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## Faculty Senate Chronicle for May 5, 2016

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## SENATE ACTIONS

- Elected Senators Allen and Roy to serve as Faculty Senate Representatives to University Council.
- Approved curriculum change proposals submitted by the Curriculum Review Committee.
- Adopted a resolution moving the Department of Economics to the College of Business Administration, effective July 1, 2016.
- Adopted a resolution from the University Libraries Committee to create a Senate committee on Scholarly Communications.
- Adopted a resolution from the Graduate Council to move the Graduate School to a central location on campus.
- Adopted a resolution from the Graduate Council to recommend that a Vice President for Research not be an academic dean because of potential conflict of interest.
- Adopted a resolution to invite President Scarborough to a special meeting in May, 2016 to specifically address the items of the no confidence vote.
- Adopted a resolution to censure President Scarborough for his response to the no confidence vote.

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## MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF MAY 5, 2016

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate took place Thursday, May 5, 2016 in room 201 of the Buckingham Center for Continuing Education. Senate Chair William D. Rich called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Of the current roster of 64 Senators, 47 were present for this meeting. Senators Fielding, Haas, Holliday, Moritz, Onia, Riedl, and Sastry were absent with notice. Senators Elliott, Feltey, Hreno, Lillie, Morath, Pope, Schaeffer, Scotto, and Srivatsan were absent without notice.

### *I. Adoption of Agenda*

On Senator Stern's motion, and after approval of the March minutes, where were not ready, was removed by unanimous consent, the agenda was adopted without dissent.

### *II. Adoption of Minutes of December and February meetings*

On Senator Bouchard's motion the December minutes were approved without dissent. On Senator Kemp's motion the February minutes were approved without dissent.

### *III. Remarks of the Chairman*

Chair Rich remarked:

Among the items on today's agenda are the election of two representatives to the University Council; two reports from the Academic Policies Committee, the first recommending approval of the transfer of the Department of Economics from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Business Administration, and the second concerning the resolution referred by the Senate last month that calls for an immediate suspension of the Gen Ed Core program; a report from the Curriculum Review Committee recommending approval of various curriculum changes; report from the Computing and Communications Technology Committee recommending creation of an ad hoc Senate committee to investigate alternatives to the current on-line course evaluation system; and a report from the University Libraries Committee recommending the creation of an ad hoc Senate committee on scholarly communications in relation to the University's institutional repository.

As a follow-up to action taken by this body at our last meeting, I wish to report that the cohort block scheduling of incoming first-year undergraduate students has ceased, except for those specifically requested by a college, and students are no longer being pre-registered for classes. I have requested and been promised that students previously preregistered for classes will be informed that they are free to alter their class schedules.

I also met with President Scarborough, Dean Rickel, and Vice President Burns to discuss the need to aggressively market programs in the College of Applied Science and Technology, especially in light of increasing competition from Stark State University. I urged them, and they agreed, to consult the CAST faculty in developing a marketing plan, and to involve the faculty in the implementation of the plan as appropriate. Since then, a draft plan has been prepared and shared with Dean Rickel so that he, in turn, can share it with the CAST faculty.

The precipitous decline in confirmed admissions of first-year undergraduate students has abated only modestly since we met last month. According to the most recent information I have, which is probably about a week out of date, confirmed admissions are down 29 percent from the same time last year. Although some additional ground may be made up between now and the beginning of the Fall Semester, I would be surprised if next year's entering class is not at least 25 percent smaller than last year's. This will necessitate budget cuts significantly larger than those

already planned. The President has indicated that the University will begin the 2017 fiscal year without a budget having been approved, and that a budget will be adopted toward the end of the summer, after we have a better idea of Fall enrollment. In the meanwhile, units will face uncertainty about the resources that will be available to them for the new fiscal year.

The decline in confirmed admissions is so great, and so disproportionate to the decline in the number of students graduating from high school in the region, that there can be no doubt that it is caused largely by the injury that the University has sustained to its reputation during the last year. The health and perhaps even the survival of the University depend on repairing this reputational damage quickly to minimize its impact on first-year enrollments in subsequent years.

This being the last meeting of the Faculty Senate for this academic year, let me thank all of you for your service to the University this year and wish you all an enjoyable summer.

