

Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
Columbus, Ohio
November 14, 2002

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jeanette Grasselli Brown.

The roll was called by the Secretary, Edmund J. Adams. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	Thomas W. Noe
Donna M. Alvarado	J. Gilbert Reese
Bruce R. Beeghly	Edwin J. Rigaud
Jeanette G. Brown	Ralph E. Schey
Gerald M. Miller	

Regent Adams stated “the record should show that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents’ Administrative Rule 3333-1-14, which rule was adopted in accordance with section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code and of the State Administrative Procedures Act.”

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO THE AGENDA (ITEMS MAY BE AMENDED, ADDED TO OR DELETED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD)

There were no changes to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2002

A motion was made by Regent Reese to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2002 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Noe and unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Communications Committee – Regent Miller: The committee met and discussed governmental relations and the outreach efforts. The committee received a report on a communication plan draft to align the communications objectives with the basic objectives of the Ohio Board of Regents. Last month the committee received an inventory of our communication efforts.

Kris Frost also briefed the committee on the planning for the Governor’s Trustee Institute, which is scheduled for February 10 & 11, 2003. The morning sessions will focus on access, economic development and workforce training. The committee supported these topics and suggested aligning the Institute’s topics with the needs of the state and the Governor’s agenda. The Institute can

then serve as an opportunity to learn the statewide perspective on higher education in Ohio.

A media update was given on the state's share of instruction, the K-12 intelligent design issue, OIG enrollment and news clippings. The committee noted that Texas has a new campaign, *College for Texans* that seeks to reverse the alarming trend in college preparation and participation. Texas' situation is similar to Ohio's.

Deborah Gavlik presented a new monthly edition of The Issue regarding OhioLINK, an Ohio gem. OhioLINK is the extraordinary cost efficient collaboration of Ohio's academic libraries. An example of savings was \$70 million saved in journal subscription costs alone.

Legislative update was given. Deborah Gavlik and Yvonne Stertzler examined the pros and cons of states that have legislative committees on higher education. One suggestion was to ask the General Assembly to convene a select committee on higher education that would include membership from other appropriate committees such as economic development and committees such as labor where the common agenda is to further the economic well being of all Ohioans. The committee was made aware of the November general election results.

The committee also examined various methods for communicating with legislators and county commissioners on the importance and impact of higher education to their communities and resources available to help them with the education initiatives.

An update on the capital bill revealed that it is to be considered in early December.

Garry Walters' shared the Ohio Board of Regents' outreach publications "Building Ohio's Knowledge Economy Together and "The Policy Makers Guide to Higher Education 2002." Our Knowledge Economy Awareness Initiative is moving along and being expanded using the Ohio Enterprise Network of 50 institutions. Also noted was that Compact 2010 is moving forward in developing the Governor's appointed commission.

Resources Committee – Regent Gib Reese: The Resources committee was first briefed on the status of the state capital appropriations bill.

The committee learned of revisions to the FY 2004-2005 operating budget recommendations adopted by the Board in September. Recommendations for the Ohio National Guard Scholarship program were increased to 10%/year to accommodate an anticipated increase in the draw on the scholarships and an increase in the size of Ohio's National Guard force.

In additional resources are being sought to offset a potential funding shortfall in some student financial aid programs. Very preliminary figures indicate that both the 12th Grade Proficiency test scholarships and the Ohio

Instructional Grants could be short by \$500,000 to \$1 million this fiscal year. The OIG program is usually funded at a level to ensure that all qualifying students receive financial aid. However, the dramatic rise in student enrollments created a possibility that the current FY 2003 OIG appropriation may not be sufficient. Potential lapses in debt service may fund potential shortfalls in student financial aid.

The committee learned that universities will be required to book an additional \$104 million liability on their FY 2002 financial statements. This liability stems from workers compensation claim costs that universities were not previously required to record on their books. This new requirement could have Senate Bill 6 implications. Consequently, it has been recommended that the Office of Budget & Management revise the Senate Bill 6 administrative rule to entirely exclude this new liability from the Senate Bill 6 ratio analysis, and exempt universities from penalties for late submission of their financial statements.

