



**Regional Campuses Faculty Advisory Council**

**Friday, April 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

10:05 am – 11:35am

Provost's Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Library

The meeting was called to order by D. Warren (Stark) at 10:05. In attendance were, M. Harding (Tuscarawas), F. Fouad (East Liverpool), B. Keefer (Ashtabula), S. Wamsley (Salem), Nate Ritchey (VP System Integration), Larry Froehlich, and Theresa Ford (Stark)

Absent: P. Tomich (Trumbull); V. Landingham (Geauga)

Agenda approved unanimously (Harding/ Wamsley ).

Minutes from November 3<sup>rd</sup> RCFAC meeting unanimously approved (Fouad/ Wamsley).

Chair Report: Nothing to report

VP Nate Ritchey Report:

- Grant Support: a good/consistent support for TT faculty to help in Research / teaching Grant Proposals
- The Kent lower enrollment, especially low international and graduate enrollment is hitting the budget! Around \$ 20 M down!

Salem Report

- New FT Hire in the Insurance Studies Program, Charla Martin-Bloodsaw
- FT Hire Search Committees for Rural Scholars Coordinator, FTNTT NURS, and FTNTT MATH
- Moving forward with curriculum changes in the AAS and BAH Horticulture Programs
- Planning Spring Graduation, Convocation, and Faculty-Lead Student Award Banquet
- Coordinating Merit Awards Process
- University Global Initiative/ Group putting together various programs such as a Study-Away Course to increase diversity awareness
- Mentoring Committee is active
- Simplified and Full-Performance Reviews took/taking place
- Revisited SSIs
- Revised Handbook Language in line with university merit categories
- Salem enrollment up 2%
- Tuition Guarantee Passed by trustees – lower division will go up \$70, upper will go down by the same amount; does not affect online courses.

- County Classic basketball competition between Salem and East Liverpool took place on January 30
- Had successful Inspire (formerly STEM) programs for area schools and more scheduled for spring
- Our Rural Scholars Coordinator, Wendy Pfrenger, has taken a position at the University of Mississippi
- Beloved English instructor Lance Rivers passed away on December 23, 2017

#### East Liverpool Report

- Faculty are encouraged to take email survey on security.
- Using scholarship money to close the Pell gap with new students. Two tweaks were discussed: (1) funding students for two years, so that new students were not dropped into financial difficulties after one year, and (2) adjusting amount of scholarship money based on student's GPA.
- The computer staff will start doing weekly testing of computers in labs and lounges to insure the computers are up-to-date.
- All faculty and staff are in the process of having their pc's replaced.
- It was suggested that all the laptops available for loan in the library be updated with video cameras as they are necessary in most online courses.
- There will be a trooper at Spring convocation to discuss campus safety.
- Fall convocation is Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Classes will begin on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- EL and Salem grads are having a positive, financial impact on Columbiana County.
- Nursing director search is going well.
- The nursing faculty searches are being reduced to one at the recommendation of the nursing department due to load considerations.
- Graduation will be held May 11<sup>th</sup> at Crestview Performing Arts Center. Faculty are encouraged (and, technically, required) to be there. The speaker is Robert Conrad (not the actor).
- Kent State University proposes the establishment of a Criminology and Justice Studies major in the Associate of Applied Science degree, with two concentrations- one for the BA degree articulation, one for Police Academy students." After some discussion, the motion was seconded and passed.

#### Ashtabula Campus Report, RCFAC April 6, 2018

- Congratulations to Amy Thomas and Dr. Ann Abraham on being named as Mothers, Mentors and Muses honorees this year.
- Congratulations to Shelley Marshall, who was nominated by a student who is registered with SAS services for positively impacting their academic experience. Shelley will be honored in Kent on April 18.

- We've hired Dylan Tyler as a Senior Library Associate. Dylan has a great deal of experience working in the Kent campus library. He will start here on April 9.
- English Festival was held on campus March 23. Thank you to Beth Devore for her work in planning and carrying out that event.
- Wellness Fair—A lot of work went into providing the wellness fair on campus—special thanks to Carol Jones, Mary Collins, Johanna Slivinske and Theresa Hootman
- Irene Skleres has been reclassified to a Senior Advisor I—this is recognition of Irene's work with career counseling and CCP.
- We've had several recruitment initiatives on campus the past couple of weeks. It's great to see all of those yellow school buses rolling onto campus and the enthusiasm of the students. A special thanks to the faculty and program directors who participated in those recruitment efforts.
- The Junior Achievement Business Challenge was held on the campus and got rave reviews. Thanks to Ed Trebets for providing the keynote.
- I want to thank Mike Ball for his leadership in getting our campus club for E-Sports up and running.
- Dr. Warren will be visiting the campus on Tuesday April 17. She will meet with faculty and staff from 1:30-2:30 and students from 2:45-3:30. Please mark your calendars and also make arrangements to have your students attend the session with her.