This concludes my remarks.

#### *IV. Special Announcements*

John F. Kline, Jr., died on April 13 at the age of 63, after a long illness. He worked as a cataloging specialist in the University Libraries for thirty-two years, and he taught as an adjunct faculty member in the History Department for twenty years. He had earned master's degrees in history and political science from the University of Akron. An Army veteran who served five years on active duty and seventeen years in the Army Reserves, John Kline attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Dr. Rudolph Joseph Scavuzzo died on April 24 at the age of 83. Dr. Scavuzzo served on the faculty for twenty-seven years as head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and as Associate Dean of the College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering. Before that he was a faculty member at the University of Toledo and at Rensselaer Polytechnic University. Dr. Scavuzzo received his undergraduate education at Lehigh University and earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. He was a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, receiving its Dedicated Service Award in 2014. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award for fifty years of work in the field of shock and vibration. He authored textbooks and dozens of published technical articles in various disciplines.

Dr. Donald McIntyre died on February 14 at the age of 87. Dr. McIntyre joined The University of Akron faculty in 1966. He was a founding member of The University of Akron's Polymer Science faculty and served as head of that department. He received his undergraduate education at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania and earned a Ph.D. in chemistry at Cornell University. Before joining the faculty here, he served in the U.S. Army at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and was awarded a National Defense Service Medal. After that, he worked at the National Bureau of Standards until he joined the faculty here. Dr. McIntyre retired as Professor Emeritus of Polymer Science in 1995.

The Senate rose for a moment of silence in memory of our deceased colleagues.

#### *V. Report of the Executive Committee*

Since the Faculty Senate last met on April 7, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (EC) met twice by itself and once with the President and Interim Provost.

The EC met on April 21 for regular Senate business and to prepare for the meeting with the President and Interim Provost.

The EC certified the elections of four newly elected senators in the College of Engineering: Richard Elliott, Robert Veillette, S. I. Hariharan, and Minel Braun. The EC certified the election of Marcus Braga-Alves from the College of Business Administration.

The EC appointed Walter Pechenuk of Computer Science to the Part-time Faculty Committee.

Later that day, we met with President Scarborough and Interim Provost Ramsier. We discussed progress on the final version of Collective Bargaining Agreement; the decline in work study approvals for graduate students; and the process and timeline for FY17 budget. We expressed concern about the likelihood of significant cuts resulting from lower enrollment. The President said that the University Council Budget and Finance committee will be involved in a significant way and that there's a lot of work to be done, and it won't be rushed. We will likely begin FY17 without a budget. We discussed Western Governors University and the Governor Kasich's support of allowing Western Governors into the state. We don't know when it will be considered. The Ohio Inter-University Council is trying to defeat it.

We were updated on the General Education Core and told some analysis would be presented to Senate in May meeting. We discussed marketing the technical programs in CAST that Stark State might be competing with. We discussed the President's response to grounds for the vote of no confidence. The President suggested that he work with the Faculty Senate EC on a process to work through issues. The EC agreed to meet with the President over the summer. We were updated on the search for an Assessment Coordinator. Provost Ramsier will meet with the search committee to go over ideas dividing the positions various roles into two positions.

The President informed the EC that Board Secretary and Special Assistant to the President Paul Herold will retire on June 30. The President has spoken to the BOT about not refilling the Board Secretary position, but allowing Paula Neugebauer to fill that role. He would like the Special Assistant to President position to be full-time. He discussed finding a faculty member or a game-changing community member serve in this position.

We were updated on the status of the process for reactivating suspended and revised Theatre baccalaureate program; Zook Hall reconstruction; and the discussions regarding ITT Tech. With regard to ITT Tech, we were informed that the non-disclosure agreement would end soon, and an announcement would be made. We discussed the Center for Data Science and Information Technology and the involvement of various programs across campus. We discussed the Trust Navigator Success Coaches. Their contract has not yet been renewed. The administration is collecting data and Trust Navigator is conducting their own survey. We discussed cohort block scheduling, which is now suspended. Any unit that doesn't want classes to be reserved has the ability to remove the restrictions.

The EC next met on April 28th for regular senate business and to prepare the agenda for the upcoming faculty senate meeting. We discussed meeting times over the summer for discussions with the President.