Action agenda for today's meeting, recommend for approval items 3.11 through 3.13.

Initiatives Committee – Regent Noe: The committee was given a report on an outstanding program involving public and private universities to enhance undergraduate science education. Dr. William Rauckhorst, Senior Associate to the Provost at Miami University, presented the progress of the Ohio Project, which began three years ago with the Regents' funding. The program's goal is to improve undergraduate science education by including a research component in the undergraduate experience. Program participants include all public colleges and universities, some independent colleges and one community college, Sinclair Community College.

The project focuses on increasing the pipeline of future scientists and Engineers and increasing the number of science teachers. Dr. Rauckhorst is also assisting the Ohio Board of Regents in the preparation of the statewide mathematics and science partnership grant for the National Science Foundation. If the Ohio Board of Regents is awarded the grant, Ohio would receive \$35 million over 5 years.

Dr. Harry Andrist discussed the release of two RFP's for the Third Frontier Initiative. One RFP will focus on biomedical technology. These RFP's align with the Ohio Plan. \$40 million is invested in the first solicitation with the requirement of matching funds. Ohio is moving forward with the Governor's Third Frontier Initiatives.

Vice Chancellor Tafel reported on a recent trip to North Carolina where counterparts in Ohio, Indiana and Massachusetts met to share information on college access strategies. The Ohio College Access Network (OCAN) is the model to be emulated by North Carolina.

Jack Connell presented the tuition reciprocity annual report to the committee. This is a summary of all of the reciprocity agreements that exists

between Ohio and its contiguous states. Several thousand students will receive reduced tuition with these agreements. We are currently negotiating new agreements with Michigan and Pennsylvania at the current time.

Agenda items 3.1 – 3.10 are recommended for approval on today's consent agenda.

Performance Committee – Regent Adams: The 2002 Performance Report is in the final stages of completion. Minor revisions have been made based on feedback from the Performance Consultation. The chapter on licensure exam outcomes has been expanded to include teaching, nursing, and healthcare certification results in addition to bar exam results.

An advance copy of the report has been provided to the Governor's office. A meeting with Governor Taft is scheduled for December 6, 2002 with the final roll-out and press release to follow shortly thereafter.

In our presentation of the report to the Governor, we will provide a summary of usages for the report. Early reports from campuses demonstrate that many campuses use the data for strategic planning and marketing purposes. Anecdotal data supports usage of the report among legislators. We discussed several options for determining use among parents and students including administering a written survey. If there is not as much usage as we anticipated, then our task will be to determine how to make the report more user friendly and more accessible to the parent and student body.

In order to increase awareness of the Performance Report among students and parents, the Communications Group is looking at the possibility of preparing a policy brief that could be easily distributed and would highlight the most important themes from the report. It was also suggested that we use the Trustees Conference as an opportunity to teach trustees how to use the report.

We discussed the next edition (2003) of the Performance Report. We now have four complete years of HEI data. This history allows us the opportunity to look at degree achievement and how it is affected by factors such as completion of a core curriculum, family income, and field of study. We plan to incorporate this data into the 2003 edition of the Performance Report.

We reviewed the recently released bar passage rates. Despite a disappointing general decline in passage rates, further analysis will be necessary specifically by the law schools. One suggestion to raise passage rates is collaboration by the law schools to more actively share best practices.

We note there have been a number of years of general increase in the bar passage rates and these results are the first significant downturn. We hesitate to draw any generalizations about trends based on one year's experience. We also know of some cases where students delayed taking the bar exam. These students took more than the traditional three years to complete law school. As a result, negative results may be attributable to the delay.