(The above courtesy of Dean

Stocker)

- Rachael Blasiman from Salem gave a presentation at the FC meeting on Monday, April 2 and collected names of faculty interested in accessing the teaching and scholarship blackboard page
- FC approved emeritus status for John Stoker and Joe Kuvshnikov, who are retiring in May
- FC approved the advancing the AAS Justice Studies program to the next level
- Renovations to the auditorium will begin this summer and into the fall semester; money to pay for it is being raised from private sources as we speak
- Campus is moving forward with an Airframe Maintenance program and an online Masters in Social Work
- Working to hire full time on-campus security by fall
- Summer and fall blood drives will be with the Red Cross mobile unit while the gym is used as a staging area for work on the auditorium
- Student government held a voter registration drive before spring break

Stark Campus Report – April 6, 2018

- We are in the process of soliciting self-nominations to serve on FAC for the 2018-2019 year; the new council will convene May 4, 2018
- We have 2 TT searches in process – computer science and sociology
- We also have a search in process for a new public safety manager
- The fine arts building expansion is complete and now renovations are beginning for the existing building
- We are continuing to work on our strategic plan to be put into place AY 2018-2019

### Trumbull Report

The Trumbull Campus Faculty Council met on February 20<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>

- The FC unanimously supports the AAS in Criminology and Justice Studies, as it now includes two concentrations: One for the BA degree articulation, the other for Police Academy students.
- At the February FC meeting, a motion was made that questioned the validity of a March 2015 vote that changed FC membership from all full-time faculty to a ratio of 1:8, with one FTNTT for every eight T/TT Faculty on the FC. Results of the vote supported the motion. However, the AAUP-KSU attorney determined that although there were procedural issues with the March 2015 vote, the 2015 vote was valid. In addition, the union leadership suggested that there were language issues with the 2018 vote, and recommended taking another vote that focuses just on the composition of the FC, but does not focus on the validity of the 2015 vote. To date, a more clearly worded motion to change FC membership has not been made.
- The FC supported the nomination of Prof. Hai Dinh, Mathematics, for a President's Faculty Excellence Award; the Merit awards process is also ongoing.
- Four TT Faculty searches are in progress (i.e., Psych, M&IS, Econ, Criminology); a Police Academy director's search is also ongoing.
- Strategies and plans continue to improve student recruitment (e.g., international students) and retention (e.g., adding smartphone apps).
- Regarding the Fall break, the FC has a preference to shorten the summer term by 2 days.
- Faculty and staff retirement celebrations are planned for May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- A coach will be provided to transport graduating students and two guests for the Kent Campus commencement ceremony on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Tuscarawas Report: Mariann Harding

1. We voted on revisions to our handbook. The changes involved the composition of our representative FC and the removal term limits. Our new FC was elected and officers seated this week.
2. We are in the process of hiring 7 new full-time faculty, mix of tenure track and non-tenure track. Dean Bielski will be reviewing our campus coordinator positions and accepting applications for the next cycle. These include Community Engagement, Honors Program, Mentor Program, and Writing Center coordinators.
3. We will begin the process of conducting an administrative review of Dean Bielski.
4. Several improvement projects are beginning. We are installing a new gateway to the campus. We hope to receive grant monies to begin installation of a trail on the property. We were received Tree Campus USA status.
5. Plans are ongoing regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our campus. The main festivities will be in November.
6. As part of our commitment to diversity, the campus will sponsor the annual “Taste of the World” event on 4/11. This involves sharing native foods with the campus community.
7. An ongoing, major concern is that of safety at the campus. Plans are for a campus assessment with law enforcement agents, possibly with the Sheriff’s office. We are hiring a second shift security person and looking at other security initiatives. ALICE trainings will continue, and we are evaluating all internal protocols.
8. A motion was passed to pursue bringing the Human Services AAS degree to campus. The FC chose to abstain from voting on the revised AAS in Justice Studies.

Grant Resources: Presentation by Theresa Ford, Stark

Material can be found in the following Link

<https://www.kent.edu/regional-campuses/grant-resources>

Meeting adjourned at 11:35