**RHE Deans Meeting**

**April 26, 2016 | 10:20 am – 2:30 pm | Baker 229**

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

*10:20 – 2:30 Updates and Discussion Items*

*10:20 – 11:00 Provost Benoit*

The Provost and deans discussed the end of the year budgeting processes and strategies, which reinforced the need to present and maintain clear, realistic budgets. It is critical for all university planning units to continue to investigate opportunities for enrollment and to identify expanded spending efficiencies. The Provost provided an update on the Governor’s Task Force: by June OHIO must establish an affordability and efficiency goal and goal for establishing new revenues; by August OHIO must develop and submit an implementation plan for the affordability and efficiency goals. Other legislative updates: student trustee voting rights includes permissive language and is moving forward; the MBR has received polarizing responses and is being discussed more; conceal-carry will be postponed until after the election in fall, but it will be permissive based.

Admissions Update

Howard provided the deans with an update on admissions information: new freshman fall 2015 compared to fall 2016 as of 4/25/16.

CC+

Accuplacer approval of the OHIO change to the order form has been confirmed. Accuplacer will move forward in spring 2017 on OHIO’s regional campuses.

Affordability and Efficiency

Howard provided the deans with additional information on the efforts being made to address the Governor’s Task Force charge to develop affordability and efficiency plans. OHIO’s plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees in June. One effort for regional campuses being highlighted is the approach to course scheduling efficiencies.

Chart of Accounts Project

Howard shared that the Regional Mapping process will begin with work sessions the week of June 13. Each campus has provided a representative for the planning and mapping processes.

Business Continuity Planning Update

Howard provided a quick update on the status of the business continuity plans. The plan for the Executive Dean’s office will be completed once the regional campuses have completed each of their plans.

Bridges to Success

Anderson provided a brief update on the April 20, 2016 Bridges to Success meeting and update on the state Math Initiative. Over the next year, more information will be forthcoming from ODHE regarding efforts in co-remediation in math and English.

Travel Funds

Pennington shared that recent faculty conversations on the Southern campus illustrated the differences in regional faculty travel funds. The deans discussed creating a standardized process of establishing travel funds, including an application process that will be managed by the campus development committee and be allocated by the campus DC’s.

Budget

The deans reviewed the FY16 budget information and FY17 budget plans.

Carry Forward Accounts

Howard asked the deans to provide more information about the various carry forward accounts. Howard will provide additional details for deans to review at the next deans meeting.

Faculty Total Comp

The deans reviewed the most recent faculty compensation data from AAUP for the OHIO regional campuses. There is concern that the data is not inclusive or exhaustive. The deans reviewed Total Faculty Compensation information and recommendations from the most recent RHE Leadership meeting.

OULN

Willan shared that OULN will move to OIT, which should help leverage university technology resources. The OULN compensation proposal is being updated based on the feedback that has been submitted to Abraham. Once the updates are complete, Abraham will redistribute to the deans for final consideration.

Reappointment Processing

Howard reminded the deans of the reappointment process and referred them back to the information provided by HR. The first due date is for administrative staff information: May 6. More information will be shared with the deans this week regarding faculty reappointments.

Regional Courses in Athens

Howard and Anderson shared with the deans the different methods for scheduling RHE subject-area courses on the Athens campus. The process will be standardized going forward: Athens section number with revenue distribution attribute. Current subject areas include LET, EM, and REAL. Additional subject areas may be considered in the future.

Regional Campus Day at Statehouse

Willan shared that this will be discussed at the next IUC meeting.

Safety Committee

Willan asked the deans for any progress or updates from the safety committee planning.

*3:00 – Adjourn*

*Upcoming Events:*

April 30 Commencement

May 3 State Government Alumni Luncheon

May 26 Inter-University Council

June 12-15 RBCA