**RHE Deans Meeting**

**January 24, 2017 | 10:45 am – 3:45 pm | Baker 226**

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

*10:45 – 3:00 Updates and Discussion Items*

Athens Academic Leadership Debrief

Willan shared information about the multicultural faculty in residence program that is now available through the Athens campus. Willan noted that the Academic Leadership discussed FY16-FY18 allocated costs and projections. The SP17 budget planning assumptions are expected to be published by the end of January. Deb Benton and Valerie Miller will present at the RHE Leadership meeting regarding academic participation. A program approval exception policy has been proposed; the proposal is currently being reviewed by UCC.

President Search

Tuck provided a quick update on the university presidential search. Submitting feedback is encouraged and can be done online through the presidential search site.

Student Trustee

Willan was approached by Student Senate about involving more regional campus students in student government. There is a current opening for the Student Trustee. Regional campus students may also be nominated.

OTEC Name Change

Tuck shared that the OTEC name change has formally been approved by UCC. The program will now be Office Administration Technology. The course labels will change from OTEC to OAT.

Campus Support for Economic Development

The deans discussed the different opportunities for participation in local economic development efforts. In some cases, participation may require a financial commitment which may or may not be prohibitive. Willan shared that economic development strategies are being included in the OHIO for Ohio strategy.

Nepotism Policy

Howard reviewed the OHIO nepotism policy with the deans, which is aligned with the Ohio ethics law. This policy also applies to online course facilitators. A process needs to be developed to ensure the policy is consistently followed. The deans will review the issue and the policy with the associate deans and work toward a documented process.

Spring Enrollments

Howard and the deans reviewed updated spring enrollment information, which have declined compared to last year. Overall, enrollments have declined across the regional campus system in both fall and spring semesters. The deans discussed different programs that have continued to show declining enrollments and will follow-up with faculty and staff on ideas for growth.

Budget Timeline

Howard reviewed the budget timeline for spring semester with the deans. The information will also be shared with the regional budget managers.

Budget – December Financials

Howard and the deans reviewed updated financial information: revenue and expenditures. Willan reinforced that the campuses need to continue to identify opportunities for enrollment growth and for expenditure reductions.

BTAS Scheduling

Pennington noted that once the Southern associate dean search concludes, Miki Crawford will return to the faculty. Anderson provided an update from the most recent conversations with the BTAS faculty group. The group is working to develop a proposal for TAS course needs.

OUS Grant Writer

Pennington noted that the Southern campus recently replaced their external relations person. The new hire has extensive experience as a grant writer. As grant opportunities present, Pennington noted that she could be used to assist with grant development assistance.

Zoom

Howard shared that WebEx will not be extended beyond the use of OULN; COIL has been using WebEx and will be impacted by the limitation of this tool. The use of Zoom for various committee meetings has been discussed in the past. RHE could secure a group of Zoom licenses that would enable virtual meetings to continue outside of the OULN system. The deans agreed to move forward with securing licenses.

Accidental 911 Calls

Abraham and Pennington noted a couple accidental 911 calls have been placed as a result of the new phone system. It is assumed that this is because you no longer have to dial “9” before dialing 911. Abraham has asked staff to reach out to OIT to determine if there is a systematic way to protect against the accidental dialing.

RHE Assessment Council

Anderson reviewed with the deans the proposal from the RHE Assessment Council to include a member of the council on the Regional Campus Curriculum Committee. The deans agreed that Tuck should present the idea to the RCCC. The deans also discussed the idea of having 7-year program reviews include the RHE Assessment Council; this will also be presented to RCCC. Tuck will update the deans following the conversation with RCCC.

RHE Web Review Group

Willan shared that the RHE web review group has been assembled and charged. The group will review the information on the campus sites and will identify opportunities for improving navigation and shared information resources. The new CMS will provide more flexibility for web authorship and maintenance.

*2:30 –3:00 Shari Clarke, Chaundrea Simmons, and Alicia Chavira Prado, Diversity Strategic Planning*

Dr. Clarke provided the deans with an overview of the services offered through the Office of

Diversity and Inclusion, including a review of the leaders of each subunit. There are 16 multicultural leadership ambassadors who are working to eliminate stereotypes across the university. The multicultural ambassadors are now piloting a residence program to engage in diversity conversations within the residence halls. A multicultural junior faculty mentoring program is also underway. Native American outreach is active thanks to the efforts of Jamie Oxendine; Willan suggested providing him with information about the educational opportunities through the regional campuses. Dr. Chavira Prado noted that the OHO Latino Caucus has started to become more active on campus; a national speaker will be coming to OHIO on February 8. Dr. Clarke noted that OHIO is an affiliate of the Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Program. Faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the SIDE program. Dr. Clarke is committed to promoting diversity initiatives through information and events.

Dr. Clarke and the deans discussed the Diversity Strategic Plan, which asks that each dean develop a strategic plan for diversity by August 2017. There are five goals that are minimally requested for each plan: promote a commitment to diversity, attract/recruit/retain diverse staff, attract/retain a diverse student body, provide learning experiences that prepare for globalization, and create a campus climate that promotes equality. The deans discussed focusing on a single regional campus strategic plan as opposed to five separate plans. Dr. Chavira Prado can be available to help the regional campuses with the development of a strategic plan.

A RHE wide group will be charged with working on the strategic plan. Each campus will identify a member of the group who will lead campus-level conversations and meet to work on the system-wide approach.

Leadership Agenda

The deans will meet with the associate deans prior to the RHE Leadership meeting. The deans reviewed and discussed the draft leadership agenda.

Other

Davis noted that the bylaws for RCC are currently under review and being updated. He will share more information as it becomes available.

*3:45 – Adjourn*

*Upcoming Events:*

January 27 RHE Leadership Meeting

February 7 Athens & RHE Academic Leadership Meeting

February 20 RHE Deans Meeting

February 24 IUC Regional Deans Meeting

March 7 Athens & RHE Academic Leadership Meeting

March 9-10 Board of Trustees Meeting

March 21 RHE Deans Meeting

May 25 IUC Regional Deans Meeting