

Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
November 13, 2003

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Thomas W. Noe.

The roll was called by Regent J. Gilbert Reese. Those present were:

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

Regent Reese stated “the record should show that notice of this meeting was given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents’ Administrative Rule 3333-1-14, which rule itself 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)

Item #3.9 was deferred from the consent agenda until the January 22, 2004 Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2003

A motion was made by Regent Reese to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2003, meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Miller and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Nominating Committee – Regent Miller – The committee proposed the following candidates for the 2004 board year: Thomas W. Noe –Chair, Edmund J. Adams –Vice Chair, J. Gilbert Reese –Secretary. A motion was made by Regent Miller to approve these recommendations, was seconded by Regent Brown and passed unanimously.

Access Committee – Regent Miller – The Access Committee was joined by Mr. Dick Pogue, Chairman of the Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and the Economy and Dr. Katherine Canada, Project Director for the Commission.

Mr. Pogue explained that the Commission is limiting its work to issues in higher education that have a direct impact on the economy of the state. This has focused the subcommittee’s discussions. Mr. Pogue gave the Committee a

brief overview of the Commission and spent time reviewing the policy options coming forward from the “Access and Success Committee”.

In general, the Commission began in June and had four full meetings. Membership of the Commission is diverse and includes business leaders, presidents of two-year and four-year public and private institutions of higher education, legislators and state agency personnel. Regent Adams, Alvarado, Noe and Chancellor Chu are members of the Commission.

The Commission is organized into three working committees:

- Economic Competitiveness
- Access and Success
- Delivery Results

Each working committee developed a series of Policy Options to guide further discussion. These options number 41 and it is hoped that options will be consolidated or eliminated to achieve a more manageable number. Four limiting conditions are used to assess policy options:

- Significance
- Address the economy of Ohio
- Politically worthwhile
- Sustainable

Mr. Pogue stated that the number one option at this time is to create a compact of higher education, business and legislative stakeholders. There is currently a gap between these three sectors that needs to be bridged for productive conversation to occur.

Mr. Pogue briefly outlined the work of the other two working committees. Some policy options in these committees are more controversial. Policies being addressed include collaboration between universities, increased efficiency, workforce development issues, transfer of technology, and funding of higher education.

Mr. Pogue concluded by thanking the staff of the Board of Regents for all their cooperation and assistance in the work of the Commission thus far.

The Access Committee heard a brief update from Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel. A planning meeting for the Student Access and Success Coordinating Council of Ohio occurred yesterday. Tina Milano from the College Access Network and Regent Bruce Beeghly will co-chair this Council. The Council will develop a matrix to use in holding us accountable in increasing the college going rate in Ohio. The first meeting of the full Council will be in January.

The Ohio Board of Regents will apply for another National Science Foundation Mathematics and Science Partnership grant this December. Our submission last year was reviewed favorably and we plan to use the same structure to increase the capacity of Ohio in mathematics and science

education. This structure focuses on our Centers of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Education and the Ohio Resource Center for Mathematics, Science and Reading. While Ohio has been awarded several grants, we are hoping that quality will overcome geography and we will be successful in our resubmission.

Resources & System Efficiency Committee - Regent Adams - Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick updated the committee on the development of the state capital budget. The total amount of capital dollars requested by campuses exceeds OBM's control total by about \$104 million. This total requested amount will be pared down prior to January when the Board will make its formal capital recommendations.

Vice Chancellor Petrick shared comparative capital data from other states. While only partial data is available, Ohio appears to be slightly below average in terms of state bonded capital appropriations per FTE student. SHEEO is attempting to systematically collect comprehensive capital information from each state.

The committee was briefed on several important action items appearing on the consent agenda.

The FY 2004 State Share of Instruction distribution was finalized with updated enrollment data. Due to the combination of 4.4% statewide enrollment growth and flat state support, most campuses are on the 100% hold-harmless guarantee.

The release and distribution of remaining Success Challenge and Jobs Challenge funds for FY 2004 is being made to universities. Each university has submitted a plan describing how their allocations will be used to better serve at-risk students. The Jobs Challenge funds are earmarked for EnterpriseOhio Network campuses, and support workforce development and noncredit training activity at these campuses.

