

**Initiatives Committee  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Minutes of the Meeting of December 16, 1999**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair, Thomas W. Noe. Board members present were:

Edmund Adams  
Gerald Gordon  
Tahlman Krumm  
Thomas Noe

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Access Programs  
Jon Tafel, Associate Vice Chancellor  
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development  
Richard Arndt, Administrator for Articulation and Transfer  
Leslie Sawyer, Associate Director, Access Programs  
Jane Fullerton, Director, Educational Initiatives and Grant Development  
Melinda McDonald, Administrator, K-16 Initiatives

Guests

Donna Philips, Chair of the Ohio Faculty Senate of Universities  
Edward Erner, Vice President Academic Affairs and Dean of  
Faculty, University of Findlay  
Larry Christman, President, Association of Independent Colleges and  
Universities of Ohio  
Paul Unger, Vice President of Academic Affairs Owens State Community  
College  
John Buttlerwerth, Chair, Ohio Faculty Senate of Community and  
Technical Colleges  
Sally Angel, OFSCTC, Lima Technical College

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the November 18, 1999 meeting were approved.

**December 17, 1999 Agenda Item:**

Hocking Technical College - Associate of Applied Science in Opticianry  
Technology

Vice Chancellor Walters reviewed the key points from the November 18 Initiatives Committee meeting discussing the proposed Opticianry Technology program. In response to several questions, Michael Taggart, Director of Workforce Development noted that the program was developed in response to a request of the Ohio Opticians Association. Persons completing the program will be prepared to work with Optometrist and Ophthalmologists in the fitting of

eyewear, preparing work orders for lenses and other related functions. The Initiatives Committee voted to recommend approval of the program.

### **January 2000 Proposed Agenda Items:**

#### Central Ohio Technical College – Associate of Applied Science in Forensic Science Technology

Michael Taggart presented background information on the recommended approval of this associate degree program. He noted that the program would prepare graduates for career opportunities related to the collection and analysis of crime scene data, and qualify them for employment opportunities in Police Departments and other Departments of Investigation that are searching for skilled technicians to assist in the law enforcement system. In response to questions about the program Dr. Judith D. Rayburn, Chairperson of the Allied Health and Public Services Department at COTC, noted that this would be the first program of its kind in the state. She further added that this program was responding to the growing need identified in Ohio for forensic technicians.

#### Youngstown State University – Master of Physical Therapy

Vice Chancellor Walters, in providing background for this recommendation, reported that physical therapy education has been transitioning to a required post-baccalaureate level degree since the early 1980's. The Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study has unanimously recommended approval.

#### Ohio State University – Ph. D. in Natural Resources

Vice Chancellor Walters discussed the value of this program and noted that it had previously been offered as a "one of a kind" program at Ohio State. He also emphasized that, as with all new doctoral programs, it will not bring additional subsidy to the university. Instead, Ohio State will need to support the program with existing resources. The Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study has unanimously recommended approval.

#### Discussion of Collaboration between Owens Community College and the University of Findlay

A progress report was given on collaborative discussions that have been taking place between Owens State Community College and the University of Findlay. Both parties have been examining their working relationship and use of resources as they seek to better align their respective operations with marketplace needs and better leverage their respective resources. Dr. Paul Unger, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Edward Erner, Vice President Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty reported on some of the initial achievements from this process. Key points made during their presentation were:

- A shared commitment to focus on what works for the customer was seen as key to the success to date from the inter-organizational collaboration that has taken place.
- The “Framework of Agreement” developed by Vice Chancellor Walters was seen as a very helpful planning tool.
- A number of new inter-organizational arrangements have been put in place to ensure joint use of parking, library facilities, and food service.
- Faculty collaboration in early childhood education has been a model for other collaborative efforts.
- Arrangements are now in place for dual enrollment and joint marketing of programs.
- The participation of the BOR staff was seen as a valuable contribution to the success achieved and continued participation in future collaborative planning was welcome. Specific acknowledgement of the contributions of Regent Tahlman Krumm, Garrison Walters, and Jonathan Tafel was made.

### Reports

Associate Vice Chancellor, Jon Tafel reported on the official launch of the Ohio Learning Network through the on line start-up of the Ohiolearns.org web site. He noted that this unique resource for access to courses offered by Ohio’s colleges and universities is expected to grow in use and value. He also noted that the GEAR Up project was launched with a major event in Cleveland, which was described by Leslie Sawyer, Associate Director of Access Programs.