**RHE Deans Meeting**

**May 16, 2017 | 10:30am – 1:45pm | Baker 226**

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

*10:30 – 1:45 Updates and Discussion Items*

Budget Discussion and Academic Leadership Debrief

Willan shared that the academic leadership meeting included a review of the Capital Improvement Plan. The group also discussed the current university RCM model and the need to further review and consider the university budgeting process. The academic leadership also discussed how the regional campuses can be supported next year and going forward.

Bachelor of Integrated Health Studies

Pennington noted that the Southern campus is still interested in developing a pathway for students to begin general education courses for the Bachelor of Integrated Health Studies on campus and then transition into the online major. Willan will follow up with Dean Leite and report back to the deans.

*11:00 – 12:00 Kent Scott, Auxiliaries*

Kent Scott provided the deans with an update on the status of auxiliary services at each campus: bookstores and food service. Despite significant efforts to positively improve services and offerings, the overall budget result was negative across the regional system. The deans shared their campus experiences and perspectives. The deans discussed various scenarios for mitigating auxiliary operation losses.

Enrollments

Howard shared updated point-in-time enrollment and FTE information with the deans. Some positive trends in application numbers and FTE are evident at the Southern campus. Application numbers are also up some at Lancaster. Pennington shared that the entire Southern campus has been actively engaged in recruiting.

Reappointment

Howard reminded the deans that reappointment is due at the end of the month. Information has been shared with the campus finance staff. Please forward any questions to Howard.

Criteria for Multi-Year Appointments

Tuck shared that some faculty have expressed concerns regarding the vagueness of the proposed criteria for multi-year appointments. The deans appreciated the faculty feedback and discussed whether or not additional specificity should be included. The deans agreed that a notation should be added encouraging faculty who plan to request a multi-year appointment to first meet with the campus dean to review the viability of the request.

The current draft of the multi-year appointment process document will be shared with RHE Leadership and then posted online. The process will be effective 2017-2018.

STEM Learning Ecosystem

Abraham shared information with the deans regarding the STEM Learning Ecosystem that is being established near the Eastern campus. The goal is to establish partnerships that will hopefully increase interest in STEM opportunities within the area, including potential grant funding.

Smith asked if there were any discussions going on at the state level regarding subsidy for STEM courses. Howard shared that the state continues to review the subsidy model.

Progress on Articulations

Abraham noted that the Eastern campus continues to be interested in developing an articulation agreement with Belmont College. Increasing competition make this interest even more significant. Anderson will follow-up with Undergraduate Admissions.

BTAS Name

Abraham shared with the deans some concerns with the BTAS degree name in trying to recruit students. The deans discussed how the program name was originally developed and the institutional limitations that may impact trying to change it.

Akron in Belmont County

Abraham shared that the University of Akron has increased their advertising and recruiting efforts in Belmont County.

Education Coordinator Stipends

Tuck asked about the program coordinator stipends for education. Willan explained that the education program accreditation is significant; therefore, the stipend levels will remain at the 2016-2017 levels.

Faculty Conference

Howard shared prior year costs for the faculty conference. The cost was reduced by 2/3 in 2016 by going from a two-day to a one-day event. After reviewing faculty feedback, Willan shared that he believes the deans should support the request of the faculty to create a faculty conference every other year. In place of a face-to-face experience prior to fall 2017, an OULN meeting will be scheduled. A face-to-face conference will be planned for 2018. The 2017 P&T planning meeting will be scheduled separately.

Other

Pennington shared that the Southern campus hosted a town meeting on May 15 to review the OCTA results. The Southern campus has identified a new associate dean who will begin in July 2017, Dr. Salome Nnoromele from Eastern Kentucky University. Brief biography from Dean Pennington:

Dr Salome Nnoromele will be joining Ohio University Southern at the beginning of July as the new Associate Dean of Student & Academic Affairs. Dr. Nnoromele has been a long time faculty member at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). During her tenure at EKU, she achieved the rank of full professor. She has a strong track record of scholarship with national and international recognition. Dr. Nnoromele has served as a department chair, program coordinator, founding coordinator of the freshman academy for diverse students, and founding director for the upper-class academy for diverse students’ retention and success.

Tuck shared that the Chillicothe campus will be erecting an Ohio History marker in honor of Joseph Carter Corbin on June 28, 2017. Tuck will share the event information with the deans.

*3:00 – Adjourn*

*Upcoming Events:*

May 25 IUC Regional Deans

May 30 Athens & RHE Academic Leadership

June 8-10 Foundation Board

June 11-14 RBCA

June 21 RHE Deans (Zoom)

June 22-23 Board of Trustees

June 27 Athens & RHE Academic Leadership

July 25 Athens & RHE Academic Leadership