basic design will be the same as the other RCs. However there are differences in functionality. Cheri Russo has been asked to consider a standardized front page, especially a design that works well with cell phones. It would be good for all campuses roll out the new design at roughly the same time. This would help with students who enroll at different campus

- 2-Hour Rule
  The 2-hour rule indicates that non-attending students can be asked to drop from a class. There are different practices at different campuses. Paul will share the practice in Athens.

- RHE Coordinator Evaluations
  This will be on the AD agenda on Friday. There is some concern that some campuses are not conducting evaluations for RHE coordinators on a regular basis. Bill will make a call for evaluations this spring. An evaluation form will need to be constructed. Paul will ask ADs for input.

- Budget
  Rosanna is requesting information from budget managers about changes in staff from last year. Guidelines will be coming out soon about merit and total compensation.

- Planning Retreat
  Deans discussed having a 1-2 day retreat in July with deans and associate deans focused on developing RHE-wide strategies and efficiencies. Discussion would then continue with faculty and program coordinators at the RHE faculty meeting in August.

- Library Charge
  Marty mentioned a recent notification from Athens for online journal subscription. The charge appeared to be based on dollars spend on acquisition instead of other standards like FTE or usage amount. This also appears to be a new charge. Bill will invite Dean Seamen to a future meeting to discuss.

- Ohio Today
  Jen noted Ohio Today may allow regionals to create an advertisement that would help regionals locate their alumni.

- Masters programs at regionals
  Jen reminded deans that CC+ will create more interest in content area master degrees for teachers. The masters in mathematics was historically offered at OUZ and other campuses.
Discussion ensued from the presentation at the leadership meeting. While the Educational Advisory Board academic benchmarking measures are standardized in nature, there is some customization by university. The custom component would come from looking more closely at striking differences noted in the university data from the norm. The EAB tools under consideration may be useful in conjunction other existing sources in addressing state cost cutting mandates.

Discussion then focused on a request from the Ohio Strategic Training Center and the Lawrence County Economic Development Center for OUS to provide coursework at an off-campus location. They are requesting a letter of intent from OUS/Nicole. There may be potential interest in the development of a charter school.

Next Marty inquired about a standard MOU for CC+. A standard form will probably be developed for the system. There is no intention to enter into special floor charge agreements. There will be some analysis of the impact of CC+ on future revenue; a significant loss is expected. There’s lots of mutual hope that parents will delay their children from beginning CC+ until they are clearly ready.

Jim brought up the topic of the high school science teachers being cleared to conduct science labs based on their education and lab experience even though they may not meet the threshold to teach the lecture component. Further discussions with department and college will be needed but the concept seems promising. The other major issue is how well the school labs are equipped.

There will probably be a 2% raise pool with similar distribution policies as last year. Senate ATB resolution would probably not be supported by the Provost. There have been some very preliminary discussions on the need for performance reviews for tenured faculty under very carefully defined conditions. Such a review process would culminate in an improvement plan.

The Provost’s Office is still collecting responses on the Group 3 senate rule revision. There is some support from the senate leadership; on the other hand the language is not very clear and there have been many concerns raised by administrative leadership.


1:00 – 1:30 Brad Cohen, Senior Vice Provost for Instructional Innovation
Brad has been at the university for approximately for five weeks. He brings experience with working across a system of campuses to Ohio University. He would like to make instructional accomplishments and innovations more visible. Instructional designers and the center for teaching excellence will report through Brad’s office, and the future CIO will be a partner with Brad. Innovation is not limited to technology. Design of classroom space, active learning and connections with community are also important. In addition we need to consider what services are best provided centrally or at different levels. Brad plans to visit campuses and the RHE faculty meeting in the near future.

Marty talked about the technology training programs at OUC. The regional campuses as a whole have been offering online and blended classes for a long time.

Jim brought up blended tutoring where there are some face-to-face tutoring but also includes online resources. In addition, OUL offers tutoring online as a supplement to traditional tutoring. Lancaster has an instructional designer who also works in the librarian which has created a favorable synergy.

Jen noted the importance of technology with internationalization initiatives across the university.

Nicole recent training sessions at OUS offered by Candy Morris for Electronic Media and Equine Studies faculty which will help them consider new ways to deliver their programs.

Paul noted the long history at OUE with online courses. Several experienced faculty and Jay Morris, director of media, provide training. OULN is another important activity. There are some synergies with lecture capture in the OULN environment and online courses.
1:30 – 2:00 Chief Andrew Powers
Chief Powers noted regional campuses have been doing a good job of managing safety. He expressed interest in making stronger connections with the campuses. He is working on standardized emergency operations plans. Since some of the campuses span more than one locality, it may be best for the state patrol to provide law enforcement and emergency response for the regionals except possibly OUL. He also noted that standard safety partner training, strategies and agreements would be shared with the regionals.

3:00 – Adjourn

Upcoming Events:

March 24       RHE Scheduling Summit
April 15-18    NABCA
May 29         IUC Meeting
June 14-17     RBCA
June 25-26     Board of Trustees Meeting at Southern Campus

Note Taking Rotation: Tuck, Howard, Abraham, Willan, Pennington, Smith, Cushman, Anderson