

**Initiatives Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of March 21, 2002**

The Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Floyd Nickerson. Regents present were:

Regent Tahlman Krumm

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Rod Chu, Chancellor
Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor
Kris Frost, Vice Chancellor
Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs
Jane Fullerton, Director, Education Initiatives and Grant Development
Tom Rudd, Director, State Grants and Scholarships
Leslie Sawyer, Director, Access Programs
Janet Schilk, Associate Director, Office of K-16 Initiatives
Jack Connell, Administrator, Program Approval
Char Rogge, Administrator, Research and Graduate Programs
Cathy Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development
David Barber, Consultant, Academic and Access Programs
Neil McNally, Administrator, Assistant Director, Budget and Resource Planning
Randall Edwards, Assistant Director, Communications
Yavonne Stertzler, Administrator, Budget and Governmental Relations
Carol Kenner, Academic and Access Programs

Guests:

John Buttleworth, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
Tracy Young, AICUO
Larry Johnson, University of Cincinnati
Tony Perzigian, University of Cincinnati
Jay Thomas, Wright State University
Earl Keese, Rhodes State College (Lima Technical College)
Pat Myers, Kent State University
Jan Gibson, Kent State University
Linda Carr, University of Toledo
Charles Clark, University of Akron
Cindy McQuaid, IUC
Robert Hallier, Stark State College of Technology
Jan Niger, Office of the Attorney General

Minutes of the January 24, 2002 Meeting

Minutes were approved by the Committee.

Presentation: PK-16:Partnerships for the Future: University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Public Schools

The Initiatives Committee heard a follow-up report from Dr. Tony Perzigian, Senior Vice President and Provost for Academic Affairs at University of Cincinnati and Dr. Larry Johnson, Dean of the College of Education, also at University of Cincinnati on a partnership effort between the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Public Schools, and local community leaders, business and industry. This type of outreach is seen as a priority for the University and reflects a desire to maximize partnerships and foster outreach. The PK-16 Partnerships for the Future project builds on strong existing partnerships between the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Public Schools. These partnerships have expanded even further since the PK-16 Partnership initiative and Partnership for the Future Conference, funded, in part, by the Ohio Board of Regents last year. OBR funding (as well as support from other community partners and the University) supported a working conference of more than 150 university and community partners around six major themes.

University/community partnership projects were developed out of the conference themes and funds were used to support 11 such projects. Dr. Perzigian noted that the timing for the conference was particularly appropriate since Cincinnati was experiencing tremendous community unrest and violence last spring. University Trustee Phil Cox provided some very inspiring and visionary comments for the conference via videotape that reaffirmed the importance of such relationships for ensuring that Cincinnati's youth have both the choice and the opportunity for a future of their own design. The videotape of Trustee Cox was also viewed by the entire Board of Regents during the working lunch meeting. The Initiatives Committee discussed the importance of linking students with other Cincinnati area education institutions, in addition to the University of Cincinnati. John Buttletworth of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College noted that discussions regarding partnerships were already in the works for his campus.

March 21, 2002 Board Agenda Items

- Consideration of name change of Lima Technical College to James A. Rhodes State College
- North Central State College, Associate of Applied Science in Educational Assisting
- Southern State Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Corrections
- Ohio University-Lancaster Campus, Associate of Applied Science in Electronic Media
- Ashland Theological Seminary, Institutional Reauthorization
- Baptist Bible Seminary of Pennsylvania, Institutional Reauthorization
- Columbus College of Art and Design, Institutional Reauthorization
- Myers University, Institutional Reauthorization

As requested, staff responded to questions regarding specific proposed actions. Vice Chancellor Walters invited President Earl Keese to address the issue of Lima Technical College's proposed name change to James A. Rhodes State College. President Keese indicated that the request for a name change reflects

the results of a community study on the issue of campus image and market. The change is being proposed for a number of reasons, including the broader (than Lima) market served by the college and the perception of the word “technical” in the title as a reflection of programs that are more open to men than women (i.e. Lima offers a number of technical programs in health care areas, but the perception is that the word “technical” may not fully capture programs such as these in the minds of prospective audiences.).

