

Resolution for Financial Support of the Ohio Faculty Council

Whereas,

The Ohio Faculty Council (OFC), has been in existence since 1960 and represents the faculty at all of the four-year public colleges and universities in the State of Ohio.

Whereas,

The OFC has consistently met seven to eleven times per year for many, many years for service to the field of higher education and the citizens of Ohio. Examples of service over this period include generation and dissemination of numerous reports and studies.

Whereas,

THE OFC was/is recognized by the Chancellor and the Ohio Board of Regents as shown in the [**Directive 2009-026**](#).

Whereas,

The OFC is commended by the Chancellor and the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) in its Resolution of February 15, 2017.

Whereas,

First and foremost the OFC is committed to supporting and bringing attention to the critical role that Ohio's public institutions of higher education play in revitalizing the economy of the State and the nation by attracting and training an educated workforce.

Whereas,

During the 2016-17 academic year, the Ohio Faculty Council has played an important role in deliberations about the recently adopted State budget (HB 49) through testimony before the Ohio House and Ohio Senate and regular dialog with key members of the General Assembly and the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Whereas,

The OFC has been able to coordinate and work closely with the Inter University Council, during the recent State budget legislative process.

Whereas,

In 2016 the Ohio Faculty Council also launched a Technology Commercialization Award that will be presented annually to recognize a faculty member in the state university system in Ohio for exceptional research discoveries and the role they have played in supporting the translation of those discoveries into marketable products and/or services.

Whereas,

OFC looks forward to continued collaboration with the Inter University Council for the upcoming academic year, particularly in the area of identifying and promoting practices that reduce the cost of instructional materials for our students while preserving academic quality.

And, whereas, Members of the General Assembly are expecting us to report back to them on our progress in that area before the end of 2017.

Whereas,

The OFC is strengthening its ties with our faculty colleagues at Ohio's 23 public community colleges and technical schools' Ohio Faculty Senate (OFS) within the new Faculty Congress of Ohio Faculty. Joint concerns of OFC & OFS will be adopted by the Congress.

Whereas,

The work of OFC consumes office supplies and bears meeting facility costs and so forth. The work of OFC also includes supporting awards, such as the Technology Commercialization Award. The new Faculty Congress of Ohio will be an expense of OFC. The work of OFC includes maintenance of its website: OhioFacultyCouncil.org.

Whereas,

The OFC has never had a funding stream.

Be it hereby resolved,

That the Faculty Senate of Bowling Green State University encourages the University to support OFC financially in a manner that reflects its importance and in a manner that is similar to peer institutions.