

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee (PERT)
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of March 9, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Tuschman at 11:38 a.m. Regents present were:

PERT Committee members

James M. Tuschman, Chair
Anthony D. Houston, Vice Chair
Bruce R. Beeghly
Walt Reiling

Other Regents in attendance

Edmund J. Adams
Donna M. Alvarado
Jim Patterson
Jerome F. Tatar

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Jamie Abel, Assistant Director, Communications
Harry Andrist, Director, Research & Graduate Programs
Bret Crow, Assistant Director, Communications
Roderick Chu, Chancellor
Jack Connell, Assistant Director, Academic & Access Programs
Shane DeGarmo, Administrator, Program Approval & Tuition Reciprocity
Kristina Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations
Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access
Cathy Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance & Governmental Relations
Tom Linley, PC/LAN Support
Rich Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access
Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement

Minutes of the January 19 Meeting

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the January 19 meeting.

March Board Agenda Items

The following items were proposed for committee and board action:

- University of Northwestern Ohio, Master of Business Administration
- Creation of a Planning Board of Trustees for the Ralph Regula School of Computational Science

Jack Connell, Assistant Director for Academic & Access Programs, briefed the committee on a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree proposal from the University of Northwestern Ohio. There were no serious concerns raised in the review. The university hosted a regional accreditation review by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in March to request an institutional change to offer the proposed

MBA degree program. As a result, staff recommended that the proposal be considered for committee and board approval to accommodate the university's request that the proposed MBA program be approved prior to HLC's site visit. The committee recommended that the item be moved to the afternoon board consent agenda.

Dr. Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement, briefed the committee on a proposal to create a planning board of trustees for the Ralph Regula School of Computational Science. The planning board would appoint an Acting Dean; approve major grant activities, have general oversight of planning and program development; and recommend members of the permanent board. The proposed planning board members are:

- Tahlman Krumm, Jr. (former Regents chair);
- Stan Ahalt, Executive Director of the Ohio Supercomputing Center;
- Kate Carey, Executive Director of the Ohio Learning Network; and
- Vice Chancellors Kris Frost and Garry Walters.

The committee recommended that the item be moved to the afternoon board consent agenda.

The following items were reviewed at the January 19 PERT Committee meeting:

- MedCentral College of Nursing, Institutional Reauthorization
- Myers University, Institutional Reauthorization
- Ohio Northern University, RN-BSN degree completion program
- Stark State College of Technology, Associate of Applied Science degree in Biotechnology

There were no further discussions about the items reviewed at the January 19 PERT Committee meeting. Items 3.1 to 3.4 were moved to the board consent agenda. Regent Houston noted that he would abstain from the voting on Myers University's institutional reauthorization resolution.

Items Proposed for the April 20 Board Meeting

Due to time constraints, not all of the proposals submitted for committee review were discussed during the meeting. Items that were not discussed were recommended by staff to be considered for approval at the April board meeting.

Cathy Hill, Administrator for Workforce Development, briefed the committee on Washington State Community College's Associate of Applied Science in American Sign Language degree program. The development of this new degree will serve residents in the southeast region of the state as well as Parkersburg and Williamstown, West Virginia. In addition to the general education requirements, the coursework for this program includes an introduction to finger spelling and numbers, intermediate and advanced American Sign Language, the psychology of deafness, and understanding the deaf culture. There were no serious concerns raised in the review.

Vice Chancellor Walters briefed the committee on the University of Toledo's Bachelor of Science in Information Technology degree program. The proposed program is a collaborative effort between the College of Engineering and the College of Business Administration and is designed to prepare students as information technologists providing operational and infrastructure support for computer and information systems in business, manufacturing, and institutional organizations. There were no serious concerns raised in the review.

Dr. Harry Andrist, Director of Research & Graduate Programs, briefed the committee on Kent State University's Doctor of Philosophy in Translation Studies degree program. The proposed new doctoral program builds upon the university's successful, long-standing baccalaureate and master's degree programs in Translation Studies and will focus on commercial, legal, medical, scientific and technical translation as well as translation informatics. The program will require no new faculty resources and will earn no new subsidy. There were no serious concerns raised in the review.

Jack Connell briefed the committee on Lourdes College's Master of Science in Nursing degree program. There were some concerns raised during the review, resulting in a recommendation for provisional authorization through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports due December 31, 2006 and 2007. A follow-up review will be conducted prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

There was no further discussion about these items. The committee recommended that all of the items on the committee agenda be considered for approval at the April board meeting.

Committee members and staff also discussed the possibility of abbreviating the review and approval process for items brought before the committee. Staff will explore this issue and share suggestions with the committee at future meetings.

Reports

Vice Chancellor Walters provided an update on the institutional reauthorization review process. Regents' staff and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities will continue to collaborate on simplifying the reauthorization process and further updates will be shared with the board.

Due to time constraints, the report on Ohio Eminent Scholars was tabled for the April PERT Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.