

**Performance Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of January 16, 2003**

The meeting of the Performance Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents was held at the James W. Kehoe Center for Advanced Learning in Shelby, Ohio. In attendance were the following:

Ohio Board of Regents members:

Edmund J. Adams
Bruce R. Beeghly
Thomas W. Noe
Edwin J. Rigaud

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Roderick Chu, Chancellor
Harold Horton, Director, HEI
Jay Johnson, Assistant Director, HEI
Andy Lechler, Senior Analyst HEI
Neal McNally, Assistant Director, Budget & Resource Planning
Richard Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance
William Wagner, Administrator, Performance & Research Analysis

Guests:

Ron Abrams, North Central State College
Bob Burke, Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio
Charlotte Hatfield, Washington State Community College
Jim Johnson, Ohio Faculty Senate/Sinclair Community College
Earl Keese, Rhodes State College
Chuck Mann, Owens Community College
John McGrath, Stark State College
Cindy McQuade, Inter-University Council of Ohio
Pat Roberts, University of Akron
Robert Sheehan, University of Toledo
Terry Thomas, Ohio Association of Community Colleges
Paul Unger, Owens Community College

The meeting was called to order by Regent Adams. The minutes of the November 2002 Committee meeting were approved without objection.

Release of the 2002 Performance Report

Rob Sheehan, formerly Associate Vice Chancellor for Performance Reporting, announced the release of the 2003 Performance Report for Ohio's Colleges and Universities. This year's report contains a new chapter on class size, expanded data on certificates and licenses awarded in Ohio, and employment outcomes four years after graduation. In addition, the remediation and persistence chapters now have the added dimension of high school preparation. Students who arrive without having taken a core curriculum in high school tend to require remediation at a higher rate and tend to persist at a lower rate than their peers. It was noted that despite the

efforts of high school counselors to encourage students to take college preparatory classes, students often receive conflicting advice from their parents. To help reporters understand the wealth of data contained in the report, it was suggested that a work session be organized for next year to cover the key elements of the report. Dr. Sheehan suggested taking a thematic approach to chapters such as remediation in future editions of the report. Dr. Sheehan also recommended the continuation of the High School to College Transition report.

Proposal to Create a Virtual Policy Institute

Dr. Sheehan presented to the committee a proposal for a virtual policy research institute that would be aligned with the goals of the Board of Regents. Such an institute would tap into a cadre of scholars throughout the state while facilitating the sharing of HEI data. Groups such as ETS and ACT might also be invited to conduct research aligned with agency goals using HEI data. Workload issues involving OBR staff would need to be addressed prior to formation of such an institute. This proposal will be added to the agenda of the Performance Consultation and will be reviewed at the March meeting of the Performance Committee.

Proposal to Collect Survey Data on Performance Report Utilization and Student Satisfaction

In previous meetings there was some discussion concerning the extent to which the Performance Report is being used by students and parents. Our intuition tells us that the report is used very sparingly among these groups. To increase awareness and use of the report among students and parents, it was suggested that we tap into the expertise of the following groups: the Financial Aid Consultation, the Performance Consultation, the Ohio Department of Education, and college admissions offices. The solution may be an alternate vehicle such as a pamphlet or web report. Any such alternate vehicle would first be discussed in focus groups comprised of parents and students.

Vice Chancellor Petrick brought to the committee's attention a satisfaction survey conducted by Noel Levitz. Currently this survey is being used by 60% of Ohio's public campuses. Adoption of such a survey statewide could result in cost benefits to campuses while satisfying the need for campus data related to student satisfaction.

Update on Personnel Matters

Vice Chancellor Petrick noted that the number of candidates for the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Performance Reporting has been narrowed down to two.

Capacity Study

Regent Adams requested that the pending capacity study remain as a standing item on future Performance Committee agendas.

Regent Adams adjourned the meeting.