

**Initiatives Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of November 16, 2000**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Regent Gordon. Regents present were:

Gerald Gordon
Thomas Noe
J. Gilbert Reese

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Access Programs
Jonathan Tafel, Associate Vice Chancellor
Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs
Jane Fullerton, Director, Educational Initiatives and Grant Development
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development
Robert Johnson, Administrator, Jobs Challenge Program, Academic and Access Programs
Leslie Sawyer, Director, Access Initiatives Programs
Frank Tepe, Consultant, Research Programs

Guests:

John Buttelerwerth, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
Pat Myers, Kent State University
Gary Schumacher, Ohio University
Tom Fauquet, Urbana University
Jerrel Mitchell, Ohio University

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Initiatives Committee meeting from October 19, 2000 were reviewed and approved.

Presentation

Dr. Jane Fullerton and Dr. Jonathan Tafel provided a briefing for the Committee on issues regarding teacher education and Ohio's Title II initiatives to fund improvement and accountability efforts.

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- ◆ Antioch University, Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution
- ◆ Wittenberg University, Master of Arts in Education

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- ◆ Urbana University – Community Hospital School of Nursing
Associate of Arts in Health Science
- ◆ Hocking Technical College, Associate of Applied Science in Archaeology
- ◆ Ohio University, Master of Science in Computer Science

Staff responded to questions regarding the proposed programs. Staff clarified that the Campus responded to the questions of the evaluating consultants and indicated that a progress report would be required as part of the approval process. Dr. Tom Fauquet, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, Urbana University, was introduced and responded to questions from the Committee. Dr. Gary Schumacher, Associate Provost, and Jerrel Mitchell, Interim Dean of Engineering, from Ohio University were also introduced.

Reports

- ◆ K-16 Initiatives: Associate Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel reported on the progress of the K-16 staff in working with the Ohio Department of Education on the development of draft Academic Content Standards. Draft Academic Content Standards in mathematics and English language arts have been developed. Focus groups are currently being held on the draft standards. In addition, each teacher, principal and superintendent in the state has received an informational mailing on Ohio's standards effort.
- ◆ Degree Approval: Vice Chancellor Garry Walters reported that the staff is developing a draft set of guidelines for campuses requesting approval of technical bachelor's degrees at off campus locations.
- ◆ Workforce Development: Michael Taggart reported on efforts to gain support of the Workforce Development budget items. The Incumbent Worker Committee of the Governor's Workforce Policy Board will be recommending to the Policy Board that they actively support those initiatives.
- ◆ Research: Dr. Harry Andrist reported on Research Challenge, the Ohio Eminent Scholars effort and the Incentive Fund grant programs. Data reveal that over the past 15 years Ohio has improved in attracting research funds from industry. However, Ohio continues to rank below the national average in per capita Federal research funds attracted to the state through the work of its universities, even as gains have been made in the total amount of research funds for Ohio from external sources. Dr. Andrist also reported on the progress of the Ohio Eminent Scholars proposal review process to identify 7 new Eminent Scholars for the state. Other efforts include work with the Governor's Science and Technology Advisor to align the Ohio Plan with the Technology Action Fund and research funds in the Tobacco settlement (biomedical research and technology transfer trust fund).
- ◆ Access Initiatives: Leslie Sawyer reported on the progress of the GEAR UP initiative to identify best practices at various sites collaborating as the Ohio College Access Network. OCAN participants were invited to submit nominations for a GEAR UP award in response to the request for exemplary

practices as the first step to identify best practices that potentially merit replication and/or expansion throughout the state. A review team determined that seven of the eight nominations met the criteria to receive an award, funded by Ohio GEAP UP Program dollars. In addition, preliminary performance data has been collected for the GEAR UP demonstration sites by the University of Cincinnati Evaluation Services Center, contracted to conduct an evaluation of the Ohio GEAR UP Program. In general, the preliminary data indicates that GEAR UP is having an impact.