Regional Campuses Faculty Advisory Council (RCFAC) Meeting Minutes Friday, November 18, 2022 (via TEAMS)

RCFAC Members Present:

Rachael Blasiman (Chair)

Noelle Bowles (Vice-chair)

Donald Gerbig

Qunxing Ding

Stephen Neaderhiser

Tamra Courey

Zhiqiang Wang

Dr. Shadduck was present at the beginning of the meeting for 15 minutes. She was at a conference at Chicago and had some time to answer questions from RCFAC.

- A question was asked on how the administration calculated the projections on graphs of enrollment decline from the Provost during the ad hoc committee consultation session with the FCs. Dr. Shadduck stated that if we keep the current structure of our regional campuses then the financial problems will occur.
- Another question was if non-aggregate data available for each campus. Dr. Shadduck responded that the data for each campus can be obtained but that may show some campuses looks better than others and the Provost wished to get all the campuses to move forward together.
- RCFAC vs "Super RCFAC" was discussed with Dr. Shadduck as well. Provost was advised to talk to RCFAC first before having the "Super RCFAC" meetings. That did not happen. One question is that how the relationship of the existing RCFAC and the "super RCFAC". Dr. Shadduck mentioned that Kevin West and Provost met with the Union, and the "super RCFAC" will only focus on specific structural, organizational issues in the regional campuses, and the RCFAC will function as usual. Dr. Shadduck welcomes input from the RCFAC.
- Another question is about the concern to vote on a committee before knowing the purpose and details. Dr. Shadduck will ask the Provost and Kevin West to put together a written statement to address that. RCFAC emphasized it is important to know what this committee will accomplish going forward. RCFAC was reminded that this new committee (Super RCFAC) is an advisory committee not a voting committee.

• Dr. Shadduck stated Spring 2023 schedule is set by the assistant Deans, are more streamlined than Fall 2023, and in good shape now. Dr. Shadduck left after 15 minutes.

RCFAC discussed the confusion involved with a "Super RCFAC", regarded as good purpose with poor communication.

Noelle Bowles motioned to approve the agenda, Tamra Courey seconded, and passed unanimously.

Noelle Bowles motioned to approve the October RCFAC minutes, Stephen Neaderhiser seconded, and passed unanimously.

RCFAC discussed and approved up to 3 members from each campus for TAB and PAB. The following list will be sent to Dr. Shadduck, who will then send it to the Provost's office:

Ashtabula TAB: Tamra Courey

Ashtabula PAB: Jessica Leveto, Bradly Keefer

East Liverpool TAB: Haiyan Zhu

East Liverpool PAB: Qunxing Ding

Geauga TAB: Om Ahuja, Jay Jahangiri

Geauga PAB: Renate Prescott

Salem TAB: E. Sue Wamsley

Salem PAB: Rachael Blasiman

Stark TAB: Claudia Gomez, Cindy Barb, Sebastian Birch

Stark PAB: Keith Lloyd, Lucas Engelhardt, Erin Hollenbaugh

Trumbull TAB: Robert Antenucci

Trumbull PAB: Hai Dinh, Pam Lieske

Tuscarawas TAB: Justice Akpan

Tuscarawas PAB: Donald Gerbig

RCFAC discussed the practice of last-minute cancellations and the impact on money and enrollment lost by doing so. RCFAC was not convinced this is a savings measure, and perhaps a loss of revenue and enrollment.

Stephen Neaderhiser motioned to request data on enrollment and revenue losses due to cancellations from each RC campus, Noelle Bowles seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

State of the Regionals were discussed. RCFAC hoped that Super RCFAC come up with counter proposals to administration proposals. Web fee loss seems to be driving some decisions with scheduling. Hybrid courses on regionals were discussed. Seem to work, but departments may have different view.

RCFAC discussed the union recommendation to bring the course schedules to FC for review and a vote of approval.

RCFAC discussed concern over coordinating online schedules across the regional campuses and lack of a rotating schedule of available faculty for the future.

RCFAC discussed next meeting December 9th and the possibility of an in-person meeting in Spring. Spring meetings look like the second Friday of the month is best. In person meeting thought to work best for the May meeting where new RCFAC members and existing RCFAC members attend together.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.