

Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
November 10, 2004

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	Gerald M. Miller
Donna M. Alvarado	Thomas W. Noe
Bruce R. Beeghly	J. Gilbert Reese
Jeanette G. Brown	James M. Tuschman

Regent Reese stated “the record reflects that notice of this meeting was 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.”

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

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of minutes of the October 21, 2004 meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents.

A motion was made by Regent Reese to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2004 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Brown and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Access Committee - Regent Alvarado – A presentation about extending higher education to underserved communities in our state was made by President Bonnie Coe, Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) and Cal Roebuck, Development Officer for COTC. COTC established the Coshocton Center to bring post-secondary coursework to Coshocton county residents. Muskingum College is a partner. Currently, 400 students are enrolled in COTC courses and 90 students are enrolled in Muskingum College courses.

To continue the discussion, State Representative Clyde Evans described the need for more educational opportunities in Lawrence County. Representative Evans met with officials from the Ohio University-Southern campus in Ironton, the Joint Vocational School in Lawrence County and the University of Rio Grande to investigate partnerships in which several colleges could offer courses through the local JVS.

Representative Evans said Lawrence County residents are reluctant to enter college campuses. They are not interested in leaving the southern part of Ohio. He urged the Ohio Board of Regent to keep access issues in mind as they develop policies to address underserved areas.

The committee discussed challenges for counties that are not part of service districts or do not have a designated two-year institution serving them. A recommendation was made to form post-secondary advancement boards to address community needs, consider costs, and assess alternative delivery methods. While Ohioans are increasingly eager for higher education, Ohio's reduced state higher education funding makes it difficult to meet the needs. The Warren County model was mentioned by Regent Adams who noted that Warren County did not need to build a community college because existing institutions surrounding the county were willing and able to provide coursework.

Regent Alvarado cautioned that the state's projected budget deficit makes it very challenging to meet CHEE's goal to increase enrollment in higher education by 30% over the next 10 years. She stated that the resolution passed at the October 2004 Ohio Board of Regents meeting was sound and should be followed.

The committee recommended that OBR staff members work with underserved counties to come up with the most cost effective solutions to serve those areas. It was suggested by Regent Miller that communities wanting to develop new community colleges should be willing to pass a levy and contribute to the ongoing funding of new institutions. Regent Alvarado observed that OBR needs to stay engaged with these communities to make sure that their needs are met while still balancing the need to restrain expenditures.

Resources & System Efficiency Committee - Regent Adams - Vice Chancellor Petrick reported that a capital bill is expected by late November 2004. OBM relayed that the amount of the capital bill will be lower than the amount recommended by Regents. The committee discussed revising the administrative rule regarding the reasonable value of capital projects. Such a revision could be effective for the 07-08 capital bill.

A draft version of the performance report will be presented to the Regents in early December. Meetings to review the draft results are scheduled with the Governor's staff in mid December followed by a meeting with the Governor sometime in early January.

The productivity and efficiency survey materials have been sent to campuses. The timeline for reviewing the responses and drafting a final report will be presented at the January 2005 board meeting.

Dan Morissette, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration from the Medical College of Ohio, briefed the committee on a request for approval to pledge student fees in support of a \$50 million bond issuance to finance projects. These projects include an outpatient surgery center, a center for clinical research, and creation of a digital campus environment.

Mike Angelini, Executive Assistant for Finance from the University of Toledo, briefed the committee on a request for approval to pledge fees in support of a \$14 million bond issuance to finance upgrades to the university's central utilities and telecommunications infrastructure. The pledge will also support the acquisition of property which is central to the development of research and technology corridor.

Anthony Barnes, Governmental Affairs Representative from the University of Akron, briefed the committee on a request for consideration of \$100,000 JUA between UA and Weathervane Playhouse. The agreement will provide additional student internships as well as post-graduate employment opportunities. In addition, the playhouse will provide one to three guest lecturers annually.

Controlling board items were recommended for approval by the full board.

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of Items 3.6 – 3.14 for the November consent agenda.

Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee – Regent Beeghly – Jack Connell, Assistant Director for Academic and Access Programs, spoke briefly about Ohio Dominican University's Master of Arts in Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) degree program. The program, partly developed in response to the state's mandate to phase out undergraduate TESOL licensure programs, is a natural extension of the university's mission to meet the increased demand for competent teachers of English as a second language. The review team raised no serious concerns during the review process.

