

## **Regional Campuses Faculty Affairs Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

March 4, 2022

**Present:** Noelle Bowles; Tamra Courey; Ali Erritouni; Velvet Landingham; Beth Osikiewicz; Peggy Shadduck; Sarah Smiley (attending for Rachael Blasiman); Greg Smith

#### **I Call to Order**

- Greg called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

#### **II Approval of agenda and February 4<sup>th</sup> minutes**

- Agenda approved by consensus.
- Noelle moved to approve the minutes and Tamra seconded. Motion passes with one abstention.

#### **III Vice President for Regional Campuses and Dean of the CATS Report**

- **Follow-up Campus Visits:** Dr. Shadduck reported that she is enjoying the in-person follow-up campus visits and that they are going well. There are three more campuses to visit.
- **Lifelong Learning:** She announced that she is working with Lifelong Learning, and she shared her slides to help explain Lifelong Learning at Kent State University. Lifelong Learning is a subcommittee of Academic Affairs which she co-chairs with Lana Whitehead. She stated that regional campuses is likely to be the group taking the lead on Lifelong Learning because we are more in tune to the needs of our community. Noelle asked if RCFAC could obtain copies of the slides so we could share them with our Faculty Councils. Dr. Shadduck stated that this is only a draft set of slides that were prepared for the Provost. Therefore, she would like to ask the Provost if she is comfortable with sharing the slides before she shares them.
- **Hiring of Regional Campus Deans:** Noelle asked about the timeline for announcing the replacements for the Ashtabula and Salem/East Liverpool Campus Deans. Dr. Shadduck stated that there is a draft announcement prepared, but she can't say what it states until the Provost has a conversation with the Board of Trustees and informs them about the direction they are going.
- **TT vs FTNTT Faculty on Regional Campuses:** Noelle asked about the imbalance of TT vs FTNTT faculty on the regional campuses and asked about the future of TT faculty. Dr. Shadduck stated that there is no permanent long-term policy against hiring TT faculty.

#### **IV RCFAC Chair's Report**

- **Kent Core Committee:** Greg reported that the Provost wanted to be clear that the current committee announced in the email is deciding on the process that we will use to evaluate the core. This is not the evaluation of the core classes. The Provost believes the core needs to be reimaged and it needs to be very distinctive to Kent State. The Provost does not want it to look like a general education core that is at our neighboring institutions. There will be regional campus faculty involved in the process.
- **Scheduling:** Greg reported that the Provost stated that we need to start looking across the system at the efficiency of resources including faculty. Specifically, she stated that we need to look at our scheduling and decide if we really need multiple sections of certain classes or can those be combined into a single section with a larger enrollment. There was some discussion about shared faculty.

#### **V Old Business**

- There was no old business.

#### **VI New Business**

- **Faculty Senate Ethics Committee:** Reminder to solicit nominations for the Faculty Senate Ethics Committee.
- **April RCFAC Meeting:** The April RCFAC meeting was originally scheduled for Friday, April 1, which is the Friday of Spring Break. After some discussion, the April RCFAC meeting was moved to Friday, April 8, at 10:00 am.

#### **VII Announcements**

- There were no announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am (Tamra/Beth).

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Osikiewicz, Tuscarawas FC Chair