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August greetings! Wow has this summer has flown by for me. How about you? It is hard to believe that we are finalizing schedules, completing orientations and preparing to welcome new and returning students to campus. I hope you had the chance to have some fun and relaxation and are feeling rejuvenated for the start of the fall semester. It is always great to have the students come back with their energy and exuberance.

I am sure by now you have all experienced the improved process of membership dues and registration for activities on our new website. It has improved our processes and efficiency. I hope you are as pleased as I am. Some glitches are being resolved, but overall it has been a blessing to our organization. Special thanks to Bob Bulow, Sun Jamerson and Aftan Dewese for all their work to set up these components.

OACRAO professional activities have continued with our Staff Development workshop this past month that you can read more about it this issue of the newsletter. The LAC committee is finalizing plans for the Annual Conference in October to be held at the beautiful Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center. You can view conference session information and a schedule at a glance along with pricing on the website currently. This will give you an idea of what the LAC has planned for us in fun and professional development.

I hope to see and chat with you at the October conference, but in the meantime please reach out to me or one of the board members if you have any questions or suggestions. The organization is here for our members.

Special thanks to our newsletter editors: Michelle Livingston and Cindy Suter.

Best regards,
Sue Shepherd, OACRAO President

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OACRAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE



By: Carol Jones and Molly McDermott-Fallon, LAC Co-chairs

Your LAC committee has been hard at work ensuring that we have an outstanding conference at Salt Fork. Our fabulous Meals Committee met at Salt Fork on July 26 to finalize the menu to be enjoyed by all!

A few reminders!

- Don't forget to [Register!](#)
- Don't forget to book your room!
- Start looking for some fun hats!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the conference!!!!

Reserved block closes on September 9. Call Salt Fork at 1-800-282-7275 and mention OACRAO.

POSITION OPENING

Want to be of service to the OACRAO organization and earn a little income?

If so, here is a great opportunity. For several years the board has been considering options to assist the volunteer board members with behind the scene tasks to provide optimal services to the membership. This role will allow the board to focus more on programming. After a thorough investigation we have decided to hire an Executive Assistant. The job description was included in the email containing this newsletter. Ideally, strong candidates will know the organization and how it functions. We hope to have someone in place by the annual conference to acclimate to this new role.

Please send your resume or curriculum vitae to susan.shepherd@aultmancollege.edu.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

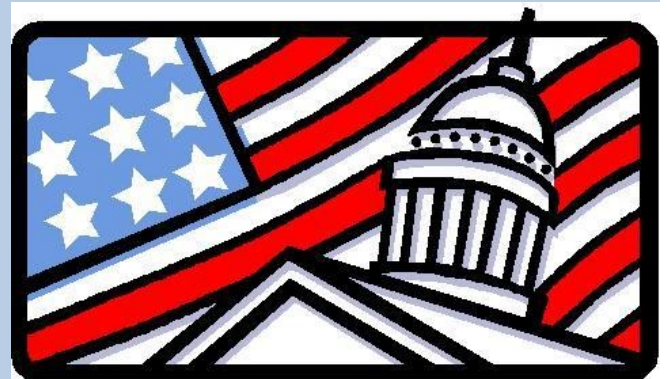
Government Relations Update, by Jayme Arnett

It has been a busy time at the state and federal level, both passing legislation that directly impacts higher education. This month, I'll focus on the recently passed two-year state operation budget. After a 17 day extension of the existing budget, lawmakers finally passed a budget that includes:

Supporting Ohio's college students by increasing the Ohio College Opportunity Grant, which provides financial assistance to Ohio residents who demonstrate the highest levels of financial need. The budget increases funding for the OCOG grant program by more than \$50 million over the biennium, an Ohio record, which results in grant amounts of between \$2,500 and \$4,000 per eligible student by 2020.

Focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Medicine (STEMM) opportunities for Ohio college students by expanding funding for the Choose Ohio First Scholarship by \$12 million each year, which will help serve additional students and improve scholarship benefits for those seeking a degree in the STEMM disciplines. Choose Ohio First scholars complete their degree in four years at nearly twice the rate of other STEMM students, and the program has contributed to a 61 percent increase in the number of graduates with STEMM-related degrees.

Building up Ohio's career-tech infrastructure by providing additional support to Ohio's Technical Centers (OTCs). Fifty-four OTCs around the state provide crucial postsecondary career and technical education to adults seeking training in the skill trades. With an additional investment of more than \$6 million over the biennium, more Ohioans will have access to certificates and industry-recognized credentials through their local OTC.



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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS Cont.

New graduation requirements, effective for the class of 2023. To obtain a high school diploma, students must attain:

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Students who fail to meet these requirements have alternative options like enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces or passing state technical assessments, an apprenticeship program, work-based learning experience, or passing a WorkKeys assessment. Districts must identify students at risk of not graduating and notify parents or guardians and develop a plan of assistance.

