

Regional Campus Faculty Affairs Council Kent State University

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2021, 10:00 am (via Microsoft Teams)

Attendees:

Members: Carol Robinson (Chair), Rachel Blasiman, Robin Dever, Ali Erritouni, Bryan Jones, Beth-Allyn Osikiewicz, and Greg Smith

Guests: David Dees

Minutes: Greg Smith

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Consensus approval.

Approval of December 18, 2020 Minutes

No formal motion; consensus approval.

Interim Vice President for Kent State System Integration's Report

April 1 is Peggy Shadduck's official start date; already attending various meetings and participating in student visits.

Faculty survey on fall instructional preferences underway.

Fall 2021: go back face-to-face if the vaccine is widely available; still following Flashes Safe Seven; could be some challenges enforcing "Flashes Safe Seven" as community "relaxes"; faculty still given options but we need to know those teaching modalities so that it can be loaded into Banner; faculty need to provide details.

Goal is to have first draft of fall schedule by Feb. 22.

Concern for adjuncts in planning for fall.

No mandate for vaccination; switch to "Flashes Safe Eight" and the eighth will be get vaccinated.

Several campuses will be point-of-delivery sites for the vaccine; does not give priority for vaccinations.

Nursing students and teacher education students are getting vaccinated with their hospital or school as possible in the county.

Testing still not readily available on Regional Campuses; attention has switched to vaccinations.

No decision yet on graduation; large gatherings likely not allowed, maybe some options for smaller gatherings.

Budgets will be delayed slightly; budgets are generally good, state share has been restored, may increase next year.

Staff salaries have been restored.

There was a discussion of load lifts across Regionals; work continuing on making load lifts consistent across campuses, guided by the Handbook.

Tuscarawas Campus had an issue with a CCP student offended by course content; State committee now looking into "moral decline in the state of Ohio because universities are

unchecked”; could be a bill/legislation proposed to monitor textbooks, content, etc.; new language around CCP courses indicating that these are college classes with adult material; could be the first of continuing attacks on Higher Education in Ohio; faculty need to be vigilant and prepared with stories on the good things happening on our campuses and in our communities.

There was a general Discussion of CCP.

Likely a committee to look at what remains in our teaching modalities post-pandemic (online vs. remote vs. face-to-face).

Chair’s Report

Peggy Shadduck will attend the March RCFAC meeting.

Vaccine clinic coming to the Kent Campus.

Hoping to restart Study Abroad in August in a best-case scenario.

Strategic planning goals: Access, Completion, Equity, New Knowledge Creation, Community Engagement.

Decision coming on the inclusion of Spring 2021 SSI’s in RTP files.

Faculty Separation offer is open through March 31.

Mentoring Retreat on Tuscarawas Campus (virtual) will take place March 5.

Other Business

Faculty Course Releases (discussed in VP’s Report).

RCFAC Procedural Manual

Edits for consistency and use of proper titles for administrators.

Procedural Manual will be sent to David Dees.

New Business

No items.

Old Business

No items.

Meeting Adjourned

11:12 am