This concludes the Executive Committee's report.

#### *VI. Remarks of the President*

President Scarborough remarked on enrollment, his expectation that 20 percent of the first-year class would commit over the summer, and the fact that high school counselors report an unusually high number of undecided students. He reported that the Spring Visit Day for high school juniors and sophomores had a record turnout, but our spring graduation numbers would also be very large, reducing our overall enrollment in FY17. He described the University's elevation of entrance requirements as being responsible for a drop of about 4500 students

overall. He reported on recent and notable gifts to the University from the Smuckers and Wagstaff family and from an anonymous donor to the College of Business building program. He noted that there were ongoing searches for the positions of Engineering Dean, Provost, General Counsel, Chief Diversity Officer, Chief Development Officer, and Director of Facilities and Construction. He reported that Bill Lyons had been hired to replace Paul Herold as interim Chief of Staff.

The President answered questions about his estimate of 4500 students lost to higher admission requirements; on the Dean of Engineering search; on the hiring of a new Dean of University Libraries; and on support for the Fulbright Scholars Program.

#### *VII. Remarks of the Interim Provost*

Interim Provost Ramsier remarked on his role in the many ongoing faculty searches; the candidates for Dean of Engineering; on the search for a Dean of Wayne College; on the need to start searches for Deans of University Libraries and the College of Health Professions; and on his meeting with the Chairs to discuss the issues they raised in their letter to the Board of Trustees. Provost Ramsier praised the recent work of the Graduate Council and reminded faculty of that commencement was important and upcoming.

Provost Ramsier answered questions about tuition waivers for students who win Fulbrights.

#### *VIII. Election of Faculty Senate Representatives to University Council – 2 seats, 3-year terms, must be Senators*

On Senator Sterns' motion, Senators Allen and Roy were elected without dissent.

#### *IX. Committee Reports*

##### *A. Academic Policies Committee*

Associate Dean Kennedy moved the following resolution on behalf of the Academic Policies Committee: (see appendix A)

Whereas the faculty of the Department of Economics has voted to move as a unit to the College of Business Administration;

Whereas the Buchtel College Council of the College of Arts And Sciences has voted to approve the move;

Whereas the faculty of the College of Business Administration has voted to accept the move and has made the necessary changes to their College bylaws and retention, tenure, and promotion criteria and procedures; and

Whereas the mission of the Department of Economics aligns well with the mission of the College of Business Administration;

*Resolved*, that the Faculty Senate recommend that the Department of Economics be moved as a unit to the College of Business Administration effective July 1, 2016.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

Associate Dean Kennedy reported on the APC's study of Senator Bouchard's resolution calling for the end of the Gen Ed Core program, and she reported that the APC concluded that the resolution should be postponed until the fall. Much discussion ensued.

Senator Bouchard's motion of the following resolution from the April meeting –

Whereas, The GenEd Core 13 was put into place without meaningful faculty input;

Whereas, The results from the first year have shown it to fail at attracting or retaining or educating our students to high standards; and

Whereas, Delays in making decisions about next fall's classes would only hurt our students; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the program should be immediately suspended.

– was put to the vote of the Senate and the motion passed, 23 to 18.

B. Curriculum Review Committee

Curriculum change proposals (see appendix B) were approved without dissent.

C. Athletics Committee

Professor Nicholas remarked on the inability of athletic advisors to waive prerequisites; the ratio of advisors to athletics students; the significant portion of the student fee that goes to athletics; and details of the athletics budget. Professor Nicholas fielded a question on the naming rights agreements (see appendix C).

D. Computing and Communications Technology Committee

As no one from this committee was present to submit an expected resolution to create an ad hoc committee to look into our online course evaluation system, on Senator Bouchard's motion further consideration of this matter was postponed until September (see appendix D).

E. Faculty Research Committee

Senator Bouchard reported that last year, the committee awarded fourteen grants from a pool of fifty-six applications. Senator Bouchard encouraged faculty to serve on the committee (see appendix E).

F. Part-Time Faculty Committee

The committee submitted a written, informational report (see appendix F).

G. University Libraries Committee

Senator Miller submitted a motion from the ULC to create a Senate committee on Scholarly Communications that will recommend, subject to the approval of the faculty senate, policy for the development and maintenance of the institutional repository, and reviews and approves proposals to host new collections for content (series, journals, book series, etc.) in the repository (see appendix G).