Dr. Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs, spoke briefly about new interdisciplinary programs proposed by Ohio State University and Youngstown State University. The Master of Business Logistics Engineering program proposed by Ohio State University is designed for engineering students, rather than business students, and prepares students for careers in logistics strategy, management of logistics operations, as well as more traditional engineering professions such as facility design.

Youngstown State University proposed three new programs: the Master of Arts in American Studies, Master of Arts in Financial Economics, and Master of Computing and Information Systems. The Master of Arts in American Studies combines coursework with internship opportunities in public humanities programs and will take an interdisciplinary approach using the resources of history, English, education, art, anthropology, sociology, and criminal justice. The Master of Arts in Financial Economics will prepare students for work in the financial sector. Prospective students include those who have a background in economics, statistics, and calculus, but who do not necessarily possess an undergraduate degree in economics. The program includes key core courses from the university's Master of Arts in Economics and Master of Business Administration degree programs and can be completed within two academic

years (one for full-time students). The Master of Computing and Information Systems will focus on the applications of computing and information technologies and will incorporate the core areas of database, networking, and information systems design.

Dr. Garrison Walters, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement, gave a brief presentation on a possible initiative in computational science. Computational Science involves using computers to build and simulate mathematical models of objects and processes to change the way the economy works. Computational science saves time, money and allows companies to be more creative. Currently, there are two essential challenges to using computational science: 1) How to bring small and medium sized businesses into the picture; and 2) How to build the knowledge base so Ohio is a leader? Currently, Regents' staff is working to address these questions and to plan the next stages of the initiative. Subsequent updates will be provided at future committee meetings.

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of Items 3.1 – 3.5 for the November consent agenda.

Nominating Committee – Regent Brown and Miller – The nominating committee put forth the following slate of officers for 2005: Chair, Regent Ed Adams, Vice Chair, Regent Donna Alvarado and Secretary, Bruce Beeghly. Regent Brown put forth the motion that this be approved and was seconded by Regent Tuschman and unanimously passed.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Brown to approve Agenda Items 3.1 –3.14 for the November consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Regent Miller and unanimously passed. Regent Tuschman abstained from voting on Item 3.11.

- 3.1 Jefferson Community College, Associate of Individualized Study
- 3.2 Medical College of Ohio, Occupational Therapy Doctorate
- 3.3 University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and Youngstown State University; Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
- 3.4 Shawnee State University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Digital Simulation and Gaming Engineering Technology
- 3.5 Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, Ohio Master of Arts in Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Degree Program
- 3.6 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between the University of Akron and Case-Barlow Farm
- 3.7 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between the University of Akron and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens
- 3.8 Consideration of a request by the Medical College of Ohio to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$50,000,000
- 3.9 Consideration of release and of distribution of FY 2005 State Share of Instruction appropriations from Amended Substitute House Bill 95 of the 125th General Assembly
- 3.10 Consideration of a request by the University of Cincinnati to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$7,460,267, to be used to finance multiple capital projects

- 3.11 Consideration of a request by the University of Toledo to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$14,000,000
- 3.12 Consideration of a request by Wright State University to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$48,190,000
- 3.13 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between the Ohio Board of Regents and University Hospitals of Cleveland
- 3.14 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period October 1 through October 31, 2004

RESOLUTION 2005-49
Agenda Item 3.1

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee the following new degree program is approved:

Jefferson Community College
Associate of Individualized Study

RESOLUTION 2005-50
Agenda Item 3.2

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 Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved on a provisional basis for a period of four years:

Medical College of Ohio
Occupational Therapy Doctorate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Medical College of Ohio will be requested to report on the general effectiveness of the program in meeting its stated goals, including the ability of program graduates to find employment within the State of Ohio, midway through and, again, at the end of the four-year provisional period.

RESOLUTION 2005-51
Agenda Item 3.3

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 Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new jointly administered graduate degree program is approved:

University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and
Youngstown State University
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

RESOLUTION 2005-52
Agenda Item 3.4

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Shawnee State University
Bachelor of Science in Digital Simulation and Gaming Engineering Technology

RESOLUTION 2005-53
Agenda Item 3.5

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program be authorized through December 31, 2008 with yearly progress reports to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2005 and 2006.

