

XI. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

A. Academic Affairs Committee

Mrs. Broner, chair, will report on the committee meeting of November 18, 2016.

**Academic Affairs Committee
Meeting of November 18, 2016**

Minutes

Present: M. Bridges, E. Broner, D. Fecher, S. Fitzpatrick, A. Goyal, J. Large, W. Montgomery, R. Pignatiello, G. Ramos,

Guests: M.E. Ashley, L. Chan, R. Fyffe, D. Hopkins, T. Littell, C. Loranger, D. Kimpton, T. Sudkamp, R. Sweeney

Mrs. Broner called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and read the following conflict of interest statement.

It is of utmost importance to ensure that all university decisions are free from any real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Therefore, please be mindful of all obligations with which you have been charged as a Trustee of Wright State University; and take the steps you deem appropriate to perform your duties fairly and impartially.

Provost Report

Dr. Tom Sudkamp, provost, updated the Board on a variety of topics.

- **Accreditation:**

The Department of Kinesiology and Health hosted a site visit last week by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. Dr. Sudkamp recognized the efforts of chair Drew Pringle and Rebecca Bower and indicated that results are due out later in the year.

The Boonshoft School of Medicine has submitted their self-study and is making updates and preparing for a March 2017 site visit from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Dean Parmalee and Ruth Paterson are leading these preparations.

- **Distance Learning:**

Online learning holds the potential for increased enrollment and allows Wright State University to offer courses to a national audience. Over the last year Wright State offered 870 online courses and 247 hybrid courses with an enrollment of over 14,000 students including students who took multiple courses. Fifteen graduate degrees, one undergraduate degree, and two certificate programs are offered entirely online.

Last year Wright State joined the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). Prior to this collaborative initiative, universities

were required to seek individual reciprocity agreements with each of the fifty states to offer on-line courses to their students. Membership in SARA grants reciprocity agreements with 44 individual states which greatly reduces the efforts and expense needed to satisfy individual state standards. Wright State has also secured individual agreements with the remaining six states.

- **State Initiatives**

- **Duplicative Programs**

- Under Section 3345.35 of the Ohio Revised Code, Wright State was required to file a report with the state outlining all low enrollment courses and offer recommendations to consolidate, collaborate or eliminate those that did not meet minimum levels of enrollment. The state is now asking for a review of low enrollment programs with the same goal of eliminating redundancy and creating cost savings.

- A tentative timeline for the project includes a March 2017 identification of programs, a progress update in September, and a final implementation report due by December 31, 2017. According to the state's designated regions, Wright State falls within the south-west region and would collaborate with Central State University to reduce duplication of programs.

- **Co-requisite Remediation**

- Wright State is leading the state in creating Co-requisite remediation in English Composition. This means that students are no longer taking developmental courses prior to enrolling in college level classes in English composition. Instead, they are dually enrolled in the college level class and a remedial support class, if needed, taught by the same instructor.

- Funding from the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Provost office will be used to duplicate this success with quantitative mathematics courses. A pilot program with three sections will begin in the spring.

1. **Emeritus Request**

The following resolution was moved forward for full Board consideration.

RESOLUTION 17-

WHEREAS, faculty members who have served ten or more years as fully-affiliated and full-time members at Wright State University will automatically be granted the emeritus title upon retirement and upon written request by the faculty member to the provost; and

WHEREAS, Stephen McDonald, Professor of Internal Medicine, served the University from July 1, 1991 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the request for emeritus status for the aforementioned faculty member, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed.

I offer this motion:

Do I have a second:

Roll Call Vote:

2. Approval of Tuition Discounts

Dr. Sudkamp outlined three tuition reduction requests seeking Board approval. These requests are designed to enhance student enrollment.

Under Ohio law, once Board approval is secured, the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education must then approve tuition waiver requests for state-assisted institutions. Therefore, the following resolutions are being presented for Board approval.

Agreement between Academic Partners and Wright State University

RESOLUTION 17 –

WHEREAS, 375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly requires any waiver of tuition for a particular student or any class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education to be approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Directive 2009-011 signed by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education on April 17, 2009, established procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is contingent upon the approval of the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University wishes to provide a fee waiver of \$100 per course for the online graduate programs offered by the Department of Leadership Studies in Education and Organizations in the College of Education and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the fee waiver is designed to increase enrollment in these online graduate programs; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is requesting a fee waiver of \$100 off of each

course through Spring semester 2017 contingent on the General Assembly renewing the authority of the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to approve waivers of tuition for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education; therefore be it;

RESOLVED that the administration of Wright State University is authorized to offer a tuition reduction of \$100 off of each course; and therefore be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration of Wright State University will submit a request to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to review and approve the tuition reduction.