The motion was adopted without dissent.

*X. Report from Graduate Council Representatives*

Senator Allen reported that the Graduate Council had unanimously approved a resolution to submit for approval of the Faculty Senate. It was resolved to move the Graduate School to a central location on campus. The motion was approved by the Senate without dissent.

Senator Allen further reported that the Graduate Council had approved a second resolution to submit for approval of the Faculty Senate. It was resolved that a Vice Provost for Research not also be an academic dean because of potential conflict of interest. The motion was approved by the Senate without dissent.

Dean Midha answered questions about the strategic directions of the Graduate School.

*XI. Report from University Council Representatives*

Senator Erickson reported that the last meeting of the University Council did not have a quorum; that the University Council members attending learned that we will not have a FY17 budget to start the year; and that ERIP and IDC accounts were also discussed.

*XII. New Business*

Senator Bouchard moved the adoption of a resolution to censure the President for his lack of response to the specific details of the vote of no confidence:

Whereas the Faculty Senate overwhelmingly voted a Motion of No Confidence in the President three months ago; and

Whereas he has neither responded to the detailed concerns spelled out in that motion, nor made any changes in accord with them;

Therefore, we hereby censure President Scott Scarborough.

Senator Bouchard explained the rationale for the motion, and Senator Matejkovic sought and received clarification about its meaning. Senator Hausknecht spoke against the motion; Senator Coffey spoke in favor of the motion. Senators Allen and Quinn proposed a special meeting later this month for the purpose of hearing the President answer the objections raised in the vote of no confidence. Senator Quinn moved to table Senator Bouchard's resolution until after further discussion about a possible special meeting. The motion was adopted without dissent. Senator Arter moved to invite the President to talk with the Senate in a special meeting in May and specifically address the issues expressed in the Vote of No Confidence. Senator Matejkovic moved to amend this motion. The motion was defeated. Senator Arter's motion was adopted without dissent. Senator Coffey spoke again in favor of Senator Bouchard's motion. The motion was adopted.

*XIII. Good of the Order*

Senator Erickson praised John Kline's work for the good for the Faculty Senate.

*XIV. Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.



APPENDIX A  
**REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE TO THE FACULTY  
SENATE**

April 19, 2016

The Academic Policies Committee unanimously recommends that the Faculty Senate adopt the following resolution:

Adopt the following resolution approving the movement of the Department of Economics from Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Business Administration:

Whereas, The faculty of the Department of Economics has voted to move as a unit to the College of Business Administration;

Whereas, The Buchtel College Council of the College of Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the move;

Whereas, The faculty of the College of Business Administration has voted to accept the move and has made the necessary changes to their College bylaws and retention, tenure and promotion criteria and procedures; and

Whereas, The mission of the Department of Economics aligns well with the mission of the College of Business Administration;

*Resolved*, That the Faculty Senate recommend that the Department of Economics be moved as a unit to the College of Business Administration effective July 1, 2016.

