**RHE Deans Meeting**

**June 9, 2015 | 10:30pm – 3:00pm**

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

*10:20 am – 11:10 am Provost Benoit*

The deans and Provost discussed updates from the state legislature and the potential impact on the university’s budget. Willan noted that the regional deans received a survey from the IUC about affordability and efficiency; the results will be shared across the state. Provost Benoit shared updates about a statewide task force that will be preparing recommendations for the Governor about the future of higher education in Ohio. The group also briefly discussed the overall opportunities and implications of College Credit Plus. Provost Benoit shared with the deans an inquiry that was submitted to her office about opportunities in ceramics engineering.

*11:10 am – 1:00 am Updates and Discussion Items*

Academic Leadership Debrief

The deans discussed the idea of the AQIP culture of improvement and how it impacts or influences curricular updates; this is an area of opportunity for improvement.

P&T Document Revision

Willan asked for updates on campus document revisions. Each campus is making timely progress. Final documents should be forwarded to Willan upon completion. The documents will be shared with the Provost and posted on the RHE site.

Jobs Forecasting Study

Willan shared that the project is nearing completion. Lancaster and Chillicothe are waiting for some final summary reports.

CC+ Implementation

Books: this process will include students receiving a voucher to be used in OHIO bookstores; it is being reviewed with student services staff on 6/10/15

Mentors: after receiving input from the RHE Leadership and an Arts & Sciences chairs and directors meeting, a mentor commitment form will be developed. Anderson shared that faculty have noted concern about the previously proposed mentor stipend. The deans agreed to support stipends at the following levels for 2015-2016:

* The 1st year/semester that a teacher instructs an OHIO course, the mentor will receive: $500 per high school instructor per 3 credit course
* Every year/semester thereafter, the mentor will receive: $250 per high school instructor per 3 credit course
* An additional $100 stipend will be offered for classes that include a lab with lab setup
* Mileage reimbursement will be provided

eTutoring Collaborative

The campuses are going to hold off on a decision about the eTutoring Collaborative until more is known about online tutoring efforts university-wide.

Graduation and Probation Numbers

Anderson distributed materials to the deans that compared RHE spring 2014 to spring 2015 graduation and probation numbers.

Tuition Increase Request

Decisions at the state level will impact the tuition increase request, which will directly influence the 2015-2016 budget. The tuition increase request will be reviewed at the June BOT meeting.

*12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch*

*1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Discussion Items*

Budget

The deans discussed updated budget information and reviewed current enrollment data. FY16 budget projections may be readjusted once the state budget is finalized and announced.

Event Security

Willan shared that Chief Powers will be attending a future meeting to discuss event security on the regional campuses. A process may be developed with the university police force for threat assessment review of university guests, i.e. special event presenters, guest speakers.

Certificate Programs for Associate Degrees

Tuck is serving on UCC’s summer workgroup to review university certificates. The current university policies do not permit associate degree or non-degree students to be enrolled in formal certificates. Conversations to date have revolved around defining certificate types and enrollment opportunities.

Campus Certificates

A meeting is set for July 2 with the Registrar and Financial Aid offices to discuss current and future opportunities for campus-based certificates.

Faculty Travel Support

The deans discussed available campus opportunities for faculty for the support of travel for conference presentations. Each campus was asked to forward to Howard the funds that are earmarked for faculty development travel.

Program Coordination

The deans briefly discussed the identification of program coordinators in the faculty reappointment process. Faculty advising loads were also reviewed.

IUC Survey

Willan will complete the survey for all campuses. The deans were asked to send information to Howard by Friday, June 12.

RBCA

Smith reported 51 attendees are expected for the June 14-17 conference.

Planning Retreat

Willan reminded the deans that the retreat will be June 30 – July 1 and will include 2015-2016 (and beyond) strategic planning. Willan will forward an agenda for comments prior to the retreat.

Other

Willan shared that university-wide conversations are ongoing regarding summer enrollment opportunities.

Cushman is looking into future opportunities for offering summer ESL workshops on the regional campuses. She will also follow-up on the opportunity to have “Doctors Without Borders” events on campuses.

The deans agreed that the campus faculty senate alternates should be included on the RHE Leadership listserv.

*3:00 – Adjourn*

*Upcoming Events:*

June 14-17 RBCA

June 25-26 Board of Trustees Meeting at Southern Campus

June 30 – July 1 RHE Retreat