

## **2018-19 OCPA Executive Board Nominee Information**

**Nominee Name:** Michael Griest

**Nominee Institution:** Wright State University

**Title:** Director, Student Enrollment Services

**Positions for Consideration:** 4 Year Public Member-at-Large

### **Please describe your involvement with OCPA.**

I have been an active member of OCPA for the past 20 years, serving on the board in the roles of President, Treasurer, Careers in Student Affairs Conference Chair. I have also been part of the Annual Conference planning committee for the past 5 years in various chair roles.

### **Why are you interested in participating as a member of the OCPA Executive Board?**

I care deeply about the success of this organization, and have spent most of my professional career working to make OCPA the best that it can be.

In addition, being a part of the board allows me to network with colleagues beyond my institution and region in an intentional and tangible way. My professional development experiences through OCPA are some of my most transformative and memorable.

### **What qualities and skills do you think you can bring to the indicated positions, and to the OCPA Board?**

I would bring to the position a deep knowledge of the history of OCPA, coupled with a desire to see the organization continue to grow and change along with higher education. I am also well connected to current and potential members at 4 year public institutions throughout the state, and I believe that I can improve membership and communication if elected.

I am a proven leader in the organization, and hope to bring that experience back to board.

### **What do you believe to be the role of professional associations like OCPA?**

OCPA needs to be responsive to the needs of its members in an ever changing landscape. Offering professional development in real time and addressing the most vital issue of the day is a great service to our members.

I also believe that we should provide accessible and affordable professional development to those that may not have the resources to explore otherwise. Many Ohio institutions have little to no professional development funds for their student affairs staff. We are here to fill that gap with meaningful, affordable networking and professional development opportunities.