Ms. Terri Gehr, from Columbus State Community College, presented a request to issue \$17.2 million in bonds to finance two capital projects and to potentially acquire land to expand the College's service area to Delaware County, north of Columbus. Columbus State has experienced dramatic enrollment growth over the past six years, and demographic evidence suggests that a campus in Delaware County would serve the local population and increase access in that area.

The Committee recommends approval of three previously reviewed joint-use agreements: A \$500,000 joint-use agreement between Clark State Community College and the Tecumseh YMCA; A joint-use agreement between Clark State Community College and the Champaign Family YMCA for \$100,000; and an agreement between Cleveland State and CAMP Inc. for \$500,000.

Southern State Community College requests an additional \$219,000 of debt authority above the \$2.3 million approved by the Regents in May 2003. Mr. James Buck from Southern State told the Committee that the additional

dollars will allow the College to establish a debt service reserve. According to Regents' staff, this additional debt will in no way materially affect the College's finances.

The Controlling Board items from October were also noted. Regarding our action agenda for today's meeting, the Resources & System Efficiency Committee recommends approval of items 3.5 through 3.13.

Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee – Regent Beeghly – The committee heard a presentation on the Third Frontier Network from Al Stutz, Chief Operating Officer and Stan Ahalt, Executive Director of the Ohio Supercomputer Center. The network comprises over 1600 miles of fiber and is the world's largest dedicated optical fiber network. All segments of the backbone are finished and the integration of the fiber in Cleveland has been completed. Integration is underway in Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown and integration in Columbus is pending right of way approval.

Cathy Hill, Administrator for Workforce Development, updated the committee on accessing the current viability of degree programs. The degree review team plans to report to the committee in March with their findings.

Michael Taggart, Director of Workforce Development, briefed the committee on the EnterpriseOhio 2003 conference to be held November 18-20, 2003 in Columbus. Attending campuses will share ideas on best practices and how to better serve the needs of business and industry.

Dr. Harry Andrist, Director of Research and Graduate Programs, briefed the committee on the Ohio Eminent Scholars program award proposal item. On October 27, 2003 it was announced that Wright State University will receive \$11 million through the Third Frontier Program to establish the Wright Center of Innovation for Advanced Data management and Analysis. The newly established Wright Center will further research activities in the resulting commercialization of new technologies that advance data management solutions.

It is anticipated that the research activities carried out at the new Wright Center will enable the extraction of important and innovative insights from large databases. The proposal brought forth seeks to award Wright State University \$731,250. The committee also agrees that the staff should proceed to issue an RFP for the 2nd eminent scholar chair consistent with the original plan. The commission agrees that competition shall be limited to the three existing Wright Centers in the area of life sciences.

Dr. Andrist also informed the committee about a degree title change at Case Western University in their School of Dental Medicine. The university proposes to change the current title of Doctor of Dental Surgery to the Doctor of Dental Medicine.

The committee reviewed four items that will be acted upon at the January 22, 2004 Board meeting. Xavier University, Lorain County Community

College, Miami University and the University of Cincinnati all met regents standards for their respective requests.

Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel briefed the committee on the University of Cincinnati's request to offer a bachelor's degree in culinary art. This five year program is a joint program between the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

The committee moves items 3.1 – 3.4 for approval to the full consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Reese to approve Agenda Items 3.1 – 3.14 with the exception of Item 3.9, which is deferred until January 22, 2004. The motion was seconded by Regent Brown and unanimously passed.