## APPENDIX B

## REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Curriculum proposals for approval:

Description	Proposal Type
WAYN-WAYINST-15-15231	Medical Coding I - Diagnostic
SUMM-ENGRSCI-15-15138	Construction Supervision
SUMM-ENGRSCI-15-15144	Construction Graphics
SUMM-ENGRSCI-15-15145	Construction Inspection
BUS-ACCOUNT-16-17205	Process Analysis & Cost Management
A&S-ENGL-15-13081	Critical Reading & Writing
CHP-NURIN-15-15012	Psychiatric Mental Health DNP
CHP-SPLANG-15-16336	Multicultural Issues in Audiology
CHP-SPORTSCI-15-16211	Orthopedic Injury and Pathology
SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-15-15112	Fire Protection Technology
BUS-FINAN-15-16275	Risk Management: Life and Health Insurance
A&S-ARTSCO-16-17263	Humanities - Divisional
A&S-BIOL-16-16812	Vertebrate Embryology
A&S-BIOL-16-16833	Vertebrate Embryology
A&S-GEOSCIENCE-16-16805	Geology - Geophysics
A&S-GEOSCIENCE-16-16806	Geology - Geophysics
EDUC-CURR-15-13669	Inclusive Field Experience
ENGR-CHEME-16-16968	Aqueous Corrosion Prevention
ENGR-CHEME-16-16969	Corrosion Management I
POLY-PENGR-16-17344	Polymer Engineering
POLY-PENGR-16-17405	Polymer Engineering
POLY-PSCI-16-17083	Synthesis & Chemical Behavior of Polymers
POLY-PENGR-16-17471	Polymer Engineering Laboratory
POLY-PSCI-16-17084	Polymer Concepts
POLY-PSCI-16-17459	Polymer Science Laboratory
SUMM-BUSTECH-15-13380	Computer IS-Comp Mnt&Ntwk-MSft
SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-15-15113	Technical Fire Training/Field Experience
SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-15-15114	Field Experience II
A&S-POLSC-15-15883	Introduction to Political Research
BUS-FINAN-15-16140	Corporate Financial Management
BUS-FINAN-15-16231	Introduction to Finance
BUS-FINAN-15-16232	Contemporary Investments
BUS-FINAN-15-16233	Contemporary Investments
BUS-FINAN-15-16242	Risk Management: Life and Health Insurance

BUS-FINAN-15-16244	Retirement Planning
BUS-FINAN-15-16245	Commercial Bank Management
BUS-FINAN-15-16246	Advanced Financial Analytics
BUS-FINAN-15-16274	Risk Management: Property and Casualty
BUS-FINAN-15-16500	Enterprise Risk: Derivatives
EDUC-CURR-15-13206	Nature, History, and Philosophy of Science
BUS-MANGT-16-17221	Info Syst Mgmt - Accelerated
EDUC-CURR-15-15233	Intervention Mild/Moderate
EDUC-CURR-15-16067	AYA - Life(Biology)/Chem
EDUC-CURR-15-16070	AYA - Life(Biology)/Earth Sci
EDUC-CURR-15-16071	AYA - Life(Biology)/Physics
EDUC-CURR-15-16072	AYA - Chemistry/Earth Science
EDUC-CURR-15-16073	AYA - Chemistry/Physics
EDUC-CURR-15-16074	AYA - Earth Science/Physics
EDUC-CURR-15-16075	AYA - Life Science Licensure
EDUC-CURR-15-16076	AYA - Earth Science Licensure
EDUC-CURR-15-16077	AYA - Physics Licensure
EDUC-CURR-15-16078	AYA - Chemistry Licensure
EDUC-CURR-15-16079	AYA -Integrated Social Studies
EDUC-CURR-15-16080	AYA - Integrated Language Arts
EDUC-CURR-15-16081	AYA - Integrated Mathematics
EDUC-CURR-15-16328	AYA - Integrated Language Arts
EDUC-CURR-15-16564	Student Teaching: Mild/Moderate Educational Needs
EDUC-CURR-16-16864	AYA -Integrated Social Studies
EDUC-CURR-16-16875	Student Teaching: Secondary Education
BUS-MANGT-16-17198	Management of Supply Chains and Operations
BUS-MANGT-16-17201	Organizational Strategy
ENGR-BIOMED-14-10115	Physiology for Biomedical Science and Engineering
SUMM-ENGRSCI-15-15661	Corrosion Engineering Technology
SUMM-ENGRSCI-15-15837	Corrosion Engineering Technology Fundamentals 1
SUMM-ENGRSCI-15-15848	Corrosion Engineering Technology Fundamentals 2
SUMM-ENGRSCI-15-15855	Corrosion Engineering Technology Projects
SUMM-ENGRSCI-15-15849	Strategies for Corrosion Prevention
A&S-SOCIO-16-17454	Special Topics in Sociology

## APPENDIX C

### **Faculty Senate Athletic Committee Report 5/5/16**

John B. Nicholas, Chair

The Faculty Senate Athletic Committee met on April 22, 2016. The focus of this meeting was to address the questions/concerns raised at the last Faculty Senate meeting that Chair Nicholas was unable to answer at that time.