Ohio Dominican University
Master of Arts in Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
Degree Program

RESOLUTION 2005-54
Agenda Item 3.6

WHEREAS, the 125th Ohio General Assembly enacted S.B. 189 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$100,000 to the University of Akron for the Case-Barlow Farm; 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, the University of Akron and Case-Barlow Farm 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 the University of Akron and Case-Barlow Farm and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-55
Agenda Item 3.7

WHEREAS, the 125th Ohio General Assembly enacted S.B. 189 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$500,000 to the University of Akron for the Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens; 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, the University of Akron and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens 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 with the concurrence of the Resources and System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the Joint Use Agreement between the University of Akron and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-56
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, the Medical College of Ohio proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 for the purpose of multiple capital projects on campus; and

WHEREAS, the Medical College of Ohio has determined that the proposed project is essential to fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the College's Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing this bond issuance at its meeting of September 27, 2004; and

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

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by the Medical College of Ohio in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-57
Agenda Item 3.9

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 2005 State Share of Instruction allocation, as presented in the attached table and made a part hereof, be approved for distribution.

RESOLUTION 2005-58
Agenda Item 3.10

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, the University of Cincinnati proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$7,460,267 for the purpose of financing capital projects at the main, Clermont College and Raymond Walters campuses; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined that the proposed project is essential to fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the University's Board of Trustees is expected to consider a resolution authorizing this bond issuance at its meeting of November 10, 2004; and

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

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Contingent upon the approval of the University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees, and upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by the University of Cincinnati in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,460,267 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-59
Agenda Item 3.11

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, the University of Toledo proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000 for the purpose of financing a land acquisition and two capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined that the proposed project is essential to fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the University's Board of Trustees is expected to consider a resolution authorizing this bond issuance at its meeting of October 27, 2004; and

WHEREAS, this proposal complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3345.11 and §3345.12.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Contingent upon the approval of the University of Toledo Board of Trustees, and upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by the University of Toledo in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$14,000,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-60
Agenda Item 3.12

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, Wright State University proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$48,190,000 for the purpose of financing capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined that the proposed project is essential to fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the University's Board of Trustees is expected to consider a resolution authorizing this bond issuance at its meeting of November 19, 2004; and

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

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Contingent upon the approval of Wright State University Board of Trustees, and upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by Wright State University in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$48,190,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-61
Agenda Item 3.13

WHEREAS, the 124th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 675 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$500,000 to the Ohio Board of Regents for the Center for Translational and Applied Genomics Project; 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, the Ohio Board of Regents and University Hospitals of Cleveland 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 the Ohio Board of Regents and University Hospitals of Cleveland and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-62
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, 2004 through October 31, 2004, 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.

LIMITED BRANDS

Thank's to Tom Katzenmeyer, senior VP of investor, media and community relations and to his colleagues Ted Adams and Carey Schmitt for their gracious welcome to the Limited Brands complex and for making our meeting here so pleasant and productive.

On the surface, one would assume a fashion company and a higher education agency would have little in common. But, on the contrary, we do share at least one important trait: our birthday. Like Limited Brands, the Ohio Board of Regents was founded in 1963. A closer look reveals that we also share more common ground: a commitment to the community and improving education.

We applaud your commitment to the community. through the Limited Brands Foundation – created in 1994 – that has awarded more than \$30 million to non-profit organizations. We also applaud your efforts to improve one of your stated “core areas of focus:” education.

In your words: “So much hinges on education: progress, change, understanding and potential.” Well said. But your commitment goes beyond insightful words.

Your support of educational programs – both in time and dollars – have had a major impact and will continue to help spur progress, change, understanding and potential.

Your leadership in – and Les Wexner's personal commitment to – Columbus Reads became a model for Governor Taft's statewide initiative to get volunteers into Ohio's schools statewide to ensure our kids learn to read so they can read to learn.

Your 40-plus years of success from one women's apparel store in Kingsdale Mall in Columbus to more than 3,800 stores today is a great American success story. That you have achieved this success while being recognized by Fortune magazine as the world's most admired specialty retailer, is a particularly notable. Congratulations on your achievements and thanks once again for the opportunity to meet with you and learn more of your success.

NATIONAL ELECTION

Months and months of the spotlight on Ohio as the key state in this election is, thankfully, finally subsiding. While it felt somewhat gratifying to get so much attention, the blanket coverage of the world's media on Ohio carried with it a darker side: Hours of airtime and tank cars of ink were expended telling the world of Ohio's economic woes.

The post-election hangover question is: “Has this incessant global caused irreparable, widespread damage to Ohio's reputation.” Sitting here in the headquarters of one of the world's great marketing companies, I am concerned

about the image our state has in the eyes of workers and employers who would think to locate here and contribute to the growth of Ohio's economy. This unwelcome publicity has presented our state with an even bigger hole to dig out of, in our quest for jobs and students.

ISSUE ONE

This negative impact on our image may have been compounded by the passage of Issue One – the gay marriage amendment. While the impact on Ohio won't be known for a while, I fear there may be unfortunate consequences.

