

Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
Columbus, Ohio
March 20, 2003

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Thomas W. Noe.

The roll was called by Regent Jeanette G. Brown. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	Gerald M. Miller
Donna M. Alvarado	Thomas W. Noe
Bruce R. Beeghly	Edwin J. Rigaud
Jeanette G. Brown	Ralph E. Schey

Regent Brown stated “the record should show that notice of this meeting was been given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents’ Administrative Rule 3333-1-14, which rule itself was adopted in accordance with section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code and of the State Administrative Procedures Act.”

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO THE AGENDA (ITEMS MAY BE AMENDED, ADDED TO OR DELETED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD)

Item 3.6 was deleted from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2003

A motion was made by Regent Miller to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2003 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Brown and unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Resources Committee – Regent Beeghly: The committee reviewed and discussed controlling board items and a request from Jefferson Community College for a pledge of student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$2.1 million for a business and industry training center. The committee unanimously recommended Items 3.5 and 3.7 on the consent agenda for approval. In addition, Cleveland State University deferred its request for consideration for a pledge of student fees in support of a bond issuance. As a result, Item 3.6 was deleted.

Initiatives Committee – Regent Brown: The committee reviewed and discussed consent agenda Items 3.1 – 3.4 and unanimously approved all of the items.

The committee also received a presentation from Dr. Beth Stroble, Dean of Education at the University of Akron, Dr. Laura Purnell, Project Manager from the University of Akron, and Dr. Awilda Hamilton, Associate Dean of the College of Education at Kent State University Graduate School. This presentation was an excellent example of collaboration between the University of Akron and Kent State University to improve teacher education.

The collaboration was the outcome of a retreat that was held by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation last summer where they brought in the eminent educator, Ron Ferguson, from Harvard who talked about methods for improving teacher education.

With modest funding from the State of Ohio through the Ohio Board of Regents and Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, University of Akron and Kent State University put together a program to enhance pre-service and in-service preparation for teachers. The program goes beyond traditional focus on pedagogical content preparation. It includes engaging and preparing teachers for diverse settings and facilitates trust between teachers and students, teachers and teachers, and teaches and administrators.

The Governor's Commission on Teaching Success was focused on this issue. The committee expressed the hope that modest funding will continue and desires to be updated on its outcome.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Brown to approve Agenda Items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 & 3.7. A motion was made to delete 3.6 from the consent agenda as Cleveland State University deferred the item. The motion was seconded by Regent Adams and unanimously passed.

- 3.1 Marion Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Telecommunications (Telephony) Technology
- 3.2 Northwest State Community College, Associate of Applied Business degree in Visual Communications Technology
- 3.3 Distribution of Federal Funds under the Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program
- 3.4 Approval for Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Capital Grants
- 3.5 Consideration of a request by the Jefferson Community College District to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$2,100,000, to be used to finance one capital project.
- ~~3.6 Consideration of a request by Cleveland State University to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$47,270,000~~
- 3.7 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period January 1, 2003 through February 28, 2003

RESOLUTION 2003-54
Agenda Item 3.1

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Marion Technical College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Telecommunications
(Telephony) Technology

RESOLUTION 2003-55
Agenda Item 3.2

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new program is approved:

Northwest State Community College
Associate of Applied Business degree in Visual Communications Technology

RESOLUTION 2003-56
Agenda Item 3.3

WHEREAS, the Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program, will provide \$2,687,934.00 in federal funds to the Board's Improving Teacher Quality Program during this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, \$2,559,607.00 of the federal funds are available for allocation to projects; and

WHEREAS, \$312,061.08 of unallocated and unspent FY 2001 funds are available for allocation to projects; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was widely distributed and forty-six proposals requesting \$5,769,196.88 were received, focusing on in-service activities for elementary and secondary teachers offered in collaborative arrangements that involve college and university faculty, teachers from high-need school districts, and other professionals from the public and private sectors and

WHEREAS, a seventeen member Review Panel has reviewed and evaluated all the proposals and has made recommendations for the distribution of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that \$2,408,942.08 of the available \$2,871,668.08 be distributed.

RESOLUTION 2003-57
Agenda Item 3.4

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Ohio and the 123rd General Assembly of Ohio have supported the establishment of the Ohio Eminent Scholars Program; and