The first question was concerning the Athletic Department student advisors ability to wave prerequisites. There were two instances of a prerequisites being waived in the College of Engineering. Anne Jorgensen, who is the Associate Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Academic Services, discussed this issue with Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies for the College of Engineering, Don Visco. Their discussion resolved the two issues. In one case, the academic advisor erred and the error was corrected immediately. The second issue, which concerned a student athlete stating that she was enrolled in Calculus 3 and Differential Equations at the same time, was an error by the student. The student was enrolled in Calculus 3 in the summer and Differential Equations in the fall.

The Athletic Department advisors cannot override a prerequisite. They can enroll a student in a course for the following semester when the student is currently taking the prerequisite. This is common for all advisors. Student athletes have eligibility requirements that other students do not have. Sometimes in the process of making sure these requirements are met mistakes occur. When that happens please contact the athletic advisor who committed the error and ask them to correct it.

A follow up question was asked regarding the ratio of Academic Advisors to Student Athletes. There are currently two Academic Advisors for the 450 Student Athletes. They are Anne Jorgensen and Kristina Artino. Anne handles 275 and Kristina handles 175. There are tutors for the mandatory study hall time and each athlete is required by NCAA rules to meeting with the advisor a minimum of three (3) times per academic year; many of them meet with their advisor more than three (3) times.

The second question was: How much of the student fees go to athletics. Chair Nicholas contacted VP for Finance and Administration and CFO Nathan Mortimer to verify the amount. His response is as follows: "General Service Fee which is charged up to \$432 in the fall and spring semesters, respectively for main campus of which is largely towards our Athletic program." Thus, the maximum possible amount that a student is pays for athletics if \$864 per academic year. This cost includes free admission to the sporting events for the student.

Finally, the Athletics Committee asked the Director of Athletics, Larry Williams, to provide a breakdown of the budget for the Athletics Department. The Athletics Committee had a lengthy and open discussion with Mr. Williams about the budget. Mr. Williams was very transparent and forthcoming during these discussions. The numbers discussed were in millions of dollars and rounded to the nearest million.

The budget number reported in last month's Plain Dealer article was \$34.1 million. Of that \$34.1 million, just under \$5 million is debt service for InfoCision Stadium and The Stiles Field House. This is not a number that other Universities assign to the Athletics Department. Another \$2 million is for the Youth Summer Camps offered by Athletics, but the attendees of those camps pay a registration fee that covers that cost. Other Universities outsource this service; therefore, it does not appear in their budget.

That brings the operating budget for the Athletics Department to approximately \$27 million, which is in line with the other Mid-American Conference (MAC) schools. This amount is similar to Ohio University and Northern Illinois University.

Much of the budget stays internal to the University in the form of tuition, room and board for the scholarship athletes and to Physical Facilities for the Athletic Facilities maintenance among other areas.

The Athletic Department expenses currently exceed the revenue. However, Mr. Williams and his staff are working to reduce and/or eliminate this difference through ticket sales, sponsorships and donations.

## APPENDIX D

### **Report of the CCTC to Faculty Senate May 5, 2015**

The CCTC last met on March 11, 2016. The committee expressed concern about the aging faculty laptops and inquired about the faculty laptop refresh program. Committee member L'Amoreaux explained that the CIO, Dr. Ovwigho, is planning to establish a campus-wide computer refresh program next fiscal year. The logistics have not yet been developed, but initial thoughts from IT are to target the oldest machines on campus first, followed by student-used machines, moving towards a three to five year campus-wide refresh cycle. The committee feels strongly that faculty computing needs to be a top priority and strongly encourages Dr. Ovwigho to collaborate with CCTC and the UC Technology Committee to develop appropriate policies and practices.

The committee also inquired about the progress of Single Sign-on(SSO)/Shibboleth methods of authentication to OhioLINK resources. ITS is involved in the state-wide conversation and is in a holding pattern until OhioLINK moves forward implementing Shibboleth on its servers.

ITS is looking into decommissioning the GoZips webserver space. With approximately 500 active users of GoZips, ITS is exploring alternative solutions to meet the current users' needs. Go Zips will not be decommissioned until an appropriate solution is found and a transition plan is developed and communicated to the users.

The CCTC was informed that there have been discussions about moving Springboard servers off campus. It is important for the CCTC and the Faculty Senate to be consulted about such a move before it happens.

