

COLLEGE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 2, 2007

The minutes of December 1 were approved.

Announcements

- Kevin Engle reminded folks about the internal fundraising campaign.
- Stress Fest is scheduled for February 21-22.
- Poetry, Prose and Acoustical Jam will be the evening of February 22.
- The next Community Forum will be held in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on February 28. It will be a follow up to Voices and Choices: The Public Priorities for NE Ohio's Future.
- We now have two personal counselors (Carol Haburay and Dr. Andrea Doyle) available to meet with students. Appointments can be scheduled through the Student Services Office.
- The Library will be sponsoring a Food for Fines program in March.
- The following new employees were introduced: Stephanie Burns, Library Associate; Brenda Vogley, Coordinator of Continuing Education.
- Welcome back to Traci Carmony.

Akron Campus Committees

- CPAC – no report
- Faculty Advisory to President – no report
- Faculty Advisory to Provost – no report
- Faculty Senate – attached
- GEAC – no report
- University Well Being – attached

Wayne College Committees

- Academic Affairs – no report
- Academic Assessment – no report
- College Well Being – The committee arranged to collaborate with the Red Cross regarding a health information table at Stress Fest. Items being discussed include developing a FAQ list for new employees and the lack of Wayne County dentists in the University's dental plan.
- Enrollment Management – no report
- Faculty – no report
- Planning – The Dean has sent points of the Strategic Plan for consideration by various responsible parties throughout the institution. We will review the feedback and come to the March meeting with a draft of the new plan for brainstorming and discussion.
- Student Senate – Senate will host a semi-formal Sweethearts Dance in the Filling Station on February 9. The dance is open to students, faculty, and staff. Senate will also be helping with Stress Fest and other activities.
- Technology – no report
- College Council – The group met January 24th to review the December College Meeting and set the February College Meeting agenda. The next meeting will be February 14th to discuss more effective methods of communication with students.

Updates

- Comments from the December College meeting discussion on the Spellings Report are posted on the College's website under governance. We will continue to add comments on this report.
- Personnel
 - Assistant Professor of Communication – Search Committee (Monica Smith, Dan Deckler, Ty Turning, Dudley Turner) is selecting a chair and then advertising will begin.
 - Academic Advisor II – Search Committee (Charlene Lance, Alicia Broadus, Colleen Teague) is reviewing applications.
 - Director of Learning Support Services – the committee has completed telephone interviews.
 - Athletic Director – Patrick Rufener was hired effective 01/02/07.
 - Testing Monitor – Angie Booth was promoted to full-time effective 01/02/07.

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- Secretary HCHEC – interviews are completed and a recommendation for hire has been submitted.
- Administrative Assistant Sr. – candidate has been selected and will begin 02/12/07.
- Medina Center – the center will open this fall and classes will begin in spring '08. One of the goals is to encourage partnerships between two-year institutions and the University. We are working with the new director on courses we can provide.
- Summer Grant – we are working with folks from Columbiana, Stark, and Wayne counties to provide college instruction in the high schools.
- Revenue Sharing – we have been working with Holly Harris Bane and awaiting final approval of the plan.
- Enrollment – headcount is at 1726 compared to 1651 for spring '06. We have 14,838 credit hours up from last spring's 14,320.
- Budget – administrative team is currently looking at the proposals that have been submitted. We will present our preliminary budget to the Provost on February 15.
- Building
 - Plans – The Collaborative was on campus yesterday with new drawings (which are posted in C-110). They will be back later this spring with another set of drawings. Groundbreaking will probably take place in March '08.
 - Campaign – we currently have \$800,000 committed from two donors.
- Provost's Visit – the Provost will be here the afternoon of February 8. She will have lunch with eight of our representative students, hold a 45-minute forum with brief remarks from her and a Q&A, and then tour the building stopping in designated areas for brief presentations.

Retention Presentation made by Gordon Holly. Comments and ideas were compiled for distribution to key personnel.

Dean's Update – Be aware of what is happening in Columbus related to higher education and the public and government. Eric Fingerhut will probably be appointed OBR Chancellor.

Attendance

Livengood
Fisher
R. Wilson
Onie
Lowe
Schoffman
Lerch
Silchuk
Burns
Holz
Turner
Carmony
Whitsel
Vogley
Ashbaugh
Lorson
Engle
Hammond

Summers

Turning
Nagy
Holly
Uitto
Walkerly
Teague
Brinker
Freelon
Wiebe
Rufener
Ackerman
Cooper
Vierheller
Weinstein
Pleuss
Smith
Meehan
Wadia

Malavite

Johanyak
Horn
Lance
Roberts
Rock
Shallenberger
Maringer
Woods
Virgili
Obiekwe
Maroli
Andes
Deckler
Popovich
Kristofco

Excused

Boettger
Loesch
Morman
Deeds

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Faculty Senate

1. The President gave updates focusing on activities in Columbus related to higher education. He also commented on the initial stages of the NE Ohio universities study directed by the legislature.
2. The Provost reported on several issues including information gleaned from her "walk-about."
3. Dr. Case and Dr. Stern gave comprehensive updates on facilities including parking.
4. The status of the Well Being Committee was discussed again with Dr. Case providing input.
5. Senate devoted considerable time to discussing the University Council draft. This included both the council's structure and methods of obtaining feedback from the various groups of the University (faculty, staff, CP's, administration).

University Well Being – The committee met on December 5th with Vice President F. John Case, who presented the administration's draft proposal for the development of the University Group Benefits Committee. The committee shared concerns about the role and the composition of the committee, including adequate representation for all college constituents (including the need for a representative from Wayne College). The committee met again on December 12th to quickly provide a response to the draft proposal. Issues addressed were (1) purpose and charge of the new committee, (2) numeric representation of the committee, i.e. make-up is 45% administration, (3) lack of a Wayne College representative, and (4) lack of a retiree dependent representative. The response also included additional recommendations for the proposed committee including its purpose, charge, and membership. [This response was added as Appendix C to the December 7, 2006 issue of *The University of Akron Chronicle* on pages 29-32.] The committee received an email from Dr. Case on January 31st acknowledging the committee's review and response to the initial draft of the mission, charge, and make-up of the University Group Insurance Benefits Committee. He indicated that the administrative group will be meeting to discuss and deliberate the committee's comments. He also indicated a response could be expected by mid-February to finalize the structure and move forward with the formation of the committee.