

Faculty Senate Newsletter

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From the President's Report:

Ohio House Bill 48

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As of today a concealed handgun may not be carried on the University premises or any property that the University leases or owns. Those with a license for a concealed weapon may have it locked in their car, but they may not bring it onto Wright State properties in any other way.

Ohio House Bill 48 was passed by the Ohio House of Representatives on November 17th, and has since been introduced to the Ohio Senate. The bill provides an exception to the prohibition regarding higher education premises if an institution's Board of Trustees takes an active stance to permit concealed weapons on campus.

Talks with State Senators appear to indicate that the bill will pass the Senate and then probably be approved by the Governor.

Dr. Hopkins also spoke with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and expressed that it is not in the University's best interest to take action and allow concealed weapons on campus.

General Council Search

The search for a new Vice President of Legal Affairs / General Counsel is nearing completion. Dr. Hopkins has spoken to the two finalists suggested by the search committee and hopes to make an announcement within the next two weeks.

November 12th Student March

On November 12th a group of African-American students organized a march on campus to show solidarity with students at the University of Missouri. Dr. Hopkins and his leadership team met with the students on November 19th to discuss their concerns and demands regarding the following:

- Space for the promotion of Black Culture – the University will work with the students to re-examine the Bolinga Black Cultural Center and how it could be improved.
- Enrollment & retention strategies to attract more African-American students to campus and help them succeed
- Student engagement in the recruitment of black students, especially recruitment from Dayton Public Schools
- The University's success rate in increasing black faculty and administration
- Effectiveness of mentoring programs
- Better public review of the distribution of student organization funding

- Availability of diversity training on campus

- Ensure that African-American history was truly an intimate part of American History courses and General Education CORE History courses.

- Development of a Minor in Social Justice

- A request that Dr. Hopkins be more public in support of black student issues

Dr. Hopkins concluded that the meeting was a healthy and educational experience for all members of the conversation, and that he looks forward to working with the students to address their concerns.

Ron Wine Consulting update

In 2005 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base gained considerable assets from across the country via the government's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) initiative, and the Department of Defense pledged to create the World's Center of Excellence on Human Performance Research at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Between 2005 and 2011, the government spent more than \$350million in military construction projects at Wright-Patterson to house the Human Performance Wing.

The Air Force Research Lab has performed \$4-5billion of research per year, however there has been a longstanding complaint that less than 5% of that money stays in Ohio when research projects are commercialized despite the research being conducted in Ohio.

In 2007 Wright State made a decision to take an aggressive approach by creating the Wright State Research Institute with its main purpose to leverage applied and use-inspired research by building a new relationship with the Air Force Research Lab to create a new paradigm of cooperation where Wright State would be the catalyst in bringing together the State of Ohio, local companies, the Air Force, and the federal government together with other state research institutions in an attempt to keep more of those dollars in Ohio.

In 2008 the State of Ohio was especially anxious for public universities to address the Great Recession. Many state institutions created tremendous infrastructure around new Vice President for Economic Development positions. Instead of using SSI dollars or raising tuition, Wright State identified an outsourced method to bring expertise to the university in order to accomplish what other universities were doing with their Vice Presidents for Economic Development without the associated costs. Wright State accomplished this by hiring the Ron Wine Consulting Group on a monthly retainer. The firm was chosen because Ron Wine was the first president of the Dayton Development Coalition which is the main economic development part-

nership the region.

After initial success, the State of Ohio funded a pilot program around the Human Performance Resource Wing which later led to the development of the Ohio Federal Research Network, a collaboration between state research universities, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, NASA Glenn Research Center, and private sector companies.

Between 2009 and 2015, Wright State would have spent \$3.6million if it had created infrastructure to support a new Vice President for Economic Development. During that same time period, Wright State has payed Ron Wine Consulting \$1.9million, \$1.6million of which has come from State of Ohio casino licensing fees earmarked for economic development. Slightly over \$900k of this money was paid in 2014 since most of the efforts centered on the development of the Ohio Federal Research Network took place in that year. Throughout this process Wright State did not ask Ron Wine or his firm to act as a lobbyist.

From 2011-2015, the Wright State & Ron Wine Consulting Group's efforts led to \$165 million in research development grants around Human Performance for Ohio institutions, \$150 million in private investment to the state through the consortium involved in the Ohio Federal Research Network, and 575 jobs were created with a total income of \$47.2million.

Dr. Hopkins concluded that he welcomes the Attorney General's probe of the contract with Ron Wine Consulting Group, and that he is proud of Wright State's efforts in developing the Ohio Federal Research Network and having the State of Ohio pay most of the costs.

Comments

Senator Dan Krane, Chair of the Ohio Faculty Council (OFC), encouraged President Hopkins to consider how the IUC could work with the OFC to address House Bill 48.

Senator Barry Milligan, charged by his constituents, raised a question regarding the perception that a number of consultants are hired by the University at considerable cost, and whether or not there is an institutional policy in place to govern and assess the effective use of consultants.

•Dr. Hopkins stated that the use of consultants has increased over time and are often hired when the university doesn't have enough expertise to complete a project internally, and that there is room for improvement in the areas of oversight and assessment. Dr. Hopkins then committed to working with the Faculty Senate to review and improve the policies and procedures governing consultants.

Provost's Report:

•The University will be forming a task force, comprised of faculty and members of the university's business team for the implementation of the legislative initiatives including the 5% Challenge, and the Governor's Efficiency and Affordability Task Force Report.

