Regional Campus Deans Meeting
Meeting Notes
June 5, 2012

Present: Steve Flaherty, Jim Fonseca, Rich Greenlee, Jim Smith, Martin Tuck and Bill Willan

Guests: Laura Myers, Darrell Purdy, David Descutner, Susanne Dietzel, John Henning and Barbara Trube

Federal Disability Policies/Campus Access (Laura Myers, Darrell Purdy, David Descutner):

Laura Myers discussed with the deans recent changes in federal expectations related to services the campuses should be providing to disabled individuals and how her office can better coordinate with the regional campuses.

There was discussion regarding how the Office of Disability Services can better support the regional campuses related to these new expectations. The Federal Government is expected to “step up” compliance with ADA and Rehabilitation acts. Greater enforcement efforts will be instituted as well as mandating employment targets for hiring individuals with disabilities.

There have been recent efforts within the Office of Disability Services to identify employees who have identified disabilities which result in difficulty for them to perform their jobs. The office is working with these individuals and their supervisors to create plans to help them perform their jobs without compromising the essential duties they must perform. Myers commented that the office is also in the process of developing a strategic plan.

Myers commented that a weakness for regional campuses is disability services for its students. There is a need to create a system to best serve the students on each of the campuses. One way of addressing this need is for the regional campuses to work closely with the Disability Services Office on the Athens campus.

Myers has assigned Carey Bush in the Disability Services Office as the liaison between the office and the regional campuses.

The Deans discussed now to best connect the regional campuses with the Athens campus to improve disability services to students. The discussion centered on the possibility of hiring additional staff shared between campuses or appoint individuals in the student services area for each campus to work closely with Carey to provide better services.

The deans discussed facility compliance and how it is difficult to know if the campus facilities, especially new facilities, meet the federal expectations and standards. The deans often do not know if there are issues of noncompliance. Myers said there may be a need to audit the regional campuses related to facilities compliance.

As a next step, Myers would like to arrange conference calls with each campus to discuss issues related to Disability Services which would be specific to each campus.
Survivor Advocacy Program (Suzanne Dietzel):

Dietzel reported the Women’s Center received a grant three years ago to start the Survivor Advocacy Program (SAP) and this grant is now up for renewal.

The program provides assistance for students who are victims of domestic violence.

The program also offers programming in the residence halls educating students regarding domestic violence and the services which are present from the university for victims. These programs are offered by other students. In many cases students are more comfortable talking about such issues with a fellow student.

In the renewal of the grant, plans are to expand the services of the program to some of the regional campuses.

Dietzel and her staff are in the process of visiting all of the regional campuses to discuss the renewal of the grant and the best way to expand the services of the SAP to the regional campuses. As part of these visits the SAP is also connecting with service providers in the service areas of each of the regional campuses.

HRSA (Health Resources and Service Administration)-Nursing Grant:

Now that the regional campuses have the approval to offer the BSN degree, the deans discussed the Nursing HRSA grant and multi-campus strategies to meet the enrollment target of the grant.

Working Lunch Discussion Items/Announcements:

- **Group II Salary Scale**
  - Faculty Senate proposed and the Provost has approved a resolution allowing (but not requiring) for full time (1 fte) Group II faculty members.
  - The RHE deans will discuss criteria for making multiyear Group II full and part time appointments assuming teaching loads warrant such appointments.
  - The campuses should look closely at the group II faculty they currently employ and the expected teaching loads of these individuals once the university transitions to semesters in the fall. Part Time Group II faculty can be moved to full time but there should be an increase in workload to justify such an increase.

- Fonseca announced that because of the lateness of the academic year, the RHE P&T committee will be organized and meet in the fall. The deans were asked to make their campus recommendations regarding the faculty membership for the committee before fall.

- The deans discussed the developmental Math D004 course and the decision to increase the credit hours of the course from 2 to 4.

- The Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) is compiling a list of Baccalaureate Degrees which have been approved to be offered on the regional campuses around the state. Fonseca requested the deans send a list of faculty from each campus who teach in campus programs which result in Baccalaureate degrees. This list of faculty will be sent to the OBR.
• The semester BSAM program and the BSAM courses will be discussed in the University Curriculum Council meeting this afternoon. There is anticipation the program and the courses will be approved.
• Fonseca encouraged the deans to work with the faculty on each campus to develop a campus procedure/practice for approving campus course offerings to be delivered in blended and online formats.
• Fonseca is working with the Patton College towards Athens and regional campus standardization of the pre-primary internship fee.
• Beginning fall semester, Deans Fonseca and Tuck will work with the Faculty Senate Educational Policy and Student Affairs (EPSA) Committee to gauge interest in creating a part time student Deans List. Such a distinction would be of benefit to students on the regional campuses many of whom do not take a full load of courses.
• Jessica Makosky of WOUB has organized a meeting (later in the week) of selected regional campus faculty and staff through OULN to discuss Lecture Capture equipment and software; as a possible replacement to the ageing OULN system. An RFP is currently being developed and faculty/staff feedback will be important to this process. Fonseca asked the deans to have the associate deans on each campus get Jessica information about number of classrooms and room sizes on each campus and the current state of technology in these classrooms.
• Deans discussed budgetary implications of international travel.