Vice Chancellor Petrick brought to the Committee's attention a request for a higher education capacity study. This request, which would be a large undertaking, will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

Nominating Committee – Regent Miller: The committee developed a slate of candidates for board officers. We propose a slate of officers who will work together and collectively meet the Ohio Board of Regents challenges. Our slate is: Tom Noe, Chair; Ed Adams, Vice Chair; and Gib Reese, Secretary.

A motion was made by Regent Miller to approve the nominations. Regent Alvarado seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Miller to approve Agenda Items 3.1 through 3.14. The motion was seconded by Regent Reese and unanimously passed.

- 3.1 Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio; Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.2 University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona; Institutional Reauthorization for Ohio sites at Independence, Ohio and Troy, Ohio
- 3.3 Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, Master of Science in Administration Degree Program with a Concentration in Health Services Administration & a Graduate Certificate in Health Services Administration at Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, Ohio
- 3.4 Mansfield University, Mansfield, Pennsylvania, Master of Education with a Specialization in School Library and Information Technologies (an online degree)
- 3.5 Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Degree Program
- 3.6 Cleveland State University, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, Cardiovascular Perfusion Track
- 3.7 The University of Toledo, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies
- 3.8 Ohio University, Master of Communication Technology and Policy
- 3.9 The University of Toledo, Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
- 3.10 Case Western Reserve University, Ph.D. in Bioethics
- 3.11 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between Kent State University-Salem Campus and Salem Community Center, Inc.
- 3.12 Release and distribution of the FY 2003 State Share of Instruction

- 3.13 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period October 1, 2002 through October 31, 2002

RESOLUTION 2003-41
Agenda Item 3.1

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following institution be Reauthorized through December 31, 2006.

Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio;
Institutional Reauthorization

RESOLUTION 2003-42
Agenda Item 3.2

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following institution be Reauthorized through December 31, 2013.

University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona;
Institutional Reauthorization
At
Independence, Ohio and Troy, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2003-43
Agenda Item 3.3

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following programs be approved through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2003, and 2004.

Central Michigan University
Master of Science in Administration Degree Program
with a Concentration in Health Services Administration &
a Graduate Certificate in Health Services Administration;
at Shawnee State University

RESOLUTION 2003-44
Agenda Item 3.4

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program be authorized through December 31, 2007, with

yearly progress reviews to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2004.

Mansfield University
Master of Education with a Specialization in School Library and Information
Technologies (an online degree)

RESOLUTION 2003-45
Agenda Item 3.5

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program be approved through December 31, 2007 to coincide with the institution's reauthorization date. Yearly progress reviews of the program will be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2004.

Marietta College
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Degree Program

RESOLUTION 2003-46
Agenda Item 3.6

Be it Resolved: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Cleveland State University
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences,
Cardiovascular Perfusion Track

RESOLUTION 2003-47
Agenda Item 3.7

Be it Resolved: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

The University of Toledo
Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

RESOLUTION 2003-48
Agenda Item 3.8

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study as well as the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Ohio University
Master of Communication Technology and Policy

RESOLUTION 2003-49
Agenda Item 3.9

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study as well as the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program be granted provisional approval for a period of two years:

University of Toledo
Master of Arts in Criminal Justice

RESOLUTION 2003-50
Agenda Item 3.10

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study as well as the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Case Western Reserve University
Ph.D. in Bioethics

RESOLUTION 2003-51
Agenda Item 3.11

HEREAS, the 124th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 524 which includes a specific capital reappropriation of \$100,000 to Kent State University Salem Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents' Rule 3333-1-03 requires that a joint use agreement between the institution for which funds are appropriated and the organization which will own or lease and operate facilities to be constructed or improved with such funds must be approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University, Salem Campus and Salem Community Center, Inc. have presented a joint use agreement for approval by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been reviewed and its format is found to be appropriate, its description of extent and nature of use has been specified, and the commitment extends no less than fifteen years, and it is in conformity with Rule 3333-1-03; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that the value of the use is reasonably related to the amount of the appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the Joint Use Agreement between Kent State University, Salem Campus and Salem Community Center, Inc.; and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-52
Agenda Item 3.12

