



University Faculty Council

Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - 4:00-5:00 PM

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Members (attendees in bold): **Jeffrey Mellott (chair), Petrea Cober (vice-chair),** Timothy Barreiro, **Natalie Bonfine, Yeong-Renn Chen, Lukas Everly,** Sheila Fleming, **Alex Galazyuk, Kristen Knepp, Yong Lu, Vahagn Ohanyan, Erica Stovsky, Xinwen Wang, Taylor Watson, Liya Yin**

Speakers: George Litman, NEOMED University Faculty Council Representative, Colleen Duchon, Reference Librarian

Administrative Support: Andrea Coard, Deborah Loyet

4:00 p.m.- 4:05 p.m.	1	Welcome <i>Jeff Mellott, Ph.D., Chair, University Faculty Council</i>	Dr. Mellott welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 4 p.m.
	2	Approve previous UFC minutes 02.06.2024 <i>(Approved minutes located on NEOMED website)</i>	Dr. Cober moved to approve the minutes; Dr. Wang seconded. The minutes were approved by the council members
	3	Executive Management Team Notes Executive Management Team Spring 2024 meeting sign ups	Dr. Mellott thanked the UFC members for signing up to attend the EMT meetings. Members should reach out to Dr. Mellott with any questions regarding the process. Dr. Mellott shared that during a recent EMT meeting, it was shared that NEOMED is having discussions with Miami University regarding having a College of Medicine on its campus.
4:05 p.m.– 4:10 p.m.	4	Ohio Faculty Council Update <i>George Litman, MD., NEOMED University Faculty Council Representative</i>	Dr. Litman provided the report from the Ohio Faculty Council meeting. He said it was an interesting meeting. Chancellor Duffy appeared before the council and answered a lot of questions from the faculty. One issue discussed was online education. They are working hard to help students pursue the correct pathway for online education in Ohio.

			<p>Another topic was AI and the book, “Who Wrote This?: How AI and the Lure of Efficiency Threaten Human Writing” by Naomi Burton. There was a discussion regarding having committees assigned at each university to work on the issues of AI.</p> <p>House Bill 83 continues to be an issue. Plans to eliminate DEI and related programs in Ohio. Dr. Litman recently received a request to sign a petition from the University of Toledo regarding eliminating majors in German and French. There is a lot of concern about eliminating different majors in Ohio in a lot of universities.</p> <p>Dr. Mellott asked if anyone asked Chancellor Duffy about his views about higher education. Dr. Litman said, in his own opinion, he did not give direct answers to questions.</p>
4:10 p.m.- 4:20 p.m.	5	<p>Open Access Publishing Agreements through OhioLINK <i>Colleen Duchon, MLIS, Reference Librarian</i></p>	<p>Ms. Colleen Duchon, NEOMED Reference Librarian provided a presentation on Open Access Publishing Agreements through OhioLINK.</p> <p>Open Access Agreement</p> <p>There is a tiered system for how many universities get a certain number of articles.</p> <p>Author affiliation is also very important. Would be advantageous to have the “contributing author” to be affiliated with an OhioLink school.</p> <p>Information about Open Access is currently on the Library’s “Lib Guides” on the Library’s website.</p> <p>Ms. Duchon asked what the best practice would be for faculty dissemination. She said she would be happy to attend department meetings.</p> <p>This is a first come first serve service. There is a quota for NEOMED – if we hit the limit, we will receive a notification.</p> <p>If logging in when off campus, it is best to log in through the library’s website to obtain full text access. The login information is your name and employee number.</p>
4:20 p.m.- 4:25 p.m.	6	<p>Provost notes and UFC Committee Representation Updates <i>Jeff Mellott, Ph.D., Chair, University Faculty Council</i></p>	<p>A new committee nomination process is being piloted for the upcoming academic year. The goal is to improve the existing process by aligning both the university and its colleges’ nominating processes, alongside the faculty review process. In addition, faculty can access available</p>

committee openings and submit their nominations in the same location by utilizing a new web-based form.

The Provost is asking for nominations for a faculty member to sit on the board of the Institute of Teaching Excellence. This will be a once a month meeting commitment. Drs. Mellott and Cober are meeting with Dr. Hillyer, Executive Director, Institute for Teaching Excellence, to obtain specifics and workload requirements.

Workload Policy – Dr. Faison discussed two categories of feedback.

Any additional activities discussed during the Lunch and Learns have been incorporated into the calculator.

Research would remain separate and would not be treated in the same time considerations as teaching and service activities.

There is a cap on teaching and advising students which is low.

Essentially, the use of the calculator for next year, July 1 2024, to June 30, 2025, will not count. It won't take effect until 2025-2026.

Dr. Bonfine asked how the calculator would be received, Ms. Loyet shared that she understood that Dr. Faison would be distributing it to the chairs, and they would decide how to share it with their faculty.

The Annual Performance Evaluation process has officially moved to July 1 to June 30.

Faculty administrative duties will likely need to be addressed more fully in the future.

The pilot phase of the Faculty Empowerment Plan is concluding. Those interested in opting in or opting out must decide and promptly respond to Human Resources when contacted. Responses are required within a short timeframe.

Dr. Mellott has reached out to Dr. Mowad, the chair of the University Bylaws Committee (UBC) to request reducing the number of representatives from the University Faculty Council (UFC) on the University Nominating and Membership Committee (UNMC) from two to one.

All UFC members whose terms expire on June 30, 2024, have been contacted and have agreed to serve for another term.

4:25 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	7	<p>Open Forum and Department updates from Council members <i>Group Discussion</i></p>	<p>President Langell will be providing the Leadership Report at the April meeting. Dr. Mellott anticipates his presentation will be substantial.</p> <p>Dr. Galazyuk moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Ohanyan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.</p>
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Upcoming agenda items

April 2024 – Leadership Report – President Langell

May 2024 – Working Meeting