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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

By: Regina Randall, Columbus State Community College, Government Relations Chair

The OACRAO Government Relations committee addresses governmental and legislative issues of concern to the membership. Many members ask the question: Where do I get the most relevant and current legislatively-related information?

Here are a few resources.

- [American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers](#) (AACRAO)
- [Ohio Department of Higher Education](#) (ODHE)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#) (ED)

Another informative resource are “Dear Colleague” letters. A “Dear Colleague” letter is official correspondence sent en bloc by entities such as a member, committee, or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate or U.S. governmental department. A “Dear Colleague” letter may be circulated in paper form or sent electronically. A recent impactful “Dear Colleague” letter is the [Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students](#). The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and U.S. Department of Education (ED) were the authors. The letter stated that: *This guidance does not add requirements to applicable law, but provides information and examples to inform recipients about how the Departments evaluate whether covered entities are complying with their legal obligations.* “Dear Colleague” letters addressing additional topics also seek to inform the practice of the intended recipient.

Please feel free to contact [Regina L. Randall](#) if you have questions, comments or recommendations. Discover the committee at the [OACRAO membership page](#).

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

By: Carol Jones OACRAO Past President,

Senior Associate Registrar for Curriculum and Student Success Miami University, Office of the University Registrar

In all the years I have been able to be a part of OACRAO this is one of my favorite times of year. It is after the annual conference when we get to see the committee lists for the next year! Serving on a committee is a perfect way to contribute to our organization. You are well aware that we are volunteers with pretty full plates at our 'real job' and we certainly owe the success of our annual meeting, our workshops and our overall organizational strength to the individuals serving in these roles!

The committee lists are out for the 2016 - 2017 year! You can visit our web page to see the [committee list](#) and learn more about [committee responsibilities](#). On behalf of the Board of Directors of OACRAO, I would like to extend our thanks for being committed to our organization! We have a lot of new faces on the committees and we are excited to welcome them. Committees are a fun way to be involved, meet new friends and colleagues and share your talents! Thank you for all you do!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT— Justin Weimer



Let me introduce you...

Justin Weimer is the Assistant to the Registrar, University Registrar, at The Ohio State University.

Justin directly supports the Registrar, and the OSU management group. His day can range from administrative work, web updates, drafting and sending email campaigns to students/faculty, or projects that come out of left-field. He also serves as our building coordinator for a building that houses our entire division. The variety and the opportunity to grow is what Justin loves about his role.

How did you come to your current position?

I had previously worked in our office in the Testing Center as a Program Coordinator. After moving away from Columbus for a short time and making my way back, I

was fortunate enough to take my current role that brought me back into the office. It's such a great work atmosphere, where my boss and coworkers are a delight to be around.

Did you attend the October 2016 OACRAO Conference? What did you take away from it?

Yes. It was actually my first one, even though I had the unique opportunity to serve on the Local Arrangements Committee. The most important take away from this conference was the networking opportunity. Getting to know colleagues across the state! Everyone had such valuable expertise and were so welcoming; it was a great eye-opener.

Outside of work, what do you like to do?

I enjoy being active, so staying fit is one of the things that keeps me busy. I rode in my first Pelotonia this year, which was an amazing experience. Pelotonia is a grassroots fundraiser and bike ride, with 100% of the money raised going straight to fighting to end cancer. I grew up playing hockey, so it's always nice playing a sport in a cold ice rink when it's so hot during our Ohio summers. I also love watching sports – and I have a dog that's a dachshund-chihuahua mix that keeps me busy, too. Lastly, I love exploring Columbus and finding new places to eat and go out to. This city is a tremendous place to live, and I try not to take it for granted.

Are you originally from Ohio?

I was born and raised here in Columbus, Ohio. A lot of my family is originally from the surrounding area, but I've had my siblings move away to different parts of the country. I've tried to move away, but Columbus is where home is to me.

What's something that most people don't know about you?

