

Faculty Senate  
Faculty Budget Priority Committee  
Statement regarding Affiliated Entity Review Process  
December 2017

In response to the University's 2016 HLC accreditation evaluation, the Board of Trustees adopted a new policy on affiliated entities in January 2017 that resulted in the invitation of a compliance review process as part of the university's increased focus on compliance. Committees (that specifically included faculty representatives identified by the Faculty Senate) were formed to review each affiliated entity. The FBPC is concerned that the reviews of two of the affiliates, the Wright State University Foundation and the Wright State Applied Research Corporation, have been completed. An MOU was signed with WSARC in October 2017. The faculty representatives to these committees report that at the last meetings of these committees open issues remained. Further, their inputs were not sought on approval for affiliated entity status, and that they were not notified when affiliation was approved. The FBPC questions if these affiliate reviews were done in compliance with the 2017 affiliated entity policy and with genuine opportunity for Faculty input and involvement.

The FBPC appreciates that compliance matters have a very important impact on many aspects of the University ranging from its financial well-being and student success to faculty activities. It is therefore imperative that affiliated entity reviews be carefully done in the manner prescribed by the 2017 affiliated entity review policy and that, in a spirit of shared governance, there be legitimate opportunities for Faculty involvement and input.