- 3.1 Hocking Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Educational Paraprofessional
- 3.2 Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, Ohio; Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.3 Myers University, Cleveland, Ohio; Master of Financial Planning Degree Program, Master of Management Degree Program
- 3.4 Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Award
- 3.5 Consideration of release and distribution of FY 2004 State Share of Instruction appropriations from Amended Substitute House Bill 95 of the 125th General Assembly
- 3.6 Consideration of the release and distribution of \$38,179,708 in remaining FY 2004 Success Challenge appropriations from Amended Substitute House Bill 95
- 3.7 Consideration of the release and distribution of \$3,758,182 in FY2004 Job Challenge Higher Skills Incentive Grants from Amended Substitute House Bill 95
- 3.8 Consideration of a request by Columbus State Community College to pledge student fees in support of a \$17,200,000 bond issuance, to be used to finance certain capital projects
- ~~3.9 Consideration of a request by the University of Cincinnati to pledge student fees in support of a \$94,500,000 bond issuance, to be used to finance certain capital projects on campus~~
- 3.10 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between Clark State Community College and the Champaign Family Young Men's Christian Association
- 3.11 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between Clark State Community College and the Tecumseh YMCA Family Center, Inc.
- 3.12 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between Cleveland State University and CAMP, Inc.
- 3.13 Consideration of a request by Southern State Community College to increase the Regents' approved May 22, 2003 pledge of student fees and related bond issuance from \$2,581,000 to an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000 to allow for the creation of a debt service reserve fund

- 3.14 Request to the Controlling Board for the period October 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003

RESOLUTION 2003-32
Agenda Item 3.1

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved for a three-year time period, with continued approval based upon an update on the status of the program:

Hocking Technical College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Educational Paraprofessional

RESOLUTION 2003-33
Agenda Item 3.2

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following institution be reauthorized through December 31, 2013.

Cleveland Institute of Art
Institutional Reauthorization

RESOLUTION 2003-34
Agenda Item 3.3

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree programs be granted Provisional Authorization through December 31, 2006 to coincide with the institution's reauthorization date. Yearly Progress Reports of both programs will be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2004, December 31, 2005, and December 31, 2006. The programs must be reviewed prior to December 31, 2006 to determine Reauthorization.

Myers University, Cleveland, Ohio
Master of Financial Planning Degree Program
Master of Management

RESOLUTION 2003-35
Agenda Item 3.4

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Ohio and the 125th General Assembly of Ohio have supported the establishment of the Ohio Eminent Scholars Program; and

WHEREAS, the 125th General Assembly appropriated \$1,462,500 to be used by the Board of Regents during Fiscal Year 2005 “to establish an Ohio Eminent Scholars Program, the purpose of which is to invest educational resources to address problems that are of vital statewide significance while fostering the growth in eminence of Ohio’s academic programs. Ohio Eminent Scholars endowed chairs will allow Ohio universities to recruit senior faculty members from outside Ohio who are nationally and internationally recognized scholars in areas of science and technology that provide the basic research platforms on which our technology and commercialization efforts are built...”; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s state-assisted colleges and universities and nonprofit Ohio institutions of higher education holding certificates of authorization issued under section 1713.02 of the Revised Code were invited to submit proposals for Ohio Eminent Scholars endowment awards in conjunction with their proposals to the Department of Development for Wright Centers of Innovation; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s state-assisted colleges and universities and nonprofit Ohio institutions of higher education holding certificates of authorization issued under section 1713.02 of the Revised Code responded to the goals of Ohio’s Third Frontier Program as well as the goals of the Ohio Eminent Scholars Program with outstanding proposals for both Wright Centers of Innovation and associated Ohio Eminent Scholars endowment awards; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished scientists on the two review panels convened by The National Academies, after a thorough review of each of the proposals using national standards of scientific excellence, have submitted their funding recommendations to the Director of the Department of Development as Chair of the Third Frontier Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee, that the Ohio Eminent Scholars Program award be made to the academic program and its associated Wright Center of Innovation on the list attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents expresses its gratitude to the Governor and the General Assembly for their vision in ensuring the enhancement of excellence in Ohio’s academic research programs

as well as for enabling faculty and students in Ohio's universities to address problems that are of vital statewide significance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents further extends its sincere compliments to each program that was considered for funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents recognizes with appreciation the valuable contributions of the distinguished scientists who served on the two review panels convened by The National Academies.

OHIO EMINENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM AWARD

November 13, 2003

University	Program	OES Award	Capital Grant
Wright State University	Advanced Data Management and Analysis	\$731,250	Funds not yet available

**RESOLUTION 2003-36
Agenda Item 3.5**

WHEREAS, the state's biennial budget directs the Ohio Board of Regents to distribute higher education appropriations 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, §89.04 of Amended Substitute House Bill 95 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

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the FY 2004 State Share of Instruction allocation, as presented in the attached table and made a part hereof, be approved for distribution.

