

Meeting Summary
University Senate Meeting
September 8, 2016, 3:30 PM
Saxbe Auditorium, located in Drinko Hall.

1. Secretary's Report #351

Tim Gerber, University Senate Secretary

The motion carries.

2. President's Introduction to AY 16-17

Michael V. Drake, President of Ohio State University

The exciting new academic year is off to a great start. We welcomed another outstanding class and wrapped up the largest campaign in University history, exceeding the goal of \$2.5 billion. This is a reaccreditation year, so we are focused on staying on track and exemplifying excellence. We are reviewing the 2011 strategic plan, both campus and the Wexner Medical Center have begun the formal strategic planning refresh processes. We will be examining major trends in higher education and are committed to engaging faculty, staff, and students in this process.

We are working on updating the campus master plan through Framework 2.0. Several emerging themes are connectivity, storm water management, and capacity for development. We unveiled the comprehensive vision for 15th and High in June. A world-class arts district will serve as the University's front door. Work is already underway on the east side of High to create a "University Square" with a retail corridor. We will begin significant infrastructure work next year between 14th and 17th in anticipation of the development at 15th and High.

We will continue to concentrate on overall excellence in the student experience, with continued focus on affordability. Programs in student financial literacy will be expanded. A data-driven academic advising tool will be launched. We will continue to focus on the whole development of students, with campus safety, greater counseling support, and a series of campus forums to support free speech. We launched the University Institute for Teaching & Learning. Much of the early emphasis is on new faculty, but the institute will also provide resources for faculty in all stages of their careers.

Discovery Themes continue to bear fruit in expertise and collaboration. More than 500 existing faculty members lead the way, with more than 80 new experts, and another 80 tenured or tenure-track faculty. Ohio State helps set the bar and has a significant voice in national higher education organizations.

3. Report on the class of incoming students, class of 2020

Dolan Evanovich, Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Planning

Vern Granger, Director of Admissions

These data, are not official until sometime in the next week following the meeting, after the 15th day report, when they will be available to the whole University Community. Demand for an Ohio State education has never been higher. Applications are where this starts, and this year we had the largest applicant pool in the history of the University. Our freshman class will be larger than projected because of demand. This growth has forced the deadline to external transfer students to be reduced. Regional campus enrollment has been

maintained. Because retention is up, we are expecting graduate programs and professional schools to increase as well. Total enrollment will increase since last year. About three-quarters of the increase came from the College of Arts and Sciences through working with Dean Manderscheid.

Over 95% of our incoming class graduated in the top 25% of their class. The average ACT score is also rising. More non Ohio applicants have started applying than in-state. Around 32% of new freshman on the Columbus campus will be out of state. The number of minority students is increasing in total, but remain the same proportionally. We will have around a 94-95% retention rate, projected to be the highest in our history. About 52% of students are female, with about 48% male. The majority of international students come from China, so we are continuing the effort to diversify the countries represented in our freshman class.

Questions from the floor:

Did the additional out of state students provide additional tuition revenue? Yes, the combination of domestic and international nonresident students going up to about 32 to 33% will increase revenue.

What can we attribute to the remarkable increase in the applicant pool? In 2012 we joined the Common Application, making it easier for students to apply. Students tend to apply to a few more schools, so the numbers are slightly inflated, but we have made considerable efforts. We made investments to put regional recruiters in the United States and all over the world. President Drake: the incoming cohorts make rational decisions, they look for the best value for their time and effort. Our increasing realization of our quality and value is bringing in more people. Also, as we become more and more competitive, we are being looked at by students who were unlikely to apply in the past. We are now competing with the strongest Universities in the country.

Are there plans for increasing housing and dining? President Drake: a new dorm just opened. Efforts have increased to open new housing. We are looking at other housing around campus as well.

4. Provost's report on Accreditation and Mission Statement

Bruce McPheron, Executive Vice President and Provost

This year marks our ten-year re-accreditation process for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. This is a report on that process and the corresponding mission and vision statement presented last week to the Board of Trustees.

The accreditation process happens every ten years. The Higher Learning Commission deals with about 1,000 universities nationally each year. Ohio State's Institutional Reaffirmation will happen in 2017. Vice Provost Randy Smith has lead the past two endeavors. He has developed a group of about twenty individuals across the university for the process this year. The process will develop an assurance document this fall. It will have chapters in the following areas: Mission; Integrity; Ethical and Responsible Conduct; Teaching and Learning with a focus on Resources and Support, and Evaluation and Improvement; and Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness. Randy will reach out to all of the constituents represented by the Senate for consultation on the document.

The first Mission chapter, has had a lot of socialization with the constituents already. This was taken to the first board meeting, just for their awareness. That documents is posted on the OAA website:

<http://oaa.osu.edu/assets/files/documents/MVV-2016.pdf>

5. Proposals for Senate action from the Council on Academic Affairs

John Buford, Chair, CAA

A. Master of Arts in Medical Humanities & Social Sciences (John Buford)

This program is through the department of English. Medicine is no longer concentrated in the college of medicine. There is a whole humanities section that revolves around health care, disease, and stories. Medicine has a Medical Ethics, and other related programs as well, though this program will be relatively unique nationwide.

The motion carries.

B. Master of Respiratory Therapy (John Buford)

This is a professional degree program designed to stay current with medical practices. Ohio State will be among those institutions leading this move. As these health professions develop, masters are required.

The motion carries.

- 6. Old Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Announcements**
- 9. Adjourn**