•One of the key items in both the 5% Challenge and the Governor's Efficiency and Affordability Task Force Report is the requirement to reduce the number of credit hours in degree programs. Wright State's Board of Trustees has approved the requirement that all baccalaureate degree programs should be 120 credit hours unless accreditation requirements dictate a greater amount. Associate degree programs should be 60 credit hours. There are currently over 80 baccalaureate programs with over 120 credit hours. Ideally, program changes should be submitted to the curricular approval process by early Spring semester due to the lengthy approval process.

•The new online University Catalog will launch in mid-December. Accompanying the new catalog will be the new curricular workflow system, Curriculog, which will integrate automatically with the catalog and provide a seamless process for the creation and tracking of new Courses and Programs. Curriculog will also be able to be used for academic policy tracking and approval, and course fee approvals. Curriculog training will be announced in the Spring.

•Dr. Margaret Dunn, Dean of the Boonshoft School of Medicine, will chair the search committee for the Dean of College of Science and Math beginning in January.

•As part of the 360-degree review of International Education, a search for a new leader of International Education programs will begin in January.

Executive Committee Report

Ohio House Bill 48

The Executive Committee discussed the imminent passage of House Bill 48, which would permit concealed carry at universities when allowed by their Boards of Trustees. In response to the Ohio Faculty Council's request for feedback the EC voiced their opposition to the bill. An OFC resolution is forthcoming. During discussion a CoSM senator suggested polling students, faculty, and staff to determine the attitude from the university community at large. President Loranger stated that the Senate would prepare a Qualtrics survey of the Faculty.

Select Committee on Research Initiatives at Wright State

The Faculty Senate has charged a Select Committee on Research Initiatives at Wright State to examine the status, funding, and oversight of past and present research initiatives undertaken by the University and under the oversight of the Office of the Vice President for Research. The committee will seek answers to the questions they formulate as well as those posed by the Executive Committee. These will concern research funding, oversight, return on investment,

and institutional priorities, as well as examining the development of Wright Way policies governing hiring and funding of non-faculty research personnel.

The Select Committee will report their findings to the Faculty Senate in the March 2016 Faculty Senate meeting. The committee will be co-chaired by Faculty Vice-President Doug Petkie (CoSM) and Senator Brian Boyd (CEHS).

International Programming Oversight

The EC is working with the administration to incorporate Senate oversight earlier in the MOA and MOU process for international programming. A proposed flow chart for approvals and review does incorporate Senate in the process early. Last year's joint international program recommendations by the Graduate and Undergraduate Policies Committees called for creation of an international programs committee of the Senate as well as recommending the creation of an international programs leader with faculty status. Executive Committee will follow up on these in the new year.

Classroom Renovation Project

The Wright State Classroom Modernization and Maintenance Project is in the process of making a number of Wright State classrooms better places to learn and teach. This past summer Russ, Room 150 and Oelman Hall, Room 135 were remodeled, and these rooms were used extensively for classes in the Fall Semester. These rooms are considered to be prototype rooms and have provided a good deal of valuable information on what students and faculty like and dislike. In addition to this feedback, the Architects and the Steering Committee for the Classroom Modernization and Maintenance Project have solicited feedback from a large number of stakeholders. Faculty surveys have been sent out, Deans of Colleges have been contacted, and the Registrar, the Center for Teaching and Learning, CATS, and the Office of Disability Services have been intimately involved in the entire process. It is the desire of the Steering Committee that this project to be responsive to the needs and wants of all the people at Wright State University.

This project essentially is being conducted in four phases. Phase I of the project included the two prototype rooms mentioned above. Phase II of the project will entail dividing Oelman 112 into three medium sized classrooms and doing some upgrade work to Fawcett 101. In Phase III of this project, 25 classrooms will undergo upgrades. Some of the bigger rooms that will be renovated include Oelman 340, Creative Arts M252, Medical Sciences 120, Fawcett 204/206, and Fawcett 210/218. The reason the Fawcett rooms have two room numbers listed together is that they will be joined to make a larger, midsized classroom. With money that is left from this 5.5 million dollar project, additional rooms will be upgraded in Phase IV.

The architectural firm working on this project is SPBG Architects out of Dublin, Ohio. This firm has done some excellent remodeling work on Trenary Hall at the Lake Campus

and they have been a joy to work with on this project.

Old Business

Policy Modification: Course Addition, Deletion Procedures

At the request of the Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee, the Policy Modification: Course Addition, Deletion Procedures Policy has been postponed for consideration until the January Faculty Senate meeting.

Procedures and Guidelines for Preparing New Degree or Major Program Proposals

During the November Faculty Senate meeting, recommendations were made that the Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee should review confusing language found in the policy concerning the procedures and guidelines for preparing new degree or major program proposals to ensure optimal clarity is provided. The Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee determined that in order to remain consistent with the Ohio Department of Higher Education, wording must remain as it was originally written. The Faculty Senate approved the policy.

New Business

HLC Visit Policy Changes

In preparation for the upcoming visit by the HLC and as part of its regular five-year review cycle for all academic policies, UAPC is reviewing academic policies for clarity and accuracy. Several minor policy edits were proposed for [New Minor Program or Concentration Proposals](#), [Guidelines for Preparing Program Modifications](#), and [Guidelines for Deactivation, Reactivation, and Termination of Programs](#). The Senate approved the measure and it was moved to old business.

Faculty Line

•Dr. Fred Garber suggests that all senators take the time to review the submitted committee and council reports to have a better understanding of what is happening across campus and within every organization.

•The Spring 2016 Faculty Senate election timeline is now available at the following link: <https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/about/spring-2016-election-timeline>

•The Provost has offered to cover faculty registration fees for "Building Bridges" the SOCHE Conference April 15 at the Dayton Art Institute. Please follow the link to register. <https://www.soche.org/soche-ed-conference>

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

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