I'm as die-hard of a Buckeye fan as you can be, but most people don't know that my favorite sport is auto-racing. As a kid, I loved cars and that grew into a fascination with racing – mostly NASCAR – which I still watch. As I got older, I fell in love with Formula 1, which is European-based open-wheel racing. People always think that you're just watching a continuous commercial go in circles, but ask me why and I'll persuade you it's so much more. The drivers are remarkable athletes that do things the defy logic, and their life is literally on the line each second they're in the car.

Name a favorite song or band.

Another thing that might surprise people is my favorite band. It's 2016, and you would have thought that they may not be relevant anymore, but they just came out with a new album that topped the charts. The band happens to be Blink 182. They can be incredibly goofy, their music can be really light-hearted, and they're most likely not going to win any Grammy, but I've loved them since I was in middle school and still can't get enough of their entire discography. My favorite song of theirs is "Not Now" – give it a listen sometime.

Name a popular fictional "phenomenon" that you're a fan of. Which character would you be, and why?

I love a lot of the popular fictional phenomenon – anything from Back to the Future, Indiana Jones, Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter – they're all so good. It's a tough choice between the Harry Potter books/movies, and the Back to the Future trilogy since they both have incredible characters – but I'll have to go with Back to the Future. As a kid, I watched those movies too many times to count. I still am completely absorbed by them whenever I watch them at home. What better character to associate with than Marty McFly? He's quick witted, smart, brave in the face of danger, and loyal to his friends and family. Plus, getting to drive a one-of-a-kind DeLorean that happens to be a time machine is pretty sweet, too.

FAREWELL WISHES!

Written by: Kristen E. Shirey, Professional Admissions Specialist, Graduate and Professional Admissions at The Ohio State University

Susie has become a colleague as well as a friend for the last several years. She is never afraid to take on a challenge... When the Professional Admission office at Ohio State lost their manager to another office, she stepped in to fill the void until someone else could be hired. When we have a potluck, she is the one to make sure we have enough main dishes so no one goes hungry. Last year when the Graduate and Professional Admissions offices were in their busiest of seasons, she coordinated with other leadership to provide soup for whoever was interested. She has even offered to bring anything we need to her own retirement party, we told her we have it covered. But she never hesitates to offer a helping hand, or professional guidance when asked. She is someone that anyone can go talk to and they will know that they can trust her with the best advice. She does not sugarcoat things either; she gives it to you honest.

Susie loves her family most, her grandkids, and new grandbaby, her husband, and children. She won't think twice about watching one of her grandsons or granddaughter play football, or baseball, or basketball, or volleyball. She put the new grandbaby's picture as the wallpaper on her computer. I imagine family gatherings at Susie's house are crazy fun and enjoyable.

After nine years with Columbus Public Schools, and twenty-one years at The Ohio State University, Susie is hanging up her hat and will have even more time with her wonderful family. We here in the office have joked that she's going to come back as a consultant. Needless to say, she will be greatly missed. I hope she is very proud of her accomplishments not just in the job, but at the job with those whose lives she has touched, as well as the many lives she touches with a multitude of volunteer hours she puts in outside of work. I hear all the time that we never really know what an impact we make on others, and I bet she has no idea what an impact she has made on those of us who have had the privilege to work with her and become friends with her. I personally feel blessed to have worked with her, been on planning committees with her, solved problems with her. She is fun to be around, and won't hesitate to make those around her smile.

Thank you Susie for your service, your leadership, and your friendship!



Susie Ward, Associate Director for Graduate and Professional Admissions at The Ohio State University

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 10, 2017

OACRAO Conference Planning Mtg

Mt. Carmel College of Nursing,
Columbus, Ohio

Chairs will reach out to committee members

APRIL 2-5, 2017



Mohican State Park, OACRAO Conference



OCTOBER 4-6, 2017



OH, WHAT FUN 2016



Residency Workshop



OACRAO Conf. Planning Mtg



Communications Committee Mtg



Local Arrangements Committee Planning



Updates: AACRAO, Federal Relations



Support Staff Workshop



Ohio Summer Institute Faculty



Ohio Summer Institute

OH, WHAT FUN! OACRAO CONFERENCE 2016



Sip and Paint



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