CCTC was notified that Interim Provost Ramsier requested that the DLRC investigate replacing the "home-grown" online course evaluation system with a commercial solution. The committee agrees and puts forth the following proposal:

The CCTC requests of the Executive Committee to form a Senate ad hoc committee to investigate the requirements and alternatives to the current online evaluation system to be comprised of self-nominated members of the DLRC and CCTC.

Lastly, Interim Provost Ramsier requested that the CCTC work collaboratively with the CRC and URC to develop an RFP for the acquisition of a new curriculum proposal system that will more fully meet the university's needs than the current curriculum proposal system.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Bove & Scott Randby, CCTC Co-Chairs



## APPENDIX E

Faculty Research Committee  
Report for Faculty Senate  
April, 2016

The Faculty Research Committee met in the College of Arts and Sciences Building Room 124 for their Spring Business Meeting on Friday, April 22. Five out of 28 members were in attendance (17 members were absent without notice). The committee started by discussing the formation of a subcommittee for the National Endowment for the Humanities, but because only one person from a Humanities-related discipline was present, the committee suggested trying to form such a subcommittee by recruiting members via email. These proposals for NEH are due and reviewed over the summer.

The committee reviewed the FRC application and review process for the 2015-2016 year. Fifty one proposals were submitted, with 14 proposals being funded. With 20 FRC members providing reviews and/or ratings on each of these proposals, this produced approximately 1020 reviews.

Before the meeting, the chair had solicited email input from the committee about concerns with the FRC process and suggestions for improvement. The chair summarized these items, which included (a) the need for more money to fund a larger number of proposals, (b) concerns about the quality and thoroughness of the two primary (Phase I) reviews, (c) concerns over the lack of agreement between the two primary reviewers, (d) concerns about reviewer load and the lack of incremental value of the Phase II reviews beyond the two primary reviewers, and (e) concerns about too many winners per department. The chair presented data pertaining to several of these items from the 2015-2016 funding cycle and the committee discussed possible ways to address these concerns. However, because there was not a quorum in attendance the committee did not proceed with actually voting to implement any of the changes. Instead it was recommended that the chair submit a proposal to the committee in the Fall business meeting that details some of the changes suggested in the spring business meeting.

Submitted by James Diefendorff, FRC Chair

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wong, Hongbo	Material Compatibility and Challenge in Novel Biofuel System	Chem. And Biomolecular Engineering	\$10,000
Donnelly, Shanon	Mapping Topography and Vegetation using small unmanned aerial systems	Geosciences	\$10,000
Ward, Kathleen	Faces of Tuberculosis: stories from the Edwin Shaw TB Sanatorium, a Documentary	Communication	\$10,000
Price, Stefan	Combinatorial Geometry of phylogenetic trees	Mathematics	\$10,000
Wheeler, David	Swing season: writing the heart of ohio in a presidential election year	English	\$10,000
Wright, Michael	Our man in Genoa: Gomez Suarez de Figueroa and the forging of an alliance	History	\$10,000
Martino-Trutor, Gina	Among the vanguard: women at war in the borderlands of the early american northeast	History	\$10,000
Wang, Zhenmeng	Renewable Hydrogen production via photocatalytic water splitting	Chem. And Biomolecular Engineering	\$10,000
Wang, Anthony	The Eucalyptus Tree- a short stop motion animation	Art	\$10,000
Winters, Martha	Mothering slaves, labor, and enslaved reproduction in nineteenth century Brazil, 1813-1884	History	\$10,000
Wong, Michael	Charisma and politics: Mao Zedong and China in the 1950's	History	\$10,000
Wright, Jennifer	The malleability of age deficits in emotion perception	psychology	\$10,000
Wu, Junliang	Microbial induced calcite precipitation as erosion and bridge scour countermeasure	Civil Engineering	\$10,000
Wise, Amanda	The economic well-being of veterans	Economics	\$10,000

## APPENDIX F

**PTEFC Final Report, May 2016**

The PTEFC has met monthly this semester. Current discussion is centered on work place issues experienced by PT Faculty. We have a list of commonly expressed concerns and will determine how best to address these. If you hear of concerns in your department, please contact one of the members of the committee to ensure that they are included.

The PTEFC is interested in learning the final status of the resolutions brought by this committee and passed by the Faculty Senate in the past year and a half and will work to learn what these are. As of this date, we have no news of the resolution regarding salary rules (February 2015) and the resolution extending retirement privileges to PT faculty (December 2015) among others.