I offer this motion:

Do I have a second:

Roll Call Vote:

Tuition Waiver Recommendation for Montgomery County Educational Service Center (MCESC) Students Entering the Wright State University (WSU) College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) Reading Endorsement Program

RESOLUTION 17-

WHEREAS, 375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly requires any waiver of tuition for a particular student or any class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education to be approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Directive 2009-011 signed by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education on April 17, 2009, established procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is contingent upon the approval of the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University has entered into an agreement between the Wright State University's (WSU) College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) and the Montgomery County Educational Service Center (MCESC); and

WHEREAS, students are entering a Reading Endorsement, five course graduate program; and

WHEREAS, this MOU covers the time from Spring Semester 2017 through Summer Semester 2018; and

WHEREAS, students in this Reading Endorsement program must meet the Wright State University admissions criteria for graduate students; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University hopes to enroll at least twenty-five students to start this program in Spring Semester 2017; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is requesting a fee waiver of 33% of the posted in state graduate tuition rate for students accepted into this Reading Endorsement program and is requesting the waiver for Spring Semester 2017 through Summer Semester 2018, contingent on the General Assembly renewing the authority of the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to approve waivers of tuition for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the administration of Wright State University is authorized to offer a tuition reduction of 33% of the posted in state graduate tuition rate for MCEC students accepted into the Readership Endorsement graduate program in the Wright State University CEHS; and therefore be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration of Wright State University will submit a request to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to review and approve the tuition reduction.

I offer this motion:

Do I have a second:

Roll Call Vote:

Tuition Waiver Recommendation for Taiyuan University of Technology (TUT) Students Entering the Wright State University (WSU) College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS) Graduate Programs

RESOLUTION 17-

WHEREAS, 375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly requires any waiver of tuition for a particular student or any class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education to be approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Directive 2009-011 signed by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education on April 17, 2009, established procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is contingent upon the approval of the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University has entered into a Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the Wright State University's College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS) and Taiyuan University of Technology (TUT); and

WHEREAS, the MOU with TUT is for a graduate program whereby students with a bachelor's degree from TUT are accepted into a CECS graduate program; and

WHEREAS, the term of this MOU covers the time from June 6, 2011 through June 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a student from TUT began the program before the termination date of June 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the courses taken at TUT have been reviewed and approved by Wright State University faculty in the CECS; and

WHEREAS, students transferring from TUT must meet the Wright State University admissions criteria for international students; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University hopes to enroll more students into this program in future academic years,

WHEREAS, Wright State University is requesting a fee waiver of 20% of the posted non-resident tuition rate for students accepted into a CECS graduate program under the MOU with TUT and is requesting the waiver for Spring Semester 2017 through June 30, 2019, contingent on the General Assembly renewing the authority of the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to approve waivers of tuition for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the administration of Wright State University is authorized to offer a tuition reduction of 20% of the posted non-resident tuition rate for students from TUT accepted into a graduate program in the Wright State University CECS; and therefore be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration of Wright State University will submit a request to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to review and approve the tuition reduction.

I offer this motion:

Do I have a second:

Roll Call Vote:

Program Name Changes

Several academic programs have requested and received Faculty Senate approval for

name changes. While the Board approval is not required for these changes, state approval is necessary.

The B.A. program in Classical Humanities will now be known as a B.A. in Classical Languages and Cultures. Two associate degrees have requested changes. The Office Information Systems has become Implied Business Technologies while Graphic Design and Visual Media will be known as Graphic Design and Multimedia Design.

Student Success

Last summer, Dr. Sudkamp requested that the Deans prepare a three-year strategic plan outlining new markets for program creation and identifying existing programs with the potential for enrollment growth. These enrollment strategies are being incorporated into Enrollment Management recruitment initiatives as Wright State responds to the needs of the future. In addition, Wright State has a variety of programs in place to insure student success.

Mr. Tim Littell, executive director of student success and associate dean of the University College, discussed key student success initiatives that fall under “The Completion Roadmap” for 2016-2017. The Student Success Center provides a centralized campus location for foundation studies, First-Year Programs, academic advising and the academic success centers.

Foundation Studies includes both the “Raider Academy” (a two-week summer bridge program) and an Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) built on a Co-requisite Remediation Model. This English Composition co-requisite program has increased completion rates when compared to the tradition model where students take remediation coursework followed by college level courses.

The academic advising area has been enhanced. University College advisors are becoming certified in Appreciative Advising and a pilot is underway to assign Career Advisors to undecided and exploring students. The Raider Academic Progress System (RAPS) web-based system has been adopted to monitor and support students at risk.

Students continue to take advantage of the Tutoring Services, Math Learning Center and University Writing Center. Supplemental Instruction with embedded peer instructors has proven to be another very successful program to enhance student learning and success.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Kimpton