WHEREAS, the state's biennial budget directs the Ohio Board of Regents to distribute higher education funds in accordance with various requirements; and

WHEREAS, certain of these funds are provided for a specific purpose and others are to be distributed at the discretion of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 94.01 of Amended Substitute House Bill 94 requires the Board of Regents to calculate the distribution of the State Share of Instruction based on certain enrollments and facility data, and the formula provisions of that act; and

WHEREAS, the enrollment and facilities data have been revised by the staff of the Board of Regents, with the cooperation and assistance of the state's public colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Section 94.01 (E) permits adjustments to be made to State Share of Instruction allocations for "exceptional circumstances," and requires that any such adjustment be recommended by the Chancellor and approved by the Controlling Board; and

WHEREAS, "exceptional circumstances" have occurred as a result of deep budget cuts, unexpectedly large overall enrollment increases, and differential rates of enrollment growth, which when combined would have led to deep and unexpected reductions in SSI allocations to many campuses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed adjustment to the FY 2003 State Share of Instruction allocation has been developed with the input of state-assisted colleges and universities and recommended by the Higher Education Funding Commission; and

WHEREAS, this proposed adjustment is accompanied by a recommendation by the Funding Commission and a commitment by the Regents and the state colleges and universities to ensure that a portion of the SSI funds is reserved for enrollment growth by reducing the level of protection in future years;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that “exceptional circumstances” are declared to exist for the reasons stated above;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the FY 2003 State Share of Instruction allocation, as presented in the attached Table 1 and made a part hereof, be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Regents formally adopts, as part of its FY 2004 – FY 2005 operating budget recommendation, the Hold Harmless provision described in section II of Attachment A, and made a part hereof.

RESOLUTION 2003-53
Agenda Item 3.13

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the request for release of capital improvements funds received in the period October 1, 2002 through October 31, 2002, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The holidays will soon be upon us and the New Year is just a month and 1/2 away. This institution, the Ohio Board of Regents, marks its 39th year of service this year.

For many organizations this would be a cause for nostalgia and even a little solemn contemplation but, as you know, that’s not our style.

And so we move confidently into our “middle age”, seeking new challenges and celebrating our long and successful relationships with our campus partners and the people of Ohio.

As Regent Reese noted, I’ll report on our capital budget. If you examine our capital budget request you’ll see that we’ve been working hard to support the “Three Rs” of higher education facilities: Rehabilitation, Renovation, and Replacement.

The aging facilities at Ohio’s state-supported colleges and universities have been the Number 1 topic of discussion in our talks with the Office of Budget and Management.

In discussing the capital budget for FY 2003-2004 we have maintained our positive relationship with budget director Tom Johnson and his deputy, Tim Keen.

They’re very aware of our long-term situation:

- A \$10 billion physical plant at state-supported colleges and universities, built largely 20 to 30 years ago;
- Buildings in need of basics – roofs, windows and HVAC systems – the things that make for classrooms and labs that are safe and dry; and
- A deferred maintenance tab on Ohio’s campuses that is estimated at \$2 billion and grows larger each year as these buildings age and deteriorate.

We are grateful for the General Assembly’s and Governor’s already declared capital funding support for research infrastructure with commitments to the Third Frontier Project.

But there are budget realities that are difficult to overcome this year. Senate Bill 261, as you may remember, used \$345 million in tobacco settlement trust funds to plug the most recent budget gap for FY 2002. Those monies were supposed to be used to fund primary and secondary school construction projects. To make K-12 whole, the bill then promised to take \$345 million from the next capital budget to devote to schools construction and we know that with a 5 percent constitutional limit on debt service, the capital pie is of limited size.

Despite these constraints, we understand that the Governor is endeavoring to maintain capital funding for higher education at historical appropriation levels using state capital appropriations and the capital component of the operating budget that enables campuses to borrow funds on their own. The Office of Budget and Management is allocating \$485 million to higher education in this proposed capital budget, even though this will undoubtedly mean major cuts to other capital claimants.