Operational Issues:

• Steve Flaherty did not have specific numbers on budget and enrollment, but will have later; he did comment that the numbers have not changed significantly from last month.
• Flaherty announced the Student Medical Insurance Plan will be approved.
• There has been discussion within the Finance Office regarding running ALE costs through Bobcat Buy. There are concerns about this and the campus Budget Unit Managers are in conversations with Flaherty about these issues.
• Deans discussed issues/concerns related to COMDOC; Chad Burkett is the contact person to answer questions regarding COMDOC.
• Fonseca informed the deans that six Real Estate courses, which certify individuals to sale real estate, were placed into the BMT Program Curriculum as a result of the Q2S conversation. The campuses may want to consider offering these courses as a means to generate revenue.

Campus Updates:

OUS:

• A student Leadership and Academic Awards night was held to recognize outstanding graduates in each program, dean’s list student and students who have made significant contributions to campus life this year.
• A successful open house was held at the Ohio Horse Park.
• The Pinning Ceremony for Nursing graduates and the Graduate Recognition Ceremony are set for Friday, June 8th.

OUL:

• Promise Lives Campaign Launch Wednesday – Roderick McDavis is the keynote speaker and the OHIO Alumni Varsity Band will play.
• “Titanic: A Story for the Ages” – Thursday, June 7, sponsored by The Friends of the Library – Speaker Jamie Culver talks about the historic voyage 100 years after its tragic end.
• Honors Convocation is set for Friday, June 8 at 7 pm.
• Ohio University Lancaster Associate Physics Professor Sandra Doty is headed to Alaska this month to present research on large mass star formations. The 220th meeting of the American Astronomical Society is being held in Anchorage. The conference will be held June 10 through June 14.

OUC:

• OU-C reference librarian Shelly Miller has had an article accepted for publication in Library and Information Science Research. The article, “Emotional Labor in Librarianship: A Research Agenda,”.
• May 24th OUC hosted a retirement reception held for three long-time campus employees who are retiring – faculty members Ruth McClain and Hamid Shahrestani and staff member Patty Griffith.
• On May 25th The Chillicothe Campus’ student-athletes and coaches were recognized during the spring sports luncheon at the Chillicothe Country Club.
• The OUC Nursing Pinning Ceremony is scheduled for June 7th at 6pm, Graduate Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for June 8th at 7:30pm and the Southern Ohio Police Training Institute (SOPTI) graduation is scheduled for Sunday June 10th.

OUZ:

• OUZ Chorale Union Performance, June 4.
• OUZ Nursing Pinning Ceremony and Convocation, June 8.
• CyberSeniors Graduation Ceremony, June 12.

OUE:

• OUE Convocation, June 1.
• History Club visits Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.
• Off-Campus Explorers Student group attend Pirates’ Baseball Game in Pittsburgh.

Patton College of Education/ Issues and MOU’s for Early and Middle Childhood Education Programs (John Henning and Barbara Trube):
• **CORAS Field Placement**
  o Deans were informed Athens is asking to compensate districts at $15 per student for field placement (down from the current $25) and $125 per student for preprimary internships. These values will match what the regional campuses are currently paying however; the regionals campuses will not be able to offer graduate credit as compensation.
  o Fonseca will revise the regional campus agreements with the school districts to include the new compensation levels and conditions.
  o As a means to show appreciation to the cooperating teachers, the campuses could host a year end banquet in their honor.

• **Rural/Urban Collaborative (RUC)**
  o The RUC will host a Fall Symposium at the Baker University Center (Athens Campus) October 26th from 9-3pm.
  o There is a request to hold the spring symposium on the Ohio University Chillicothe campus on March 15, 2013.

• **Early and Middle Childhood Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between the Patton College and the Regional Campuses**
  o In general the regional deans are supportive of the MOU’s however, there is an issue with the requirement that both academic programs would need to be coordinated by a group I faculty member. This is an issue because the regional campuses have had a great deal of difficulty filling group I faculty lines in the education programs.
  o The deans have requested some flexibility in this requirement.
  o Henning commentted that the college may accept a group II faculty member coordinating the program depending on their credentials.
  o Another option would be two campuses who are geographically close could “share” a group I faculty member to coordinate both campus programs, especially if one of the campuses is having difficulty filling a group I slot.