Finally, the PTEFC will hold an election in September, 2016 for Faculty Senator – Part time Faculty for the position expiring this spring. Please encourage your PT colleagues to consider running.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon Osorio, Chair

## APPENDIX G

### REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Scholarly Communications Committee  
Proposal from the University Libraries Committee

Motion: The University Libraries Committee proposes that the faculty senate create a new ad hoc committee for Scholarly Communications.

Official charge of this Scholarly Communications committee:

Recommends, subject to the approval of the faculty senate, policy for the development and maintenance of the institutional repository, and reviews and approves proposals to host new collections for content (series, journals, book series, etc.) in the repository.

Rationale: The University of Akron has an institutional repository. An institutional repository is a publishing platform and digital archive; we have and will use our repository to further the university's mission to disseminate knowledge, to better educate our students, and to better serve the needs of the people of Northeast Ohio. We have branded our repository IdeaExchange@UAkron. We have contracted with the California company Bepress; IdeaExchange is part of the Digital Commons network.

More than four hundred universities, colleges, law schools, and research institutes have acquired the same hosted IR service and have their repository in Bepress's Digital Commons network. Content on the repository is easily found by internet searches because uploads are prompted to include good metadata. Bepress also works steadily to optimize their sites for search engine discovery. Most visitors to the repository come from search engines and not from the repository's home page, which is linked on the home page of University Libraries. It is also easy to link to content in the repository on postings to social media services, thus steering traffic directly to particular items published in the repository. IdeaExchange has great potential as a platform from which faculty can publish, promote, and disseminate the research and scholarly activity of the campus.

The repository is capable of hosting text files as well as audio, video, and picture files. It has built-in editorial workflow functions for the operation of peer-reviewed journals. These same functions can be adapted for the other purposes, such as the approval and posting of Honors theses.

The repository is organized into "communities" with different containers for content. The main and most basic container is called a "series." Another type of container is the "journal." Configuration of journals requires more work on Bepress's end because so many accounts need to be added and arranged as editors, editorial board members, and administrators. Other types of containers are the "book series" and the "image gallery."

The repository was initially set up with communities for each department and unit. Each department or unit could then subdivide itself into additional communities. A community is space in which a series of items might be posted. It could be a journal, with regular monthly or annual publications. Or it could be a collection of educational resources, such as commonly used handouts or reading assignments that faculty might wish to publish to the world. A set of recorded presentations from a campus-based conference might be published in the repository as a series. Departments can use the repository to host and archive course bulletins; the registrar's office might use the repository to do the same. The faculty senate might use the repository to organize, archive, and publish senate publications, such as the Chronicle.

The repository needs an active committee to oversee and direct the growth and development of the content we publish through the digital repository. The Scholarly Communications Committee (SCC) should not have editorial control of individual series, journals, galleries, etc. If a faculty member creates a peer-reviewed journal in the repository, for example, the SCC would have no business interfering with the journal's peer review and article acceptance workflow. The SCC would be needed, however, to vet the initial proposal to create the journal. Much as our online courses are reviewed by the DLRC to protect faculty and students from attempting poorly conceived online courses, so should new content initiatives be vetted by the SCC to better prepare the proposed series administrator with knowledge of best practices for such things. This vetting process should adhere to published guidelines that are established and revised by the SCC and subject to faculty senate approval.

The SCC might offer guidelines, for example, about the size or nature of an editorial board required to maintain a credible peer-reviewed journal; about the amount of support required to maintain frequent publishing schedules; about the use of student labor in the operation of series; or about the intellectual property resources the editors will need to publish professionally and protect the rights of both the university and its repository authors. The SCC should also study the development of repositories at other institutions to better grasp how best to run and develop our own repository. The SCC might study and would perhaps recommend to the faculty the use of publishing addendums that secure the right of the university to post one copy of a faculty publication on the repository.

The SCC will provide regular reports to the senate on the state of the repository. These reports might include lists of frequently downloaded materials, news about forthcoming series, or summaries of policymaking decisions. The SCC might also report on the state of the collection and make recommendations about areas or types of materials the faculty might wish to focus on developing.

Signed, Jon Miller, Chair, ULC