President’s Report:

I. Biennial Capital Budget
   http://www.ohio.edu/online/ohio/ capital/energy/energy/.../2016

II. Dayton Daily News Articles & Updates

Dr. Hopkins announced that the Ohio Attorney General found no evidence of legal violations or wrongdoing re- lated to Wright State’s use of the Ron Wine Consulting Group. Wright State may receive $13 million in capital project funding out of $25 million requested. Prior to 2011, capi- tal funding was dispersed based on total institutional square footage but is now decided by a state commis- sion charged with earmarking funding towards specific pri- orities and projects. Wright State’s list of proposed capi- tal projects and priorities was developed with input from the Faculty Senate Buildings & Grounds Committee.  

III. H-1B Investigation

Dr. Hopkins informed the Senate that there are indica- tions that the ongoing federal investigation will come to a close in the next few weeks. The investigation involves Wright State’s use of H-1B visas in an applied research position. In 2010, Dr. Hopkins reminded the Senate that Wright State performed its due diligence when it learned of violation by bring- ing in special legal counsel associated with the Ohio Attorney General, a forensic audit team, and external compliance consultants. Since then the University has taken additional steps by adding a new General Counsel, two new assistant general counsels, and increasing staff in the area of research compli- ance. (continued in column 2)

From the Provost’s Report

1. Review of International Programs
   A. The report from the International Services External Review is complete and will be shared with the Faculty Senate, Council of Deans, and University Center for International Education has a chance to review.

2. HLC Visit
   B. Sudkamp reminded the Senate of the upcoming accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission. A schedule of events and meetings are available on the Institutional Accredita- tion webpage.

Executive Committee Report

Last month the Executive Committee and Faculty Budget Priority Committee request- ed time for each report in March:
• Progress reports and working drafts of the comprehensive financial plan being devel- oped for the Board of Trustees request to the Faculty Budget Priority Committee in advance of the June deadline, to facilitate Faculty input.

Dr. Hopkins serving as Chief Operating Officer, Jeff Ulliman, Chief Financial Officer, and Provost Sudkamp have been invited to meet with the Executive Com- mittee in advance of the April Faculty Senate meeting to learn what the priori- ties for remediation in University Hall are as well as the dean’s and vice president’s priorities.

A. A report of actual income and expendi- tures at the present time as compared to the balanced budget presented at the June 2015 Budget workshop.

Anticipated

A report listing all administrative stipends from July 1, 2015 to the present, including any adjustments during this time period. We are particularly interested in the pur- pose for which each stipend was given and whether the stipends are continuing for a limited term function (if so, the inclusive dates).

Received—Faculty Budget Priority Com- mittee will review to determine in regard to stipend or for policy determining the amount of stipend or increases to sti- pends beyond annual cost of living or merit should be recommended.

The EC is looking forward to April for the reports from the Library of the Future Task- force and the Select Committee on Research Initiatives.

The EC has reviewed and commented upon an MOU Xian University of Finance and Eco- nomics and the WSU Mathematics and Eco- nomics and the WSU Mathematics and Eco- 

Statistics Department.

The EC has received the new WSU Diversity & Inclusion Plan and will be ready to review and will be sharing with the Senate.

President’s Report Cont.

IV. Branding & Marketing

In response to faculty feedback submitted since the previous Senate meeting, Dr. Hop- kins expressed that it’s important that Wright State continue its research and work, and that “the brand, the marketing, and the messaging must move forward.”

Dr. Hopkins went on to inform the Senate that it’s clear that the proposed new logo is not ready to move forward and has been sus- pended.

V. Faculty Stipend Request

Dr. Hopkins informed the Senate that the administration has compiled stipend data at the request of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Total annual stipends for unfilled, classified, and faculty-stipend rank employees exceed $4 million and it’s clear that some stipends that the equity for similar work is not appropriate. Dr. Hopkins indicated that he looks forward to working with the Senate Executive & Budget Priority Committees to develop policy to bring stipends under con- trol.

VI. Budget Update

Dr. Hopkins informed the Senate that the administration will announce, on June 2nd, the FY2016-2017 budget and a multi-year com- prehensive financial plan to combat current fiscal difficulties related to declining S1 and reserves. The plan will require belt- tightening and pose more challenges com- pared to the post-Great Recession-recovery due to significantly less state support, how- ever Dr. Hopkins stressed that the Wright State cannot “cut [its] way to excellence”.

The President, Provost Sudkamp, and Chief Financial Officer Jeff Ulliman plan to meet with the Senate Executive & Budget Priority Committees, before the next Senate meeting, in order to brief faculty leadership and receive feedback to further develop the priorities of the comprehensive financial plan.

Old Business

Rehabilitation Services Admissions Policy

The Faculty Senate approved the new acade- mic program admissions requirements for the Rehabilitation Services major for direct from high school applicants.

Curricular Items

The Senate also approved new cur- riculum for Forensic Studies and Veteran Ser- vices. The Senate also approved a new cer- tificate in Arts Management as well as a new honors program in Leadership Studies in Education.

Faculty Line

Senate elections have been finalized. The new senators for BSoM are Allison Cowan and Madhavi Kadakia.

2016-17 Senate rosters are available at: https:// www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/about/2016 -17-officers-and-members

All volunteers interested in serving on the 2016-2017 Senate Committees are encour- aged to sign up via the online qualification forms.

Faculty Senate meeting dates, agendas, and minutes: www.wright.edu/administration/ senate.

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