

## Minutes of the Meeting Held on March 11, 2005

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Present: Cuppoletti (Cincinnati); Hasan (Central); Wolff (Toledo); Fenwick, Witt (Akron); Govea, Konangi (Cleveland); Philips (MCO); Sracic, Shipka (Youngstown); Warfield (Shawnee); Bloemer, Wright (Ohio U.); Muego (BGSU); Greg Vehr, Marty Rolfe (Guests)

President Cuppoletti called the meeting to order at 12:33 PM.

The minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup> OFC meeting were read and approved.

1. **The Return on Educational Investment (ROEI)** initiative provided the first topic of discussion. The presentation identified the disorganization of higher education in Ohio for political purposes. The ROEI promises increases in enrollment, retention and graduation, which had previously been identified by Chancellor Chu as areas of concern. The Ohio Chamber of Commerce is supporting the initiative. The question was whether or not faculty will support it as well.

It was moved and seconded to endorse ROEI. It passed unanimously.

2. **SB 24** provided the second topic of discussion. Rudy Fenwick (Akron) has compiled results from the UCLA survey showing that the figures being cited by SB 24 sponsors are suspect. Some discussion on the prospects of SB 24 ensued, during which it was generally thought that the bill may never reach a vote. The consensus was that SB 24 is unnecessary, which led to the following resolution:

Whereas, the member institutions of the Ohio Faculty Council already subscribe to the principles of SB 24 and

Whereas, each institution already has mechanisms in place to support these principles and guarantee student rights,

Be it therefore resolved that, The Ohio Faculty Council believes that SB 24 is an unnecessary piece of legislation.

The resolution passed unanimously.

3. **Campus data collection** provided the third discussion topic. President Cuppoletti argued for the need for information on faculty activities in research, outreach, community service, and the like. Dave Witt (Akron) and Robert Marcus (Central) brought information from their own campuses.

In addition to the areas mentioned, there was some discussion of grant and contract money flowing into Ohio campuses, and the amount of money received, especially from federal grants and contracts.

4. **Reports from each campus were then received.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:23.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rodger Govea, Cleveland State University

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