

# Faculty Senate Newsletter

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Lake Campus

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## From the President's Report:

Dr. Hopkins announced that he is looking forward to joining the conversation with the Faculty Senate Budget Priority Committee on November 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss a series of questions the committee has put forward. He then reminded the Senate of the current issues surrounding the funding of Wright State and other public universities:

- There is no longer a sustainable model for financing public universities in the State of Ohio and the rest of the country

- Ohio is ranked 46<sup>th</sup> in terms of state support for higher education

- Wright State has gone from

receiving over 70% of our funding from the State of Ohio to receiving less than 20% from the state

- Current state funding is now allocated based on student completion

- Wright State has been working for the past seven years to invest in significant initiatives supporting student success and completion

- The State of Ohio has also been reducing the availability of Capital Funding, Wright State currently receives less than it did in 2005

- 2005 – \$14.6million

- 2007 - \$16.5million

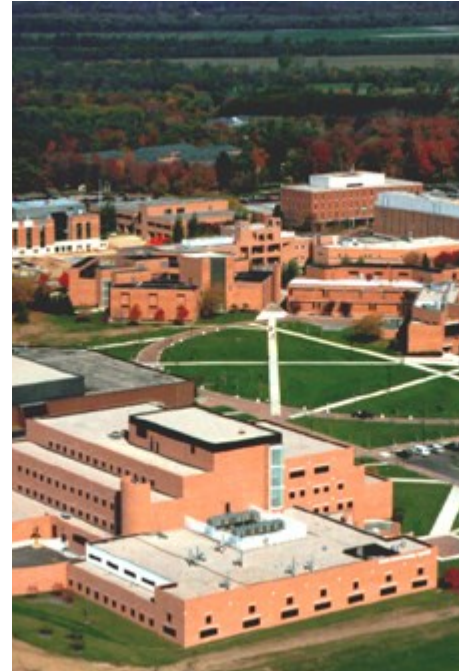
- 2009 - \$0

- 2011 - \$12mil earmarked for NEC Building construction

- 2015 - \$13.7million

## Administrative Update

Dr. Mark Polatajko, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, will be leaving Wright State on January 1, 2016 to take a position with Kent State. President Hopkins will assume the duties of the Chief Operating Officer on an interim basis. Dr. Thomas Sudkamp will remain the Provost and Chief Academic Officer. The University is investigating an internal promotion to fill the position of Chief Financial Officer.



## Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee is working to identify suitable faculty members for a joint Taskforce on Accessibility in Distance Education. The taskforce will be charged with proposing recommendations that will ensure accessibility compliance.

Deadline extensions for the General Education Assessment Committee and the Libraries of the Future Taskforce were approved. The GE Assessment report deadline will be September 2016; the Libraries Taskforce will submit its Phase 1 report February 2016 and Phase II report October 2016.

The EC will follow up on the October 2015 presentation by the Vice President for Research with written questions.

### Campus Master Plan

Robert Thompson, Wright State University architect from Facilities Management and Services, introduced Krisan Osterby, practice leader from Perkins and Will, who presented a draft of the campus master plan highlighting the major findings and plans for improvement of Wright State's campus. This effort began in earnest in March with a sequence of work sessions that developed a process of issues analysis addressing projected needs of the university. Following later in the spring into early summer was a process of looking into details to determine which concepts to carry forward into preliminary planning. From late summer until now, the department has been surveying the campus for review and making final refinements. The campus master plan focuses on a list of overarching characteristics, such as having an inclusive universal design and being welcoming to a wide array of students. This list should guide decision making for the future. Major components covered in the master plan include physical changes and reinforcements to both existing structures and future assets on campus, such as improving academic and research buildings, enhancing tunnel systems, heightening transportation circulation, and enriching student communi-

ty buildings (housing and recreation facilities). This plan has been derived from a data driven analysis created by working closely with the Provost's office to determine the short-term, mid-term, and long-term projections for student enrollment leading to anticipated needs for the campus. The department also focused on potential research growth and partnerships by working with the Vice President for Research, Robert Fyffe. Areas around campus were measured using the matrix system Dashboard to determine the quality of the buildings. The department found that space could be significantly enhanced if several aged buildings on campus were renovated. In order to keep up with the rising demands being placed on the university, the master plan proposes a roughly four-stage development process. The goal of this master plan is to ensure that Wright State University remains a high quality environment for higher learning, and that it is increasingly flexible with active learning, both indoors and outdoors. The department of Facilities Management and Services is requesting faculty feedback on this draft by December 1. Click on "Campus Master Plan" to review materials, then send comments to [facultyoffice@wright.edu](mailto:facultyoffice@wright.edu).

## Old Business

### Policy Modification: Course Addition Deletion Procedures

After discussion of the revised Policy Modification: Course Addition and Deletion Procedure plan, Faculty Senate agreed to postpone voting on this policy until the Senate returns in December. The revised policy allows any course that has not previously been approved for an online offering to be offered one time only as a pilot after prior notice has been given to the appropriate college curriculum committee and the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. The revision is intended to permit academic units to pilot online offerings of existing courses while undergoing the more formal curricular

review process required by academic policy. Some Senators expressed concerns about the language of the amendment as well as the intent of the revisions. The Senate has asked the Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee to review this document to address their concerns before bringing it back to the agenda next month.

## New Business

### CoNH RN-BSN Admissions Requirements

The College of Nursing and Health proposed immediate implementation of a change to the RN-BSN program that would remove the admissions requirement of a pharmacology course. Students are already required to take a pharmacology class over the course of their study, making the requirement for admission redundant. This redundancy has led to students choosing other universities for this program rather than Wright State.

### CoLA Direct Admissions Standards

The CoLA Admissions Policy, which was approved by the Faculty Senate in February 2015, was found to contain several elements that need to be addressed concerning transfer students and continuing students changing their majors. CoLA's proposed revision to the policy adds a section on transfer students and current students. After discussion of ambiguities in the policy language, Senate sent it back to CoLA for further clarification.

## Faculty Line

Faculty Senate Meeting dates, agendas and minutes: [www.wright.edu/administration/senate](http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate).

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