Additionally, it is providing capital component commitments equivalent to \$20 million in campus borrowing authority. Although the \$485 million is \$40 million less than you recommended last year, with the increased capital component, it basically maintains the total state capital borrowing ability for higher education. We are working with campus staff to pare our request to the new control total. We applaud the governor for the effort he has made to protect higher education's investment in its physical plant.

It's not unusual for us to receive international visitors at our offices at the Ohio Board of Regents. America's higher education system is, as I've said many times, the darling of the world. And because Ohio has many overseas connections including trade, research, and cultural exchanges, we often have the opportunity to meet with visitors from other countries. We hosted two important delegations this month: 1) 23 members from the Guizhou Province of the People's Republic of China 2) 2 members of the Hungarian Ministry of Education, who came to Ohio as guests of the Ohio National Guard, which has a longstanding relationship with the Hungarian people. Both visits were very rewarding.

Our own Pei-Hsing Wu, who works in the Eisenhower program, shared with the Chinese delegation her own very difficult experiences as a young girl in Guizhou Province during World War II. It was a moving recollection of a tragic time, and it reminded us what a small world we live in, and how important it is for us to find peaceful means of resolving problems.

The Hungarian delegation was very interested in our work here at the Board of Regents because it was the first time that these delegates – who had visited many campuses in the past – have had the opportunity to meet their actual counterparts in American higher education administration. They could relate to the challenges and opportunities of being the government agency attempting to coordinate the efforts of independent campuses. They seemed pleased to talk with us and want to develop this relationship in the future. I heartily endorse this idea.

And, as President of the State Higher Education Executives Organization, I have encouraged my counterparts in other states to develop similar relationships. International relationship-building is common at the institution level – our colleges and universities have been doing it for generations and have benefited greatly. All of us in higher education have much to share with, and much to learn from, our counterparts in other countries.

As you heard from Regent Miller and the Communications Committee report, we are very proud of OhioLINK. In fact, we had the opportunity to celebrate the 10th anniversary of OhioLINK last week. This milestone is especially notable because the OhioLINK story demonstrates that the search for efficiencies can lead to better ways of doing things. And it's just one of many stories about how our campuses have worked with state government and with each other to be more effective and more efficient.

OhioLINK was formed from an effort by the Ohio General Assembly, the Board of Regents and the state's colleges and universities, to find a more efficient way of keeping up with the growing volume of information. The result is an academic library that provides every student or professor at a participating institution with access to more than 31 million volumes and more than 90 research databases. Today a student at Ohio Dominican College can have access to the same research library as the senior researcher at OSU and both have more to choose from than an average student at Harvard.

My only regret as Regents' Noe and Alvarado and I sat at the OhioLINK celebration was that Vice Chancellor Garry Walters was not able to be there to receive the accolades heaped on him acknowledging his leadership over the years in helping create and sustain this award winning resource for all of Ohio.

Before I remark upon the other fine accomplishments of Ohio's colleges and universities, let me offer a little scouting report about what one of the other teams is doing. Earlier this month I visited Cornell University, my graduate alma mater, where I am honored to be on the Cornell University Council. Cornell is moving forward with a major interdisciplinary research effort that will help it compete for millions of dollars in federal grants in the future and advance the state of knowledge and health.

The New Life Sciences Initiative is a university-wide collaboration. It's a multiyear, *half-billion-dollar* campaign that will enhance and support life sciences research and education. Construction is set to begin next year on the physical centerpiece, which is a \$110 million life sciences building. I couldn't help but take note of the fact that one institution just a few hours from Ohio's border is making the same kind of investment that the bond issue portion of the Third Frontier project, if it earns voter approval, will provide in total to all the research institutions in the State of Ohio.

