RHE Deans Meeting
September 9, 2015 | 3:00 am – 5:00 pm

Attendees: Willan, Tuck, Anderson, Pennington, Howard, Cushman, Abraham, Smith

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Web redesign
This project is on hold since the staff person leading the project, Cheri Russo, will be leaving the university. Zanesville is looking to update their web presence; this effort might help inform the future design of the RHE sites.

HR Background Checks
Criminal background checks MUST be completed prior to hiring any new faculty or staff on a regional campus, whether permanent, part-time, or temporary.

Enrollment Data
Howard reviewed the most recent data with the deans. Final admission reports for fall 2015 are still pending. This information will be forwarded as soon as it’s available.

Budget
Smith inquired about the possibility of campuses working through a “budget reset” process, given the seemingly permanent decline in enrollment. Willan shared that Howard is working on some comparative analyses that could help campuses identify opportunities for efficiencies. This data could then be used by campuses to reimagine budgets.

Howard discussed updated budget information with the deans, including changes in timing of data and reporting. Campuses are encouraged to continue to identify opportunities for efficiencies and to pursue areas for enrollment growth.

A public records request has been received regarding RHE budgets.

Innovative Teaching Release
Willan shared that some faculty have noted interest in developing a process for recognizing and rewarding innovative teaching. There was general support among the deans to pursue the idea further. Willan will add this to the next RHE Leadership meeting agenda.

RHE Common Hour
Cushman provided an overview of the interest in a common hour on the Zanesville campus. Smith shared some history of the conversation about a common schedule during the Q2S planning process, noting concerns with blocking “key” enrollment times. The associate deans are currently reviewing this idea, and the item will be reviewed with the RHE Leadership.
Electronic Media
The deans discussed the vision of the EM program, as presented by the faculty. Willan confirmed that he will charge a group to begin the work of redesigning the curriculum. Campuses will recommend faculty to be included in the effort.

Faculty Salary Minimums
Decisions on faculty salary minimums will be on hold until more information is available regarding the FLSA minimums.

September 11  Promise Lives Campaign Celebration
September 12  Southern Campus Tailgate
September 25  RHE Leadership Meeting
November 2-4  HLC Accreditation Visit
November 13  OHIO Foundation Board Meeting