This headquarters facility of Limited Brands is a testament to the importance of innovative, creative workers to business success. In the past two weeks, two consultants who have studied attracting young, creative workers presented their findings in Akron.

Rebecca Ryan was hired by the Akron Chamber of Commerce to look for ways to attract and retain young professionals. Her firm, Next Generation Consulting, found people beginning their careers today tend to first choose a place to live and then to find a job. A location to them, "social capital", is more important than pay and job opportunities. As I've noted in previous meetings, this new millennial generation is turning out very differently than us baby boomers or Generation X.

Richard Florida, author of, "The Rise of the Creative Class," argues that cultivating, attracting and retaining creative people can drive economic growth. He told Akron that communities need to provide a quality of life strong enough to attract young people to their communities and they will find a way to stay.

He says that companies are drawn by the presence of a creative workforce not tax and financial incentives. And the creative class is drawn by the three T's of economic development: technology, talent and tolerance. When those three things come together, creative people are bound to follow.

Issue One seemingly slams one of the Ts head on. If our state and community leaders are to help build jobs and prosperity in our state, they will need to focus squarely on attracting and developing talented, innovative workers.

NATIONAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS

Over the last weekend in October, I was elected to the Board of Trustees of the College Board – the only higher education system head on the Board.

The College Board's mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Each year, the College Board serves more than 3 million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment and teaching and learning. Of course, when we think of the College Board, we think of the SAT.

I agreed to serve as a College Board Trustee in part because of our strategic imperative: to provide every Ohioan with post-secondary educational success throughout their lives.

In my discussions over the past year with the College Board's President Gaston Caperton (the former West Virginia governor), we have been exploring whether the organization can help make a better match between different kinds of learners and the institutions at which they can succeed.

As for the College Board, it is still part of the filtering/sorting system of higher education. For those reasons, we are mutually excited about this relationship and the new challenges we will explore together.

I have also agreed to serve on an advisory committee of the National Academy of Science's National Research Council project to implement the Strategic Education Research Partnership. This partnership is described as "A bold, ambitious plan that proposes a revolutionary program of education research and development. Its purpose is to construct a powerful knowledge base, derived from both research and practice that will support the efforts of teachers, school administrators, colleges of education, and policy officials – with the ultimate goal of significantly improving student learning."

I'm excited about what we develop in this project because the mission speaks to the very fundamental issues of teaching and learning and what makes a difference in improving each. I will have the pleasure of serving on the advisory committee alongside a few governors and Congressmen.

The invitation extended to Ohio to join these national groups – in addition to my serving on the Executive Committee of the Education Commission of the States – once again underscores the thought leadership we are creating at the Board of Regents. Clearly, these additional commitments will generate increased responsibilities and workload, but the work is too important to say no. I look forward to the synergy we might attain in engaging with those from other states on the critical issues facing P-16 education in our country. The return to Ohio might be enormous.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FORUM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

I was pleased to speak to the New Hampshire Forum for Higher Education last month. New Hampshire already has formed in that state what the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy recommended for Ohio: a business alliance on higher education and the economy. I was invited by my counterpart, the chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire because of what he heard was happening in Ohio.

New Hampshire is one-tenth of our size in population and number of students. The state is also like us in that it is composed of several city-states. But unlike Ohio, New Hampshire's city-states work together. I went to find out how they do it.

I confessed that Ohio had not formed an alliance yet. But the issue of striving for universal post-secondary success is common to our states. The question is who's going to be able to tackle this goal and how. In the Knowledge Economy, we are battling to develop a more knowledgeable and highly skilled workforce. To the victors go the spoils – in this case, the spoils are economic and social ones that will dictate the quality of life for our citizens.

KUDOS

To Shawnee State University President Rita Rice Morris who believes in raising the educational aspirations of Ohio's Appalachian residents so much so that she's jumping out of an airplane today. She told the Associated Press that she hopes the feat will demonstrate how easy conquering an obstacle – or perceived fear – can be, and that students should not fear going to college.

To Kenyon College students who stood in line for 10 hours to vote on election day, garnering the attention of the world's media. The massive voter registration effort overwhelmed the nearby Knox County precinct which saw 1,000 voters cast their ballots, 2 ½ times the normal number.

CONCLUSION

Chairman Noe, that concludes my report for this month.

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 27, 2005, at The Reese Center hosted by Central Ohio Technical College and The Ohio State University-Newark campus in Newark, Ohio @ 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date