

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Minutes of the Meeting of November 13, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Beeghly at 10:58 a.m. Regents present were:

PERT Committee members

Bruce R. Beeghly, Chair  
Jeanette G. Brown, Vice Chair  
Edmund J. Adams  
Gerald M. Miller

Other Regents in attendance

Thomas W. Noe  
J. Gilbert Reese  
Ralph E. Schey

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Harry Andrist, Director, Research & Graduate Programs  
David Barber, Consultant, Academic & Access Programs  
Jack Connell, Assistant Director, Academic & Access Programs  
Shane DeGarmo, Administrative Assistant  
Jocelyn Frasier, Assistant Director, Ohio Innovation Alliance  
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations  
Darrell Glenn, Director, Performance Reporting and Analysis  
Catherine Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development  
Harold Horton, Director, HEI  
Jay Johnson, Assistant Director, HEI  
Robert Kerr, Consultant, Workforce Development  
Rich Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance  
Char Rogge, Administrator, Research & Graduate Programs  
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access  
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development  
Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement

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Minutes of the October 16 meeting were unanimously approved by the committee.

**Presentation**

Update on the Third Frontier Network

Al Stutz and Stan Ahalt of the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC) updated the committee on the Third Frontier Network. The network comprises over 1,600 miles of fiber and is the world's largest all fiber network. Currently, all segments of the backbone fiber are finished and the integration of the fiber in Cleveland is complete. Integration and conversion is underway in Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown and integration in Columbus is pending "right of way" approval.

Mr. Ahalt and Stutz reported that the Third Frontier Network is ahead of schedule. Testing of equipment is to be completed by December 15; installation will begin in January; testing of the new backbone will take place January-March; and the conversion to the new backbone will begin in April.

Subsequent meetings between OSC and OBR staff will address implementing policies for network use.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Degree Approval**

Cathy Hill updated the committee on assessing the current viability of degree programs. Currently, OBR staff view the Baldrige Education Criteria for Performance Excellence as a framework for considering the quality, cost, and appropriateness of recently approved degree programs. OBR staff intends to work with chief academic officers and other college/university staff to identify key elements of viable programs and develop performance indicators that could be implemented system-wide to support the need for recommending the continuation of specific degree programs. The degree review team plans to report to the committee in March with their findings.

### **Workforce Development**

Michael Taggart briefed the committee on the November 18-20 EnterpriseOhio 2003 conference. Attending campuses will share ideas on best practices and how to better serve the needs of business and industry.

### **Research**

Dr. Harry Andrist 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 an \$11 million Third Frontier award to establish the Wright Center of Innovation for Data Management and Analysis. The newly established Wright Center will further research activities and 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 awards Wright State University \$731,250.

Additionally, Dr. Andrist and the committee agreed that OBR staff should proceed to issue an RFP for the second eminent scholar chair consistent with the original plan and that competition should be limited to the three existing Wright Centers in the area of life sciences.

### **Information for the Committee**

Case Western Reserve University, Degree Title Change, Doctor of Dental Medicine

Dr. Harry Andrist briefed the committee on Case Western Reserve University's proposal to change the title of its current Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree program to the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD). The proposed title change coincides with the recently approved change in the name of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry to the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine.

In recognition of national changes in dental education from a surgical orientation focusing on the restoration of lost function to a medical orientation emphasizing dental health maintenance, the faculty of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine desire to make this degree title change from the DDS to the DMD degree. Since the university already possesses graduate degree authority for this professional program, the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study (RACGS) does not require a formal program review of their plans. At the RACGS meeting of October 24, 2003 the graduate deans were in complete agreement that the proposed title change should be supported.

#### **November 13, 2003 Board Agenda Items**

- Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Award
- Cleveland Institute of Art, Institutional Reauthorization
- Myers University, Master of Financial Planning, Master of Management
- Hocking Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Educational Paraprofessional

Items 3.1-3.4 was moved to the full board consent agenda.

#### **Tentative Board Agenda Items – January 2004**

- Xavier University, Institutional Reauthorization
- Lorain County Community College, Associate of Arts in Teacher Education
- Miami University, Doctor of Philosophy in Social Gerontology
- University of Cincinnati, Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science in Immunobiology

There were no serious concerns raised in the review process of these programs. The institutions met regents' standards for their respective proposals.

Dr. Jonathan Tafel briefed the committee on the University of Cincinnati's request to offer a bachelor's degree in culinary arts. The 5-year program is a joint program between the university and Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

Students enrolled in the program will complete Cincinnati State's associate degree program in culinary arts and then transfer into the baccalaureate program. OBR staff tentatively plans to submit the proposal for board approval in January. Upon the recommendation of OBR staff, the university has agreed to develop the degree as a Bachelor of Applied Science in Culinary Arts and Science.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 p.m.