

President Hopkins

I. Community Service

Dr. Hopkins informed the Senate that, for the eighth consecutive year, Wright State has been honored by the President's Commission on Higher Education and Community Service for the university's support of volunteering, student community service, service learning, and civic engagement. Wright State was recognized in the areas of General Community Service, Education, and Economic Opportunity. Wright State was the only university in Ohio named With Honor & Distinction for Education. A total of 13,676 Wright State students were involved in community service or academic service-learning during the 2014-2015 school year, resulting in 1,495,561 service hours.

Dr. Hopkins extended his thanks to Craig This, Sommer Todd, and Jamie Norris for their continued work with Raidersgiving. Raidersgiving started in 2012 with the motto that "no Raider eats alone" and has grown from feeding 12 people in 2012 to over 600 people in 2016.

II. Faculty Awards & Recognition

Dr. Hopkins congratulated the following faculty members for recent awards and achievements:

- Jim Dunne (CEHS) received the Nuestra Familia 2016 Award from the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission for his work at El Puente Learning Center in Dayton.
- Dean Parmelee (BSOM) was recognized with the Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges.
- Pascale Abadie (CoLA) was honored with the Wright State 2016 International Education Award for her work with the French Ambassador Program.

III. Budget Update

Dr. Hopkins informed the Senate that the university had projected no change in SSI payments from the State of Ohio, however the administration was recently informed that the university will receive an additional \$3.1million in SSI funding. Since 2012, Ohio public universities are no longer funded by headcount and enrollment; all SSI funding is now determined by course & degree completion.

IV. HB48 – Concealed Weapons on Campus

Dr. Hopkins announced that Ohio House Bill 48 was passed by the State Legislature and is now awaiting the Governor's signature. The bill, if signed, would continue to prohibit bringing concealed weapons onto university campuses, however it would allow the Board of Trustees to approve an exception to the law. Dr. Hopkins stressed that the administration does not want the Board to make an exception to allow concealed weapons on campus and urged the Faculty Senate to pass the resolution supplied by the Senate Executive Committee.

V. Commencement Ceremonies

Dr. Hopkins announced that he is looking forward to, and encouraged everyone to attend, the College of Nursing & Health Pinning Ceremony at 3:00pm, Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Nutter Center.

Dr. Hopkins also encouraged everyone to attend the 84<sup>th</sup> Commencement of Wright State University on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the graduation of over 1,800 students. Breakfast will begin at 8:30am and the ceremony will begin at 10:00am. <http://www.wright.edu/event/commencement>