**RHE Deans Meeting**

**January 16, 2018 | 10:15am – 3:00pm | Baker 341**

Attendees: Willan, Anderson (late), Abraham, Pennington (Zoom), Webster, Smith, Howard (Zoom), Tuck (late)

*10:15 – 2:30 Updates and Discussion Items*

*10:15 – 11:15 Interim EVPP Elizabeth Sayrs*

The deans welcomed Interim EVPP Sayrs. She shared there needs to be clear strategy, and she will be working to determine the on the ground impact of budget decisions.  The deans shared with Interim EVPP that the regionals have implemented budget reductions and are getting thin on operations including infrastructure needs.  The deans shared a need to balance the indirect costs with the campus services.  The deans also shared program expansion needs.

Budget

Budget information is due from campuses the end of business Wednesday for compilation and RHE submission due by Friday. Howard shared Shafer commended RHE on accurate and complete information in prior budget submissions at a recent RC Strategy meeting.  Willan and Howard thanked the deans and their staff for all their efforts and work on the budget and documents.

*11:30 – 12:15 Scott Seaman, Dean of Libraries*

The deans welcomed Scott Seaman, Dean of Libraries. The Alden Library is a retention tool to provide resources and to help students succeed in their classes and to break down barriers to help them succeed.  Alden has subject librarians in the library and classroom.  Seaman shared information about their chat reference tool for students. The deans discussed how students can and do access library resources. Seaman and the deans discussed cataloging processes. The deans were encouraged to consider how collections are used; staff in Alden can help provide this data to the regional deans. Seaman and the deans talked through options for creating more links between the regional campus libraries and Alden Library. Seaman shared that regional campus librarians are welcome to attend OhioLink executive director meetings; Lancaster has attended in the past. Seaman reviewed how the coffee shop in Alden supports the learning environment. The Alden Library conducts a student survey each semester to gauge student engagement; as a result, Seaman knows that students are using the library more often and for greater amounts of time than five years ago.

Enrollment

Updated enrollment information is available in Box. There are some enrollment swings for spring 2018 that IR is helping investigate. Current enrollment is down as expected.

RHE Tuition Guarantee Proposal

Willan shared the RHE Tuition Guarantee information at the Deans Council today. He will also be discussing the idea with other university leadership groups. The proposal is going to the Board of Trustees this week; Willan will meet with them on Friday.

ICD

Howard has worked with colleagues to update and clarify information. Please let Howard know of any issues experienced on the regional campuses. The campuses are encouraged to review the supervisory set up for faculty in the system; supervisors have an approval step in the overload contract process through ICD.

Education Courses and Fees

Howard reviewed fees related to education courses. Regional campus fees will continue to mirror those on the Athens campus.

Vacated Bookstore Space

Tuck asked the other campuses how they plan to use their empty bookstore space. Eastern and Southern are planning to convert the space to classroom use. Chillicothe is considering a move of administrative staff related to the nursing program.

Campus Infrastructure Funds

Tuck asked about the ability to create an infrastructure pool that could support unique, one-time needs for the campuses. Willan said there is limited opportunity, but the idea can be discussed further. Smith suggested creating some system-wide plans and options for supporting infrastructure needs. The deans discussed how “charging stations” could support students’ needs. Howard shared that FY13 was the last time the system had centralized infrastructure funds.

COIL Budget and Faculty Learning Community

Webster provided the deans with an update on COIL. The current financial model for the program is not sustainable. Webster recommends developing a COIL faculty learning community that would include training and support. The deans expressed support for moving in this direction.

RHE Final Exam Schedule and Blended Courses

Webster brought forward a concern from his ADC related to the final exam schedule for blended courses. Webster suggested asking the associate deans to develop a solution. The deans agreed.

Campus Delays and Closures

Willan reminded the deans that Kim Hayden needs to be included in all campus messages related to campus delays and closures. Delays must be clarified and include staff reporting times. Willan and the deans will use the group text for notifications.

RHE Leadership Meeting

The deans discussed the agenda for the RHE Leadership meeting.

Other

Smith shared that Riehl has done a fantastic job creating a capital plan for the Lancaster campus. Howard and Willan echoed this sentiment.

Anderson provided a brief update on CC+ impact reporting. A data analyst within enrollment management is currently working to create a report that will begin to show how students are bringing credit in to the university. Updates will be shared as more information is available.

*2:30 – 3:00 RHE Leadership Meeting (Zoom)*

McKean, Moats, Marinski, Pritchard, White, Vance, Casebolt, Phillips, Burcham, Nissen, Taylor, Prather, Klein, Willan, Howard, Abraham, Smith, Anderson, Webster, Tuck, Pennington, Sealover, McMurray-Schwartz, Drumm (late), Amy White (late)

The deans and the RHE Leadership reviewed information that will be presented at the upcoming Ohio University Board of Trustees meeting, January 18-19, 2018.

*3:00 – Adjourn*

*Upcoming Events:*

January 18-19 Board of Trustees Meeting

January 31 Breakfast for Progress

February 2 RHE Leadership Meeting

February 6 RHE Deans Meeting over Zoom

February 8-9 Foundation Board

February 20 Dean’s Council and EVPP’s Executive Staff Joint Meeting

February 20 RHE Deans Meeting

March 6 RHE Deans Meeting over Zoom

March 20 Dean’s Council and EVPP’s Executive Staff Joint Meeting

March 20 RHE Deans Meeting

March 22-23 Board of Trustees Meeting

April 3 RHE Deans Meeting over Zoom

April 11-14 NABCA

April 17 Dean’s Council and EVPP’s Executive Staff Joint Meeting

April 17 RHE Deans Meeting

May 1 RHE Deans Meeting over Zoom

May 5 Commencement