Dean Willan asked the council what makes the campus important to our community.

Dianna Vargo- programs offered and the course selections. We appeal to adults that may just want to enhance skills in a current position. Dianna took classes here and worked full time. Back then, she could not complete a teaching degree here. The OVAC enjoys working with EJ. They have a positive relationship and so many area communities are involved.

Heidi Porter- from the nursing perspective, area hospitals are having difficulty staffing nurses. They are currently paying money for cars and travel expenses to traveling nurses to come to the area. Many hospitals would partner with us (guaranteed employment, tuition reimbursement). Any nurse with a license is needed in nursing. Campus is important for individuals who want to stay here and businesses who want to offer development opportunities.

Ashley Doren- parents in her area are not ready for their children to leave for monetary reasons and also mindset. The Eastern Campus is important to her kids. Most people in Harrison County were born there and live there. The idea of their kids leaving the area for college is uncomfortable for parents. Most of the parents have not had higher education themselves. Colleges are foreign to them because they did not experience it themselves.

Jim Carnes- He has two granddaughters who were educated here. One then pursued her Masters at the Athens campus. Both are doing well. The OVAC basketball tournaments and other events are very important to the community.

Jennifer Compston-Strough- Jennifer went away to school. She came home for summer and took a course at OUE. Her mother would not have had a college education if not for the Eastern campus. Her brother came home from out west to complete a degree here. Our campus is good for traditional and non-traditional students and supplemental courses. Many would not be able to afford a four year education otherwise.

Dean Willan asked the council if there are mutually beneficial partnerships that would enhance the community.

Ashley Doren- she currently has a student teacher back in this area. Student interns are important. The schools in this area do not have extra money and can use the extra help. Lisa Jeffries and Diann Nickerson in Student Services come to her schools for visits. They sit with parents and help with recruiting and FAFSA. This is a big plus. CC+ offers a gateway to come here.

Jennifer Compston-Strough- could use some newsroom interns.
Bob Klein—discussed out migration, internships and field opportunities. We are not educating you to leave, but training you to stay. Fifty percent of our spring graduates had an internship prior to graduation. Members of our social work staff are working hard on the opioid addiction problem. Warren Galbreath for example in terms of business and healthcare potential there.

**Dean Willan asked for any additional input for the study committee as it pursues its recommendations.**

Bob Klein—We have reached out to every stakeholder group and this community is important to the conversation. What are the council members hearing in the community?

Jennifer Compston-Strough—We need to exploit the oil and gas industry. She is doing more reporting on the oil and gas industry. It is only expected to grow. OUE should research and develop programs.

Heidi Porter—second Jennifer’s comments above. For the next 50 to 60 years, still looking at a robust presence in the area.

Ashley Doren—Can we look into wildlife management and protecting the environment? Another idea would be a mineral resource inspector. There are lots of coordinating jobs that go around that. Engineering is needed if you want a sustained job.

Dean Willan—We are currently looking at what programs are needed. Hocking offers a 2 year program (wildlife management). Heard today money going into remediating old mine shafts.

Dean Willan expressed his appreciation for the council input and what the members do to connect us to the community and concerns. This information will be taken back to the RHE study committee. The committee will then meet with the President on November 1. He has heard similar things with the other coordinating councils. Important points are coordination, access, reduced cost, and ability to work while getting degree. Bob stated we have to describe how we are having an impact in our community. We cannot go into community as strangers. If we have a chance to partner, we can partner.