

Department/Unit: Public Affairs **Year:** 2018/2019
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Unit Overview/Mission/Purpose

The Office of Public Affairs serves as a liaison between the university (including on behalf of the Boonshoft School of Medicine) and Ohio state government, with secondary roles to maintain strong relationships with Wright Patterson Air Force Base and area communities and local governments.

The office, which meets very regularly with counterparts from other universities and community colleges (including with Inter University Council of Ohio), keeps abreast of policy issues and legislation that impacts higher education, including budgets, free speech, expensive mandates and numerous others that might be of interest or concern to our students, faculty and staff.

We also meet frequently with campus community partners, to discuss matters that especially impact our students and faculty, maintaining relationships with regional elected officials and community leaders, including those at Wright Patterson.

Staffing

	FY18	FY19
#Full Time Staff	1 1/4	1 1/4
#Student Employees	1/6	1/6

KPI 1

Success Outcome 1:

Legislative

KP1.1 Legislation Passed

Data: HB 49 State Budget/Public Universities

Results: Modest State Share of Instruction increase

Textbook purchase for all students averted (several million dollars saved)

Data: HB 49 State Budget/Medical Education

Results: Minimized funding cut

Success Outcome 2

KP1.2 Legislative Relations

Data: Meetings – ongoing and often personal meetings (29 in Columbus) and Committee Hearings – frequent

Success Outcome 3

KP2.1 Local Government/Community

Data: Meetings/Membership various organizations

Results: Active involvement local officials campus support (Pedestrian Bridge example; lettering on bridge)

Success Outcome 4

KP2.2 Major Effort/Event

Data: Hosted 12th annual AF Marathon 5K Race

Results: Record number of participants (more than 2,000)

Success Outcome 5:

KP3 Other Events

Data: Hosted Fairborn/Beavercreek Nights at Nutter Center

Results: Numerous community leaders on campus

Success Outcome 6:

KP4 Staffing/Budget Savings

Data: One full-time staff

Comments: With the exception of Central State, Youngstown State and Miami, all other nine IUC schools have one or more full-time individuals dedicated to state government and based in Columbus.

Results: Cost savings-rental of office space, parking, some housing. Numerous more hours available for campus and community affairs. (Estimated one or two staff members.