Next month I'll take a deeper look at federal public policy action. In the meantime, have a great ramp up to Fall opening!

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

By: Dan Kall, OACRAO VP of Workshops

Don't forget to add a pre-conference workshop to your registration! The workshops will be held in the conference center from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. This year, there are two topics and a continental breakfast and boxed lunch are included with the workshop registration. If you are making the drive to Salt Fork, why not arrive a little early and learn more about these important topics? I hope to see you there!

Data Storytelling: How to Explain, Enlighten, and Engage

While data has much *potential* value, the *actual* value is determined by our ability to extract insights and generate actionable, trustworthy information from those data. Increasingly, data visualizations are being used to transform data into a coherent narrative yielding new knowledge and deeper understanding. After beginning with a brief introductory exercise on identifying poorly designed visualizations, participants will use an example academic dataset to practice telling data stories. Starting with a question to frame the context, individuals will work through the steps of identifying the relevant data, conducting basic analyses, and, finally, identifying and designing an appropriate and effective data visualization. The case study will focus on critical concepts and basic design principles of data storytelling that are broadly applicable to a variety of professional settings. All activities will be completed using familiar and widely accessible software - Microsoft Excel and Microsoft PowerPoint.

Presenters:

Dr. Robert L. Hopkins II, Director of Analytics and Decision Support at the University of Rio Grande

Krista Hadsell, Administrative Assistant to VP of Academic Affairs, Mount Vernon Nazarene University



Best Practices in Student Success: The Critical Role of the Registrar's Office

In this workshop, we will discuss both emerging best practices in student success and how the registrar's office can play a critical role in student success. The registrar's office is uniquely situated at the center of the entire student lifecycle. From data collection, scheduling and academic standards to degree completion and conferral, registrars are at the heart of the student journey to completion. Learn how the registrar's office can support and lead institutional student success initiatives. We will review best practices in student success programs, use of data and metrics, and the latest research in using behavioral science nudge programs. This will be a participatory workshop.

Presenter:

Loralyn Taylor, Interim Associate Provost for Institutional Research, Ohio University

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

COUNTDOWN...3, 2, 1!

You Are Needed! 60 Days! Let's make them count!



Do you enjoy opportunities to give back and to be a part of something special for students and the higher education community? The OACRAO Scholarship Committee is diligently working to obtain amazing auction items, gift baskets, gift cards and wine for exciting activities, in order to raise scholarship money at the OACRAO Conference, Oct. 9-11, 2019!

Last year we auctioned wonderful baskets for many occasions. Not only will you be helping students but you may end up with a gift!

Gift basket themes we hope to create or obtain is something for the fellas; pamper me; wine/spirits; book lovers; fall theme; candles; lottery gift basket or lottery tree; baby; pet lovers; etc.

Do you have gift cards that you have not used? Please pass them along to us for a gift card grab!

Last year we had some great entertainment and experiences to auction and we look forward to seeing those again.

The committee's goal is to surpass last year's 50/50 raffle winnings, which was already amazing.

The OACRAO Scholarship Committee is kicking around a few more ideas and will be meeting soon to discuss next steps.

We need YOUR help to meet this very important challenge in assisting deserving students. Colleges and universities are concerned about degree completion especially when cost may be prohibitive. This is just one small way, that each and every one of us, can help our students persevere and complete their educational aspirations. Please reach out to [Kimberly](#) or any of our wonderful scholarship committee members.

If you are unable to attend the conference, please consider donating through our [GoFundme](#) campaign. Every effort is appreciated!

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

By: Beth DaLonzo, OACRAO Immediate Past President
Chair, 2019 Nominations and Elections Committee

Your 2019 Nominations and Elections Committee met on Thursday, June 6th to set the officer's slate for the 2019-20 OACRAO Board of Directors, and candidates to serve on the 2020 Nominations and Elections Committee. Thanks to all OACRAO members who responded to our call for nominees.

The **nominees** for the 2019-20 OACRAO Board of Directors:

President-Elect Molly McDermott, University
of Cincinnati

Vice President, Programs Cindy Suter,
Heidelberg University

Vice President, Membership Development
Jayme Arnett, Ohio University

Secretary Heather Pritchard,
Muskingum University

The **nominees** for **two** At-Large Nominations and
Elections Committee positions:

Michelle Livingston, Mount Carmel College of Nursing

Carlier Myers, Case Western Reserve University

Chris McNay, Union Institute and University

Bob Bulow, Ohio University

The **nominees** for **two** Past-President Nominations and Elections Committee positions:

Dan Wilson, Muskingum University

Deb Benton, Ohio University

Jeannine Shambaugh, Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences

David Schneider, Otterbein University

The slate of nominees with photos and biographies for each of the candidates will be sent to the listserv, in early September, and ballots will be mailed emailed to all voting members. Please be sure to vote by Friday, September 20th.