

The Board of  
The Ohio State University at Lima  
October 3, 2013

Ms. Grothouse called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joel Althausser, Karen Grothouse, Mark Haushalter, Earl Recker, and Eva Yarger. Deborah Ellis, Nicole Gray, Dr. Susan Hubbell and Doug Reinhart were absent. Appointed members Dr. Mark Kleffner, Chad Metzger and Kayla Schneider were present. Dean Rose and Ms. Schleeter attended in their official capacity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Haushalter moved and Ms. Yarger seconded the motion that the reading of the June 13, 2013 minutes be waived and approved as previously distributed. The motion unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL CONDITION: Mr. Phelps presented a written and verbal report of the financial condition for the period ending August 31, 2013. Income is at 9% of budget, but only reflects tuition from Summer Session. State subsidy was less than what was budgeted as the final numbers have changed since the budget was submitted. There was a projected decrease in enrollment, and initial numbers were slightly higher than anticipated.

Expenses are at 9.2% of budget, and with the exception of Student Aid (which reflects SU'13 and AU'13 disbursements) and Equipment, are all well under budgeted projects. This trend should continue as the year progresses and cost cutting measures are implemented. The negative expense in the Transfers Out category reflects a transfer from an endowment fund to help cover the cost of our Martha W. Farmer Endowed Professor, Joe Brandesky.

Both income and expenses are under what was budgeted. We will get better picture of the budget once AU'13 tuition is received in September or October. The budgeted deficit is being dealt with in a variety of ways, and the hope is that by January 2014 we will have a path forward about how to deal with it using a 5-year approach to our budget forecasting. More information will be forthcoming as plans are developed. Mr. Recker moved and Mr. Althausser seconded the motion that the attached statement of financial condition be accepted. The motion was unanimously approved.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT: Admissions and Enrollment: Bryan Albright, Director of Enrollment Services gave a short summary on enrollment, financial aid and retention rates on the Lima Campus. Mr. Albright reported that the official head count for Autumn Semester 2013 was 1,077 which represented a slight decrease of 4.8% from the previous academic year. New freshmen totals came in at 392 while transfer students came in at 70. Additionally, it was reported that 529 undergraduate students from the previous academic year chose to continue their education on the Lima Campus. Continuing graduate students came in at 15, while new graduate students remained at zero. Mr. Albright explained that the phasing out of the Master's of Education program and some graduate level courses have led to the decline in "new graduate students". The remaining students fell into the following categories: "academy", "old returning undergraduates", and "graduate non-degree" students.

Mr. Albright continued the report stating this year's freshman class consisted of students from forty-four different counties. A sizable portion of those students, 43%, were first generation students. Additionally, the ACT score for incoming freshmen rose this year to an average of

22.5. Ethnic diversity was 14.7% of total student enrollment; which represented a slight decrease from 15.6% the previous academic year.

Mr. Albright finished his report by providing some statistics on student financial need for the campus and student retention rates. He reported that 95% of students on the Lima Campus applied for financial aid. Of those who applied, 49% were eligible for a Pell Grant, thus demonstrating the high financial need on campus. Both the percentage of students who applied and received financial aid was up from the previous academic year. Mr. Albright concluded by citing retention rates for freshmen. Retention rates for freshmen who were here in Spring Semester came in at 59%, which is comparable to trends seen in previous years. Campus changes to Columbus were at 193, while 6 students chose another regional campus.