WHEREAS, the 123rd General Assembly appropriated \$5.2 million to be used by the Board of Regents “to establish an Ohio Eminent Scholars Program, the purpose of which is to invest educational resources to address problems that are of vital statewide significance while fostering the growth in eminence of Ohio’s academic programs...”; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s state-assisted colleges and universities and nonprofit Ohio institutions of higher education holding certificates of authorization issued under section 1713.02 of the Revised Code were invited to submit proposals in statewide competition for Ohio Eminent Scholars endowment awards; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s state-assisted colleges and universities and nonprofit Ohio institutions of higher education holding certificates of authorization issued under section 1713.02 of the Revised Code responded to the goals of the Ohio Eminent Scholars Program with outstanding proposals; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished Ohio Eminent Scholars Final Review Committee, following a careful and thorough review of the sixteen finalists, submitted its recommendations to the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents at the meeting of July 19, 2001 approved eleven Ohio Eminent Scholars Program awards where sufficient funding was only available for seven Eminent Scholar endowments; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the 124th General Assembly of Ohio provided additional Ohio Eminent Scholars funding within Am. Sub. Senate Bill 261 (the budget modification bill) to support the previously approved four Ohio Eminent Scholars awards; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents at the meeting of September 19, 2002 approved the release of funds in support of the four additional Ohio Eminent Scholars Program awards; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the 124th General Assembly of Ohio within House Bill 675 (the FY 2003-04 Capital Appropriations Bill) have provided an additional \$2 million in Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Capital Grants (CAP-064) to support the previously approved four Ohio Eminent Scholars awards;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the four Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Capital Grants be made to the university programs on the list attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents expresses its gratitude to the Governor and the General Assembly for their vision in ensuring the enhancement of excellence in Ohio graduate and professional programs as well as for enabling faculty and students in Ohio graduate and professional programs to address problems that are of vital statewide significance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents further extends its sincere compliments to each program that was considered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents recognizes with appreciation the valuable contributions of the distinguished senior scholar/administrators who served on the Ohio Eminent Scholars Disciplinary and Final Review Committees.

OHIO EMINENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM CAPITAL GRANTS

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University	Program	OES Award	Capital Grant
Ohio State University	Computational Nanotechnology	\$750,000 (Approved: 9-19-02)	\$500,000
Kent State University	Theoretical Liquid Crystal Physics	\$750,000 (Approved: 9-19-02)	\$500,000
Miami University	Protein Solution Structural Analysis	\$750,000 (Approved: 9-19-02)	\$500,000
Case Western Reserve University	Condensed Matter Physics	\$750,000 (Approved: 9-19-02)	\$500,000

**RESOLUTION 2003-58
Agenda Item 3.5**

WHEREAS, Section 94.06 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th General Assembly requires that any new pledge of student fees to secure bonds or notes

of a state college or university must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents;
and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Community College District proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 for the purpose of financing the acquisition and renovation of an administrative facility; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that this project is essential to meeting the needs of students and fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing this debt issuance at its meeting of February 26, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bond issuance complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3345.11 and §3345.12;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by the Jefferson Community College District in support of general receipts bonds and/or bond anticipation notes not to exceed \$2,100,000 is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2003-DELETED(DEFERRED)
Agenda Item 3.6**

**RESOLUTION 2003-59
Agenda Item 3.7**

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the request for release of capital improvements funds received in the period January 1, 2003 through February 28, 2003, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT: Thank you, Chairman Noe.

WAR WITH IRAQ

Before getting into the normal matters of my report, I want to acknowledge events occurring elsewhere in the world and to note our support for our troops that are in harm's way in the Middle East. While trepidation does have a tendency to creep into the minds of us back here in the States – especially those of us working in tall government buildings – it is nothing compared to what our Armed Forces are facing. The American men and women

serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom are our sons and daughters, our friends and neighbors, and indeed, especially with our Ohio National Guard Scholarships, the students and alumni of Ohio's colleges and universities. We all pray for a quick and successful resolution of this conflict and the safe return of our men and women in uniform.

BUDGET TESTIMONY

Right here at home, as you well know, since the Regents' last meeting in January, Governor Taft released his Executive Budget proposals. And we have been heavily involved in testimony on the higher education operating budget before the House Finance and Appropriations committee and its Higher Education subcommittee.

Our three days of subcommittee testimony this week, plus the testimony I gave on February 26th to the full committee, have provided members of the General Assembly with a rich background on higher education in Ohio and our critical issues. Our primary messages were that the economy of the 21st century demands that Ohio better educate more of its citizens, constantly retrain its 5.6 million member workforce, and increase its research and development volume rapidly into commercial products and processes.

Given its past under-investment in higher education, Ohio currently is not well-positioned to meet the demands of the 21st century economy and Ohio's colleges and universities remain committed to being the state's partner in meeting these demands effectively and efficiently so that Ohioans can enjoy a more prosperous future.

In the subcommittee hearings, questions about a few topics – the need for a more seamless articulation and transfer system in Ohio; who should pay for remedial courses taken by incoming college students; and the need to work even more collaboratively to reduce costs – have been asked several times. I am pleased that we have been asked to help the members as they work on proposals to address these issues.

I extend my personal thanks to all the Regents, Ohio's college and university presidents and their staffs, other higher education faculty and staff and business leaders who participated, and especially to our colleagues at the Inter-University Council, the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities for their assistance and wise counsel before, during, and after testimony.

In addition, I want to thank Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick and his Finance staff for their assistance and coordination of all activities related to the testimony. By the way, Rich was suffering from an exposed nerve in his tooth while he delivered his testimony on Monday. Talk about dedication! Rich did, however, exhibit some nervous laughter when it was suggested that one of the legislators – a veterinarian – take care of the problem.