RESOLUTION 2003-37
Agenda Item 3.6

WHEREAS, the state's biennial budget directs the Ohio Board of Regents to distribute higher education appropriations 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, §89.04 of Amended Substitute House Bill 95 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

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the FY 2004 State Share of Instruction allocation, as presented in the attached table and made a part hereof, be approved for distribution.

RESOLUTION 2003-38
Agenda Item 3.7

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, in this action the Board is requested to consider the release and distribution of the Higher Skills Incentive Grant component of the FY 2004 Jobs Challenge funds appropriated in Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Jobs Challenge appropriations are reserved for member campuses of the EnterpriseOhio Network; and

WHEREAS, the Higher Skills Incentive Grants are distributed according to a formula that recognizes institutional success in supporting economic development through the delivery of noncredit job-related training and instruction to Ohio's workforce and employers.

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 FY 2004 appropriations for Jobs Challenge Higher Skills Incentive Grants, as described in the attached table and made a part hereof, be approved for distribution.

RESOLUTION 2003-39
Agenda Item 3.8

WHEREAS, §89.11 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly requires that any new pledge of student fees to secure bonds or notes of a state college or university must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Columbus State Community College proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$17,200,000 for the purpose of financing certain capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the College has determined that the proposed projects are essential to fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the College Board of Trustees is expected to consider a resolution authorizing this bond issuance at its meeting of November 13, 2003; and

WHEREAS, this proposal complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code sections 3345.07, 3345.11 and 3345.12;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Pending the approval of the Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees, and upon the recommendation of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by Columbus State Community College in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$17,200,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-
Agenda Item 3.9 – DEFERRED UNTIL JANUARY 22, 2004

RESOLUTION 2003-40
Agenda Item 3.10

WHEREAS, the 124th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 675 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$100,000 to Clark State Community College for the Champaign Health and Education Center; 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, Clark State Community College and the Champaign Family Young Men's Christian Association 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 and System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the Joint Use Agreement between Clark State Community College and the Champaign Family Young Men's Christian Association and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-41
Agenda Item 3.11

WHEREAS, the 124th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 675 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$50,000 to Clark State Community College for the Clark Health and Education Center; 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, Clark State Community College and the Tecumseh YMCA Family 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 and System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the Joint Use Agreement between Clark State Community College and the Tecumseh YMCA Family Center, Inc. and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-42
Agenda Item 3.12

WHEREAS, the 124th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 675 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$500,000 to Cleveland State University for the Cleveland Manufacturers Technology Complex; 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, Cleveland State University and CAMP, 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 and System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the Joint Use Agreement between Cleveland State University and CAMP, Inc. and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-43
Agenda Item 3.13

WHEREAS, Section 89.11 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly requires that any new pledge of student fees to secure bonds or notes of a state college or university must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the Southern State Community College District received approval from the Board of Regents on May 22, 2003 to pledge student fees in support of general receipts bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,581,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of a new multi-purpose facility on campus; and

WHEREAS, the College has since discovered the need to increase the total approved by the Regents on May 22, 2003 by an additional \$219,000 in order to establish a debt service reserve fund; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the project approved for Southern State Community College by the Regents on May 22, 2003 by the Regents remains unchanged; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$219,000 in debt will not materially change the financial assessment of Southern State Community College made in the spring of 2002; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bond issuance complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3345.11 and §3345.12;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, contingent upon the approval of the Board of Trustees of Southern State Community College, and upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources and System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the request to amend the May 22, 2003 pledge of fees by Southern Community College in support of general receipts bonds and/or bond anticipation notes to increase the total from \$2,581,000 to an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-44
Agenda Item 3.14

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the request for release of capital improvements funds received in the period October 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS TO THE BOARD

INTRODUCTION

Thank you, Chairman Noe.

