**RHE Deans Meeting**

**March 31, 2015 | 10:30pm – 3:00pm**

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

*10:30 – 3:00 Updates and Discussion Items*

University Student Print Program

A one-card system with a card generator on each campus will be implemented: new student ID. Students will be able to load money onto their new ID to be used for printing. Campus printers will be updated/modified over the summer to accommodate the new system. Students will also be able to use their ID and have money charged onto their student account. Dean Smith questioned if it will be possible to include food service?

Psychology Program

Deans reviewed campus (faculty) responses to the idea of offering the psychology major on the regional campuses. Result: each campus will identify a psychology faculty member who can serve on a system-wide team in fall 2015 that will review the option and prepare a final recommendation for the Deans.

Associate of Technical Study

Willan and Anderson met with Ruth Palmer, chair of EPSA, to discuss the ATS and the current major residency conflict. The UCC Programs committee has recommended to EPSA a review of the residency requirement. Ruth will be reviewing a number of informational sources to prepare for the April EPSA meeting.

Associate Deans Debrief

 Abraham provided a number of updates from the March Associate Dean meeting:

*2hour rule*: discussed how each campus could consistently implement the faculty senate policy; each campus will review recommendations with their student services office. The issue will be reviewed again at the next Associate Dean meeting.

*RHE system coordinators, evaluation*: Associate Deans Crawford and Shirvani will prepare a self-evaluation / review form and process document, based on the expectations of a system coordinator outlined in the appointment letter. Updates will be provided to the Deans at a future meeting.

CC+ Implementation

Tuck met with local school superintendents and principals to outline OHIO’s plans. Questions:

Are online and blended allowed with CC+? (Yes)

Teacher mentors – will they be compensated? (Discuss at next RHE Academic Leadership)

What will the rate be for online and OULN courses? (Online = $80/hr; OULN = $80/hr)

Will campuses keep a “supply” of books for CC+ students, similar to what occurred under PSEOP? Will students get a book voucher to use in campus bookstores? (Schools are responsible for purchasing)

Can we permit students to enroll in UC courses? (Needs to be discussed)

Updates:

OAC will go with Stark State in FY15-16 instead of OHIO.

Web content can now be updated by Cheri Russo for all campuses. She will be requesting information from her colleagues. The university CC+ site should be up within 1-2 weeks.

Teacher processes are being finalized but continue to support a decentralized approach.

Agreement template is currently under final review by Legal Affairs.

Summer Credit Courses for High School Students

The campuses will be asked to provide a current listing of credit-bearing, summer opportunities for high school students.

*12:00 – 1:00 Bolman & Gallos*

 Dean Cushman led a discussion about chapter 7.

Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee

 Willan shared an update from the 3/30/15 meeting

SAT: changes will be made to the SAT for 2016, including question formats, question design, and return to “old” max score of 1600 and use of “rights only” scoring

[www.deliveringopportunity.org](http://www.deliveringopportunity.org) has the full plan

Budget

Budget strategies were discussed by the Deans. Willan and Howard will be meeting with academic budget planning to review RHE’s FY16 budget later this week and will continue to advocate for the needs of the campuses. The Deans will continue to be updated on these conversations.

Scholarship Release

Current plans would enable scholarship releases for faculty who meet the outlined criteria in section 1 and 2, subject to change based on availability of funds.

*1:50 – 2:20 Ryan Lombardi, Vice President for Student Affairs*

 Commencement

Deans confirmed their plans to attend commencement in May.

Tobacco Free Campus Initiative

Lombardi provided an update on fall 2015 planning for the Athens campus. There are current discussions about whether or not to establish a formal escalation policy for “offenders.” Campuses may individually choose to continue to designate smoking areas.

Signage: “designated area” signs should be procured by campuses; other, general signs may be available through Student Affairs.

Student Affairs / RHE Collaboration

Strategic planning for Student Affairs is looking at ways to more actively collaborate with the regional campuses. Lombardi encouraged the Deans to send suggestions / ideas to him. Initial ideas discussed:

* Live-streaming speaker events
* Bringing Athens student organizations / groups to the campuses for specific events
* Identifying a liaison on each campus to connect more regularly with Student Affairs

Need to understand: funding, student interest, and existing vs. future opportunities.

*2:20 – 2:45 Auxiliaries: Kent Scott, Cris Schmitt, Danny Grove, Mohammed Ali,*

Financial aid disbursement dates for incoming freshman will change in fall 2015, withholding refunds for 30 days. Auxiliaries would like to use SFAonline through MBS to allow a student to use their financial aid to purchase books. Idea would impact OIT, Bursar, Financial Aid.

Discussion:

- Is there a cost to the student to use the system? (No. The service is already available through MBS Direct, the university bookstore provider.)

- Historical concerns from the Bursar’s office: processing manual updates to student accounts, timing of disbursement. (Auxiliaries is reviewing with them.)

- Smith shared some experiences from a prior institution: issue with timing, eligible expenses (i.e. supplies).

- Will this be available only for regional students or all students? (Initial conversations seem to be focused on regional students)

Regional deans expressed general support for investigating the idea. Conversations will need to be scheduled with OIT, Bursar, and Financial Aid.

Retention RFP

Anderson provided an update on the university retention RFP. The Deans confirmed that custom reports are a requirement for the regional campuses to participate.

Organic Chemistry

Eastern originally had approval to offer organic chemistry (long series) for fall but have recently been told the series cannot be offered on a regional campus. Abraham will work with Tuck to further investigate the issue.

Social Work at Cambridge

Abraham is interested in the possibility of offering the SW program at Cambridge. Abraham will investigate questions that arose during the discussion.

Spring Tour

 Willan will be scheduling campus visits.

Other

Sunday, April 19: Southern will be traveling to Keeneland to an equine event. All are welcome to attend.

OULN: confirmed intent to maintain content on the server for a maximum of one year.

*3:15 – Adjourn*

*Upcoming Events:*

March 24 RHE Scheduling Summit

April 15-18 NABCA

May 29 IUC Meeting

June 14-17 RBCA

June 25-26 Board of Trustees Meeting at Southern Campus