NEW TRUSTEE INSTITUTE

Several of you attended our New Trustee Institute in February. About 100 Ohio public and independent college and university trustees – who were appointed within the last two years – learned about their ethical, fiduciary, and legal responsibilities among other exciting and educational topics. Judging from the reaction by the participants, the conference was a very successful event. There were excellent presentations by all of our speakers, who included:

- Governor Bob Taft
- House Speaker Larry Householder
- Steve Millett, Battelle Memorial Institute’s “thought leader”
- Glenn Mayfield, principal with River Cities Capital Funds
- James Jacobs, Associate Director for Community College Operations at the Community College Research Center at Columbia University
- Christina Milano, CEO of the Ohio College Access Network
- David E. Freel, Executive Director of the Ohio Ethics Commission
- Jan Alan Neiger, Senior Deputy Attorney General in the Education Section of the Attorney General’s Office
- David A. Varda, C.P.A. and Chief Deputy Auditor for the Ohio Auditor’s Office

Thanks to all the presenters, trustees, and presidents who attended, as well as to Vice Chancellor of Operations Kris Frost and her staff for all of their hard work in coordinating a first-rate conference.

UPCOMING TRUSTEES CONFERENCE

The staff is currently planning a conference for all trustees of Ohio’s colleges and universities to take place June 17 and 18. In keeping with our message that higher education is the driver of our state’s economy, this gathering has been christened “Communities, Higher Education and the Changing Economy Conference.” We are in the process of arranging for speakers from across the United States as well as abroad who can talk about the steps their regions took to turn around sinking economies and how higher education can affect that change. We hope to take away some ideas that might help our economy in Ohio.

GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION ON TEACHING SUCCESS

The Governor’s Commission on Teaching Success released its final report and recommendations on February 20th. After 15 months of work, the 46-member commission recommended improvements in the way Ohio teachers and principals are recruited, trained, and paid. Recommendations include:

1. Developing quality standards for teachers at every level of their careers.
2. Providing monetary incentives to school districts that reward quality teachers and to universities that produce them.

3. Tying teacher salaries to performance.
4. Helping districts develop teacher and principal evaluation systems.
5. Developing a statewide database of Ohio's education work force, to identify shortages and to help districts recruit high-quality applicants.
6. Establishing partnerships between colleges and school districts to improve teacher training.

Thanks to all the college and university presidents and staff, State Board of Education members, members of the General Assembly, school district representatives, business people, parents, and students who devoted a lot of time and effort to the process. Special thanks to Regent Brown who served as vice chair of the commission and to Chairman Noe who served as a commission member.

We are now working with members of the General Assembly on legislation – S.B.2 – that will implement the recommendations of the Commission.

HONG KONG CONFERENCE

In the midst of all this activity, I was able to make a quick trip half-way around the world to Hong Kong as a guest of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Ohio University to participate in their Second International Conference of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies.

As a first generation Chinese born in America, I related my own family and career history and my desire to learn more of my roots. I also reflected on the globalization of business and human relationships. In this interconnected world, it is becoming virtually indispensable that we understand more of others as well as ourselves

While I was there, the Chief Executive of Hong Kong, Mr. Tung Chee-Hwa, who is the titular chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, made some time available in his busy schedule to meet with me and Ohio University's President Bob Glidden. The fact that he found time to meet – despite the health crisis we've all read about, with atypical pneumonia affecting hundreds of his residents – highlights the importance he attributes to higher education.

In our discussion, which he followed up on with an additional phone conversation, we found we both need to meet the challenges of a knowledge economy. There are many similarities between Hong Kong (with an almost 8 million population and a rich manufacturing heritage), and Ohio. We face similar challenges of our low skill manufacturing jobs being lost to mainland China and other low-wage providers.

Mr. Tung was especially interested in my observation that we need to massify the reach of higher education – to provide nearly universal post-secondary education – and we need to find the means of doing so.

This visit reconfirmed my observation that there is much that Boards of Regents can share and learn from those outside the United States as we face similar challenges. I plan to bring this finding to SHEEO to see how we can more formally exchange views with ministries of education throughout the world.

KUDOS

Welcome to Dominic Dottavio, the new president of Heidelberg College. Dr. Dottavio comes to Heidelberg as its 13th president after serving for nine years as the dean and director of The Ohio State University Marion branch campus. Dr. Dottavio's tenure begins July 1.

Welcome back to Jocelyn Frasier, assistant director for Ohio Innovation Alliance, from her maternity leave.

I congratulate and welcome new employees at the Ohio Board of Regents. Filling a new position, Shaun Yoder, legislative liaison, began work in early February. Michael Atkins, administrator in PC LAN Support, began work in late February. Michael replaced Diane Randles. Melissa Yahle administrative assistant in Operations, also began work in late February. Melissa replaced Kay Route. Al Couch, administrator in human resources, began work last week. Al replaced Suzanne Fouche. James Nargang, assistant director in capital development, also began work last week. James replaced Kyle Gephart.

CONCLUSION

Chairman Noe, that concludes my report for this month.

PRESENTATIONS:

Due to the time involved with budget testimony, there were no presentations for the March 2003 Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2003, at the Ohio Board of Regents, 30 East Broad Street – 36th Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date