

**Performance Committee  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Minutes of the Meeting of November 15, 2001**

The meeting of the Performance Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents was held at the Ohio Board of Regents' offices in Columbus, Ohio. In attendance were the following:

Ohio Board of Regents members:

Gerald M. Miller  
Jeanette Grasselli Brown  
Floyd W. Nickerson  
J. Gilbert Reese

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Roderick Chu, Chancellor  
Neal McNally, Assistant Director, Budget & Resource Planning  
Deborah Gavlik, Director, Budget & Resource Planning  
Richard Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance  
Robert Sheehan, Associate Vice Chancellor, Performance Reporting & Analysis  
William Wagner, Financial Analyst

Guests:

Christa Adams, Owens Community College  
S. Ted Bucaro, University of Dayton  
Bob Burke, Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio  
Jim Johnson, Ohio Faculty Senate/Sinclair Community College  
Pat Roberts, University of Akron  
Terry Thomas, Ohio Association of Community Colleges  
Sarah Williams, Inter-University Council

The meeting was called to order by Regent Miller. The minutes of the October 2001 Committee meeting were approved without objection.

**Report on Ohio Law School Bar Passage Rates**

Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan updated the committee on a recent press release reporting a significant improvement in bar passage rates. First-time bar passage rates increased to 82% compared to 75% the previous year. The improved passage rates reflect an increased emphasis on the part of Ohio's law schools to improve quality while not becoming increasingly selective. There was only a 5% decrease in the number of students taking the bar exam this year. State to state comparisons are difficult as each state has a different standard.

**Report on Governor's Requested Annual Performance Report**

Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan reported that concerns raised by the AICUO regarding the 2001 and 2002 Performance Reports were resolved through a collaborative effort. Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan also noted that this year's report has received great support from the Governor's office and that a meeting has

been scheduled with Governor Taft for November 20, 2001. Following a press conference on December 13, printed copies of the report will be distributed to campuses, media outlets and public libraries. Regent Miller recommended that the report's availability be announced via mass e-mail in order to ensure that students and parents are made aware of and have access to the report. Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan added that the Performance Report is a web-based report allowing for maximum utility.

### **Report on next steps for performance reporting and accountability**

Associate Vice-Chancellor Sheehan updated the committee on the next step in performance reporting - a transition report focusing on the same content as the Annual Profile, but from the perspective of the individual school districts. Important topics would include remediation, employment outcomes, and persistence. A possible outcome of this report would be to provide a measuring stick for increased accountability in the K-12 sector. As a result of the Annual Profile, a number of serious public policy questions arise. For example, is it fair for higher education to have to pay for remediation? Graduation rates of at-risk students will have public policy implications for Success Challenge funding. Vice-Chancellor Sheehan noted that in Ohio there exists a climate that will facilitate constructive dialogue on such issues. Finally, Vice-Chancellor Sheehan added that the Annual Profile has resulted in faster response times to legislative requests for information.

### **Regent Miller adjourned the meeting.**