

OARDC STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES
2006 OARDC STAFF FORUM
Tuesday, March 21, 2006
Fisher Auditorium, Wooster

“The mission of the OARDC Staff Council is to enhance the working environment of the OARDC community by facilitating communication between staff and administration, and by promoting opportunities for staff advancement and recognition.”

Chair, Audrey Johnston, welcomed everyone and thanked Dr. Slack and Dr. Moser for attending the Forum to present updates on OARDC and OSU.

The agenda for the forum included the following:

- State of OARDC and CFAES
- Annexation
- ATI possible move to ACDC
- Relay for Life - June 9 & 10
- 5K Run – April 19
- Blood Drive – March 22
- What’s on your mind? (Questions from the audience)
- Announcements/Updates

Dr. Bobby Moser welcomed questions and discussions from the audience. He thanked everyone for putting forth a team effort in doing his/her part in helping to make OARDC and OSU a great place to work. Because of the budget situation, we are facing tougher times for higher education and this is happening across the country. Only 15% of our total budget comes from the State. Some of the other funding sources come from grants, contracts, etc. We are working together with other colleges and looking at other funding sources as we look forward to the future.

Four words are based on how we are funded:

- Performance
- Accountability
- Focus
- Competitiveness

Dr. Slack talked about OARDC Funding for budget years 2001 thru 2006 explaining how much money was appropriated for each of those years. For the year 2006, 58% is allocated for Academics, 30% for Administrative & OARDC Facilities, 8% for Faculty Competitive Grants, and 4% is earmarked for Mandated Activities. 80% of the overall budget is in salaries and benefits.

Dr. Slack responded to questions on annexation and how our campus will be affected by being a part of The City of Wooster. The services provided will be a part of the future growth here at the OARDC Wooster Campus.

Dr. Moser responded to a question regarding updated information on the property located at the ACDC near Apple Creek. Our administrators are currently looking at all the options available for future use of all the buildings and the cost of maintenance. No definite decision will be made until the end of April.

Continuing distance education was another question which Dr. Moser addressed as more and more colleges choose how they can best handle this type of training. It has been stimulating a lot of activity across the state. The decision on how to and whether to utilize distance education has been given to each college to determine for themselves.

A total of 87 employees attended the Forum. Coffee, juice, and pastries were provided to everyone in attendance. A spaghetti luncheon followed the Forum with a total of 45 paid lunches served by Fazoli's.

The next OARDC Staff Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 1:30 P.M. in the Selby Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Snyder
Secretary