THIRD FRONTIER

The question “what now?” seems to be appropriate following the defeat of State Issue 1 by Ohio voters on November 4th. Ohioans’ failure to see the value in a \$500 million bond issue to create high-paying jobs, recruit world-class researchers to Ohio and bring state-of-the-art products to market leaves all of us disappointed. It’s disappointing that we failed to get so many Ohioans to recognize the importance of investing in their own future. It’s equally as disappointing to think about what this says about Ohio in general.

Last week’s reports of the election results accompanied newspaper accounts of Ohio’s “brain drain” of recent college graduates in the late 1990s – according to U.S. Census Bureau data. The sobering statistics should alarm everyone in Ohio.

Media reports on the Census study, however, neglected one crucial point: Ohio’s “brain drain” is not due to losing so many college and university graduates. In fact, we lose slightly under the national average percentage of our bachelor’s degree holders. Ohio’s problem is that not as many students and graduates are coming into Ohio from other states.

While the cupboard is hardly bare with two-thirds of the Third Frontier project still intact – \$1.1 billion in funds – to accelerate and accentuate Ohio’s economy, there’s no question that an additional half a billion dollars would have gone a long way toward creating the kind of “buzz” that we so seriously need to attract creative talent and attract high-tech companies.

But the defeat of Issue 1 isn’t a dead-end. The Governor and Development Director Bruce Johnson have both noted the state’s continuing commitment to invest in high-tech jobs and research, because the state’s has no other choice in order to compete in the Knowledge Economy.

I was pleased to join Director Johnson to speak on this issue and others on the Ohio News Network program Capitol Square, which aired this past weekend.

The message is clear: it’s understandable to be momentarily discouraged. But Ohio’s future economic prosperity and the benefits of changing Ohio’s state of mind about higher education are too important to give up now. We’ve been dealt a new hand and have to play it from here; it’s time to move on.

To that end, OBR continues to work with Ohio’s campuses to raise community awareness of the challenges and opportunities of the Knowledge Economy.

And we are working with our Third Frontier stakeholders to make the best use of the resources we have to maximize impact of the funds the state and Ohio’s businesses are investing.

CONFERENCE CIRCUIT HIGHLIGHTS

I've been out of the office a lot since the last meeting of the Board, attending and contributing to a number of notable education meetings and conferences

I'm gratified that the crucial importance of higher education in the Knowledge Economy is being highlighted by the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy. We all applaud Commission Chairman Dick Pogue's leadership and tireless efforts on behalf of the Commission, and appreciate his meeting with the Regents in the Access and Success Committee meeting this morning.

A national conference in Washington, DC entitled "Double the Numbers," sponsored by Jobs for the Future, highlighted the need – for the future of our nation's economy – to double the number of low income and minority populations' participation and success in postsecondary education.

This need was echoed in the College Board's annual Forum in New York. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education, which desegregated America's schools, the Forum noted that success by these populations is no longer just an issue of social justice, but is also an economic imperative for the future of America.

These conferences confirmed that it is not just Ohio's but America's need to ensure everyone becomes all they can be.

The College Board Forum was also the occasion to announce a report on the knowledge, skills and abilities are required by high school graduates not just to be admitted but to succeed in college.

I brought that report to the attention of Ohio's State Board of Education in our Joint Council meeting yesterday.

We need to consider what refinements or enhancements are needed to the State Board's Academic Content Standards and high school graduation requirements to ensure our kids come to post-secondary education ready to succeed in college.

The new "Standards for Success" begin to address the fundamental issue of what it takes to be an educated person in society today – to be a fully contributing member not only of the economy, but of our communities. This issue of community involvement was the topic of a conference I participated in sponsored by the Kellogg Forum and the Johnson Foundation at Wingspread in Racine, Wisconsin.

Consider the dismal participation of students in elections. Issue 1 would have been swung easily by even a minimal increase in participation of students on Ohio's campuses.

What is our P-16 education system's responsibility for instilling attitudes and habits of civic engagement in our students? And what is the impact on our republic if we do not? Three years ago, The Education Commission of the States announced its campaign for action – Every student and citizen: Creating the democratic self recommends action for elementary and secondary education

A presentation in the “Double the Numbers” conference by Neil Howe points to a strategic opportunity that Ohio's colleges and universities have to lead on this issue and to attract the brains we need from other states and within Ohio to turn brain drain into brain gain.