Ms. Grothouse asked Mr. Albright how the information presented would be used in the future. Mr. Albright said it would be used in the strategic planning effort for the Lima Campus. He explained that the task of the newly formed Enrollment Subcommittee would be to use this and additional information to construct a strategic enrollment plan for the campus.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT: Student Life: Shane McCrory, Director of Student Life, gave a brief presentation to the group. Mr. McCrory started his presentation by explaining that the Student Life umbrella consisted of Athletics, Career Services, Counseling & Consultation Services, Disability Services, the Heath Learning Center and Student Activities and Organizations. Starting with Athletics, Mr. McCrory noted that the Ohio Regional Campus Conference recently announced their student athlete rankings. Baron's Athletics ended their seasons with three athletes being named to the First Team ORCC, three to the Second Team ORCC and three named with honorable mention. Mr. McCrory then moved on to talk briefly about the activities in Career Services. Since the hiring of a new coordinator last year, fifteen new internships have been created and work is being done to make contacts in the community so that additional internships can be added. Mr. McCrory also informed the group about Career Services activities such as the job fairs, student resume services and mock interview activities available to support student growth and success. He continued the presentation by mentioning notable activities in Student Activities and Organizations last year, including a talent show, a human trafficking awareness stand-in, as well as the creation of a Community Garden by the student organization known as the Lima Aggies. This year, work is underway to host a student health fair. Mr. McCrory continued, mentioning that Counseling and Consultation Services in collaboration with various constituencies on campus had just formed a crisis assessment team to assess potentially problematic situations and make recommendations to leaders of the affected areas. The group is made up of leaders from HR, Counseling and Consultation Services, University Police, Administration, Student Life and the Office of Institutional Diversity.

Mr. McCrory finished his report by elaborating on future initiatives for the enhancement of student life on campus. Among the initiatives mentioned was the creation of a student leadership program, an e-tutoring service, and new spaces where students can congregate. Commitment to the rebirth of WOSL Radio and the purchase of an information kiosk were mentioned as well. Goals for improving student life in the next year include improving communication about engagement opportunities with students, parents and the community as well as establishing student life internships. In addition, Athletics will continue working on creating a vision for the future of Baron's Athletics that identifies the wants and needs of that department. Mr. McCrory summarized his report by emphasizing the importance of continuously engaging students on campus so that they are contributing to the building of a unique campus culture.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY REPORT: Dr. Mark Kleffner updated the group on some of the ongoing activities of faculty, including a recent publication and faculty awards. Dr. Kleffner announced that Professor Tariq Rizvi, Professor of Mathematics, had recently co-authored a book, *Extensions of Rings and Modules*. In addition, Professor Doug Sutton-Ramspeck, English, was recently honored with the Michael Waters Poetry Prize and was a 2013 Neil Shepard Award recipient. Dr. Kleffner concluded his report by mentioning that faculty participated in the first ever Faculty/Staff Art Exhibition on campus. The exhibition was on display from June 10 through July 25 in the Farmer Family Gallery. The exhibit contained personal artwork from twenty-five faculty and staff members in a variety of mediums.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Ms. Schneider reported on the success of this year's "Welcome Back Picnic" held on the campus quad. She noted that the year was off to a good start with students engaged in a total of twenty-nine student organizations on campus. Ms. Schneider stated that one of the student organizations' goals this year was to have more student-led programs and more community projects. Mr. Schneider continued, announcing that the Lima Homecoming Court had been selected and would be representing the campus in Columbus during Homecoming Week, October 14-18. She also reported that a plagiarism presentation was held on September 18 to educate students on acceptable academic practices in college as well as the penalty for academic misconduct. Ms. Schneider finished by announcing upcoming activities including a Columbus sponsored financial wellness seminar for students and a campus blood drive on October 15 and 16 in the Galvin Hall Game Room from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Other upcoming events include a charter bus trip to the Northwestern game and free depression screenings for students on October 10 in honor of National Depression Awareness Month.

DEAN AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Rose provided the following campus update:

- Dean Rose announced that the Strategic Planning Steering Committee had their first meeting and the subcommittee meeting would soon follow. He asked board members to contact Lori Schleeter if they were interested in serving on any of the following subcommittees: Academic Planning, Budget, Enrollment, Facilities or Student Life.
- Dean Rose presented the group with the compilation of several documents known as the "Dean's Wish List". The wish list was created from input provided to Dean Rose from board members, faculty, staff and students on the Lima Campus. Dean Rose noted that though each group offered unique perspectives on what they wanted in a new dean and director, there were a lot of similarities amongst the different groups. He asked that the board review the document to see if anything needed to be amended. He stated his intention to send the list out to the campus community and ultimately to the Office of Academic Affairs by mid-late October. This list will be used to guide the process of selecting candidates for the interviewing process.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Haushalter moved and Ms. Yarger seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved and Ms. Grothouse declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Public Service Board Room.

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Karen Grothouse, Chair  
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Lori A. Schleeter, Secretary  
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