Of course, the bond issue is just one part of the \$1.6 billion Third Frontier Program, but Cornell's ambitious undertaking offers independent corroboration that the Governor's Third Frontier Program is exactly the kind of thing we will have to do if we are to compete or be leaders in the new economy.

The Knowledge Economy is growing in a competitive world, and success will go to those states or institutions that make the necessary investments.

Kudos - Welcomes and farewells

Welcome to Lois Margaret Nora, the new president and dean of Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Dr. Nora comes to Ohio from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in Lexington, where she serves as the associate dean for academic affairs and administration.

And we offer best wishes to college and university presidents who have announced their retirements: Joseph Steger will be retiring from the University of Cincinnati after 18 years; Larry McDougale has announced his retirement from Northwest State Community College; Anne Deming is retiring from the

College of Notre Dame; and Charlotte Lee has announced her retirement from Terra Community College.

Congratulations to the Ohio State University football team, still undefeated and this week ranked #1 in the Bowl Championship Series. Go Bucks.

But the “Longest winning streak” goes to another Buckeye, The Ohio State University’s Professor of Chemistry Sheldon Shore. Dr. Shore recently received a \$500,000 grant from the National Science Foundation marking his 44th straight year of NSF funding. In addition to four decades of funding from the NSF, Dr. Shore’s ground-breaking research into boron compounds has led to 12 patents and a dozen awards, including the Ohio State Distinguished Scholar and Distinguished lecturer awards. And, since joining the OSU faculty in 1957 he has helped more than 70 graduate students earn their degrees, most of them doctoral.

Congratulations to Frederick G. Kilgour, the first director of the OCLC Online Computer Library Center. Dr. Kilgour was the first recipient of the Regents’ newly named George V. Voinovich Award for Information Innovation, presented last week at the OhioLINK 10th anniversary celebration I mentioned earlier. The award recognizes an individual who develops and champions solutions to the problem of connecting people and information effectively and efficiently. Many of us might forget that OCLC originally stood for the Ohio College Library Center and was a creation of Ohio’s higher education community. Today OCLC serves 43,000 libraries and territories throughout the world.

Congratulations to Kent State University, which announced a \$6.8 million gift from an alumnus last week – the largest cash gift in the school’s 92 year history. The gift, from Bruce and Pamela Ferrini of Bath, Ohio, will help create the Matthew Ferrini Institute for Human Evolutionary Research, an interdisciplinary program focusing on the origins of humanity. Mr. Ferrini is a 1972 graduate of the school. The gift is in memory of the couple’s son.

And here’s an update. During my remarks at our September meeting I told you that Oprah Winfrey would be coming to Cuyahoga Community College to give the keynote address at a scholarship fundraiser and help Tri-C President Jerry Sue Thornton celebrate her 10th anniversary. Oprah indeed gave the keynote and a lot more. To the surprise of Dr. Thornton and everyone else, Oprah announced she would match the \$600,000 the dinner event had already raised. Happy Anniversary, Dr. Thornton and congratulations to Tri-C.

I’ll close on a sad note for us at the Board of Regents. Next Friday will be Randy Edwards’ last day at the Regents. Randy joined us 7 months ago as Assistant Director of Communications. In that time, he has made himself an invaluable member of our team, helping us better inform the Regents, state policy makers, Ohio’s campuses and the public on activities and issues of importance involving Ohio’s higher education community. While we all will

sorely miss Randy here on the 36th floor, we are truly happy for him as he takes on the position of Director of Communications and Marketing for the Ohio Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, based in Dublin. Randy has known many of the Conservancy's staff for a decade or more and has passionately supported their science-based, nonpartisan approach to conservation. As Ohioans, we all look forward to Randy's success in the important new work he is undertaking.

This concludes my remarks for the month. Thank you Madam Chair

PRESENTATIONS

- a) "Discussion with a University Trustee"
James M. Tuschman, Esq.
Trustee, Immediate Past Chair

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2003, at North Central State College's James W. Kehoe Center in Mansfield, Ohio, at 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date