Tentative Board Agenda Items – April 2002

- Aultman School of Nursing, Canton, Ohio, Institutional Reauthorization
- Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana, off-site, at the Ohio Center, Cleveland:
 - Associate of Science in Business
 - Bachelor of Science (with the following concentrations: Accounting, Business Administration, Business Information Services, and Management)
 - Bachelor of Science with a Major in Nursing (RN, BS Degree Completion Program)
 - Master of Business Administration
 - Master of Science in Management
 - Master of Education
- Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, Master of Administration with a Concentration in Health Services Administration, at Shawnee State University
- Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Associate of Applied Business in E-Commerce Marketing
- Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Nuclear Medicine
- Lakeland Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Management Planning and Administration
- Lorain County Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting
- Youngstown State University, Associate of Technical Study in Electric Utility Technology
- Kent State University – Salem Campus, Bachelor of Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Technology
- The University of Toledo, Bachelor of Arts in Mental Health
- The University of Toledo, Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management
- University of Cincinnati, M.S. and Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering
- Wright State University, Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences

In the interest of time, Vice Chancellor Walters asked that staff focus on a few key proposed actions for comment and respond to questions from the members of the Initiatives Committee as needed.

Mr. Jack Connell spoke to the Central Michigan proposal for Shawnee State University. Central Michigan is current considering this proposed action as

well. Regent Krumm asked that the Initiatives Committee consider CMU's response before moving forward with any action (a response is anticipated by April).

Ms. Cathy Hill spoke to associate degree programs at both Lakeland and Youngstown State University. The Lakeland Community College program (Emergency Management Planning and Administration) reflects the first of its type to be approved after the terrorist activities of September 11, 2001. The YSU degree program in Electric Utility Technology is designed to be responsive to FirstEnergy (electric utility company) and its need for a highly trained workforce in the face of increasingly complex technology and a retiring workforce. It is the fifth such program in Ohio along with similar programs at Stark State College of Technology, Lakeland Community College, Owens Community College and North Central State Community College.

Dr. Fullerton introduced a new type of degree program, the technical baccalaureate and provided an overview of the first such program, the Bachelor of Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Technology degree proposed for Kent State University – Salem Campus. She introduced Ms. Jan Gibson, Program Director for the area. The technical baccalaureate is intended to provide an option for campuses in those areas that may require a baccalaureate degree in a more focused technical area of study (i.e. health science technologies, engineering technologies). The degrees do not generally have the breadth of arts and sciences offerings found in a more traditional baccalaureate, but are expected to express the same level of rigor and faculty engagement. The KSU proposed degree represents an emerging field. A plan is in place to provide for expanding the faculty to fully meet the degree requirements as the program matures and to re-visit the program at a future time for evaluation purposes. The demand for such programs is quite high, and is being heavily influenced by accrediting requirements and the increasing sophistication of the health care field.

Dr. Harry Andrist introduced Dr. Jay Thomas and indicated that the Initiatives Committee is being asked to consider a doctoral degree in Environmental Sciences. The degree has the approval of the Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study. Dr. Andrist also introduced Dr. Tony Perzigian in reference to the M.S. and Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering. These particular programs build on faculty expertise in biomedical imaging area that spans two colleges.

Information Items:

- Name change notifications:
 - DeVry and Keller School of Management to DeVry University
 - Union Institute to Union Institute and University
- Progress Reports Notification
- Kent State University, Master of Science in Financial Engineering

Vice Chancellor Walters noted that staff bring information items of interest to the Initiatives Committee at some meetings. He reviewed the title change of the Kent State University Master of Science in Financial Engineering, calling attention to the word "engineering" in the title. The term is commonly used in

reference to work in this field, although the engineering deans of the state had some opposition to this specific interpretation. In contrast, the Universities gave strong support to the title change. There is strong support for the program. This program is interdisciplinary in nature.

Reports:

- K-16 Initiatives
- Degree Approval
- Workforce Development
- Research
- Access Initiatives

In the interest of time, all reports are being held until the next meeting.