In studying the cycles of generations of Americans, Howe highlighted the core personality characteristics of what he calls the Millennial Generation – the post-Generation X population born since 1982 ... our current and coming traditional aged college population.

Millennials are fundamentally different from Generation Xers. These are the same archetype of Tom Brokaw's “Greatest Generation” – of engaged civic mindedness.

I'll quote from my notes on Howe's characterization of Millennials and the implications for higher education. Millennials are:

Special - Education reform must be historically ambitious. We must help Millennials realize their world-changing potential, which is their generative destiny.

Sheltered - We will be expected to protect students against any personal harm and any high-risk academic or career outcomes. We are again entering an era of focus on higher education because Millennials are coming of age.

Confident - Play to optimism and never be satisfied with second best individual outcomes. Avoid a “damage control” mentality.

Team oriented - Stress teamwork and core curricula to attain success for all. Leave no child behind.

Conventional - Respect parents, involve mainstream communities, and work with kids. (My observation: engaging and developing the millennial civic mindedness represents a wonderful opportunity for Ohio's campuses to attract responding to millennial core values)

Pressured - We can put extra pressure on this generation if it is to generate practical life solutions and attainable career paths.

Achieving - Tap into their desire to learn, achieve and excel, for the benefit of their communities.

Howe noted the tremendous aspirations held by this new, Millennial Generation. He closed with a quotation from Franklin D. Roosevelt: “We may

not be able to build a better future for our generation, but we can build a better generation for our future.

My summary conclusion from these conferences is that we have the wonderful opportunity to fully develop all four state's human assets. It's an exciting time to be engaged in higher education! (CHEE – concept of college Ohio – apply to create and brand a particularly special of he offered by Ohio's college's and universities.

On that hopeful note, I offer my kudos –

KUDOS

To Cuyahoga Community College for the dedication earlier this month of a \$3 million nursing and health careers center at its Metropolitan campus in downtown Cleveland. The center places nursing students in as close to a real-world atmosphere of a hospital as possible. The center includes a 22-bed simulated hospital unit with a critical care room; a 64-seat classroom; and “Steve” a computer-driven human simulator.

By using Steve, a mannequin who displays the physical characteristics of an adult patient, student can measure his clinical signs, such as breathing, pulse and heart and lung sounds.

Steve also reacts to many medical procedures such as intravenous drugs, CPR, defibrillation, intubations and a catheterization. His disorders include a collapsed lung.

To the Ohio College Access Network for three new OCAN programs designed to help students understand the importance of educational opportunities beyond high school. Announced by Governor Taft in late October, the newest additions to the OCAN network are the Hancock County (Findlay) College Access Network, the Columbus Urban League “Achievement Matters”, and the Springfield Higher Education Partnership.

The Hancock County program, through the Workforce Development Network, intends to ensure that students of all ages are aware of and can take advantage of the training opportunities available.

The Columbus program intends to provide middle and high school students with information, mentoring and academic support to enter and complete post-secondary education.

The Springfield program, which includes the Springfield City Schools, Aid for College Opportunities, Clark State Community College and the Clark County College Tech Prep Consortium, intends to serve as a resource to increase the number of high school students aspiring to post-secondary education and training.

CONCLUSION

Chairman Noe, that concludes my report for this month.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Honorable Bob Taft

Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Award:

“Wright State University Eminent Scholar in Advanced Data Management and Analysis”

This area of study involves the extraction of insight from massive amounts of information contained in large databases associated with commercial, military, and homeland security endeavors.

Governor Bob Taft will make the award presentation.

Accepting the award on behalf of Wright State University will be President Kim Goldenberg

Capital Budget Issues:
“The Problem of Deferred Maintenance”

Mr. Joseph Nolan, Vice President
Administration and Executive Assistant to the President
Cleveland State University

Mr. Donald Brown, Assistant Vice President
Plant Administration
Cleveland State University

Dr. Gary North, Vice President
Administration and Finance
Ohio University

Dr. Sherwood Wilson, Associate Vice President
Administration for Facilities and Auxiliaries
Ohio University

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 22, 2004, at Rio Grande Community College and University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Ohio @ 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date