Breakout Discussion Questions

Question 1: What are important strengths of the current regional campus model? Are there ways in which the current model limits the ability of OHIO to be a more responsive statewide partner?

- Helps local community connect with Ohio University
- Enhance local economy
- Serves non-traditional students
- Affordability
- Location based education
- Feeder to Athens
- Access mission very critical – to an Ohio University brand – that’s how we can compete with other institutions in those areas
- Student services: first-generation support
- Align with businesses in the region in order to be more distinctive

Question 2: What are some guiding principles or foundational commitments that we should lean on for hard choices that can help us all embrace the recommendations of the committee (e.g., student impact should have priority)?

- Financially sustainable
- Couldn’t compromise academic quality – value added may be different in open-access vs. selective environment
- Address community needs – prospective student population, community – is someone else already filling that need or do we need to realign in order to do so
- Break down barriers within institution
- Make it easier for students to take all of our courses – in a more efficient way
- Need to make it easier for everyone to see all of the student records for a regional higher education student
- One university, need to have one system
- Tuition model has to be rationalized and made simple
- Mission of the university to help and be a support for driving economic development but address systemic issues
- Find efficiency and synergies but also allow ways to still be nimble and address local need
- Respect for tenure process and tenure awarded to faculty on the regional campuses
- Consistent standards for what is expected of students and—when talking about tenure -- Consistent standards for what is expected of faculty on regional campuses – its an Ohio University education and our delivery of it should be consistent – and can happen through better communication

Question 3: In light of OHIO for Ohio (or a one university mission), are there opportunities from a system perspective that should inform the work of the committee, e.g., additional efficiencies or revenue generating activities?

- Flexibility, nimbleness to be responsive to local market needs
- Increase efficiencies
Course offerings – need to make them more sustainable by offering them online across campuses

Increasing interactions between regional and Athens campuses – so can share what is occurring

Incentives for faculty to offer classes

Better market regional campus offerings

Offer problem based education

Question 4: Do you have recommendations to the committee regarding the way forward? Are there specific changes you would recommend in structure, process, operation?

Opportunities for ways to expand the alumni relationship and connect with students on regional campuses beyond their degree

Navigate internally and through state processes approval for programs that are responsive to local community need and local markets

Real opportunities to leverage technology to deliver information

Align start times on the regional and Athens campus to align for a sharing of course delivery

Address issue of tenure for Group 1 and 2 faculty – make it a university wide process instead of campus specific

Other Feedback in Open Sharing

Training, economic viability, sharing of resources – common themes

Don’t sell RHE students short on the fact they have their own cultural role within their community and informing their role as a citizen in their community