RC Dean’s February 6-7, 2017 Meeting Notes

**Zoom**: The deans met on February 6 using the Zoom videoconferencing platform. The system worked well. RHE has recently purchased Zoom twenty licenses to support instructional and administrative needs. Deans should notify Anderson or Howard of a campus staff member and backup who will coordinate meetings on Zoom.

**Updates from Executive Dean Willan**:

* Bill noted that ET Rover natural gas pipeline project has received FERC approval. The Eastern Campus will receive income for the easements allowing the pipeline to pass underneath campus.
* Bill also noted some proposed state legislation that the deans should be aware of, for example a cap on textbook costs for students.
* Deans are reminded to attend and promote the Founder’s Day events (Feb 20). The exhibits this year feature the regional campuses.
* As follow up from the RHE Leadership meetings, deans are also reminded to provide faculty nominees for a special committee that will explore the “RHE as a College” concept. Each campus should provide two Group 1 and one Group 2 nominees. Final selection from the pool of faculty nominees will aim for a good distribution of disciplines and ranks. The committee will also include RC deans and some Athens college deans.
* Finally, RHE has provided feedback about presidential search candidates at the request of the search committee.

**Updates from Assistant Dean Anderson**:

* The new university-wide customer management system, Slate, is coming online after delays with deployment for the regional campuses. Slate will be used to develop, implement and manage student recruitment campaigns. The campaigns will be a collaboration of student services at each campus and a central Slate programmer who works for RHE and Athens admissions.
* The RCs off to a great start with implementing the retention system Starfish. Most campuses are at or above the national average for instructor/section response rates. Students appreciate getting a “Kudos” and flags are helping faculty reach students about concerns quickly.

**Bookstore/Auxiliaries**: Deans will meet Vice President Pina regarding bookstore and cafeteria options at an upcoming meeting.

**Enrollment**: RHE is down 4% in FTE as a whole this academic year. Deans should review enrollment details posted in Box and continue to work on efficiencies given the corresponding decline in revenue.

**Updated Planning Assumptions**: The Vice President for Finance and Administration website has posted updated budget planning assumptions for the next several fiscal years. Deans should review as there have been significant updates.

**Social Work Proposal**: Deans reviewed a proposal for summer compensation for field placement instructors. Some of the faculty work must be completed during the summer to keep students on track for placement in the fall. Deans will review additional information at a future meeting.

**CC+ Roundtable**: The Chancellor will visit OUA for a roundtable discussion on February 22 involving reps from across the university. Willan and Anderson will represent RHE.

**Group 2 Multi-Year Contracts**: Following up from the RHE Academic Leadership, Tuck met with Dr. Patrick Munhall, an ADC at OUL. They are working through several topics related to an RHE-wide approach to providing multi-year contracts, criteria and eligibility, decision process, etc.

**Proposed College of Health Sciences and Professions Degree Requirement**: Dean Tuck noted that the HSP College is proposing a college wide requirement for a two-credit inter-professional education course to help students understand the wide spectrum of health professions. The requirement might facilitate future team work and collaboration in the job setting. Some concerns were noted about how the inter-professional education courses would be offered at the regional campuses.

**Budget**: The last university budget projections for next fiscal showed a substantive deficit. Discussions are underway in terms of closing the gap. The state proposal for a 0% tuition increase and 0%-1% increase in subsidy will make the job of closing the gap more challenging. Bill has a meeting on Feb 14 to discuss the RHE budget with the university budget team.

**Enrollment**: RHE is down about 4% this AY. Deans should review enrollment details posted in the Feb 2 Box folder.

**Allocated Cost Model**: Deans should review the proposed indirect cost model for the next FY that was distributed last week.

**Accessible OHIO Survey**: All departments have been asked to complete a survey on accessibility. Deans discussed how they will gather information for the survey.

**Glidden Visiting Professorships**: Abraham is interested in making a nomination and asked about the process and requirements.

**Swirling Student Scholarships**: Abraham asked about the possibility of shared scholarships in cases where a student is completing most of their course at two or campuses. There is currently no general RHE scholarship to cover such cases but the campuses might work out an agreement.

**OCTA Survey**: Willan noted campuses are beginning to share OCTA survey results with particular committees. Smith suggested cluster analysis with the written comments may be a useful.

**BTAS Schedule**: Anderson and Willan continue to work with the BTAS faculty on an equitable and efficient scheduling of classes. The BTAS scheduling may turn out to be a model for other subject areas.

**Attack Cat**: Some campus recruiters are using small Attack Cat information posters to promote the university and their campuses. Abraham noted volume purchasing could reduce costs significantly. Information on the back of the poster would need to be for RHE instead of individual campuses.

**Branding**: WIllan noted discussions are underway for a new “Together” university branding theme. RHE has provided names for representatives on a university committee that will explore the new branding.

**Center for Campus and Community Engagement**: Julia Paxton and Diana Marvel from the Center provided a presentation on potential collaborations with the regional campuses. The Center provides training to interested faculty on best practices in engaging students in service learning projects. Students and non-profits benefit greatly from the projects. The Center awards some mini-grants to assist with expenses that may be associated with service learning. Julia and Diana are interested in getting more regional campus faculty involved. In addition to campus visits, deans suggested Julia and Diana provide a presentation and/or initial training session at the next RHE faculty conference.