

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Minutes of the Meeting of December 16, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Tuschman at 11:30 a.m. Regents present were:

PERT Committee members

James M. Tuschman, Chair  
Anthony D. Houston, Vice Chair  
Bruce R. Beeghly  
Walt Reiling

Other Regents in attendance

Jeanette G. Brown  
Jim Patterson

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Jamie Abel, Assistant Director, Communications  
Roderick Chu, Chancellor  
Jack Connell, Assistant Director, Academic & Access Programs  
Shane DeGarmo, Administrator, Program Approval & Tuition Reciprocity  
Kristina Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations  
Darrell Glenn, Director, Performance Reporting  
Rich Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance  
Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement

**December 16 Board Agenda Items**

Regent Tuschman began the meeting by introducing University of Toledo (UT) President Dan Johnson, Medical University of Ohio (MUO) President Lloyd Jacobs, UT Chairman of the Board Dan Brennan, and special counsel to the Attorney General's office Jim Gross and Mary Ann Jorgenson.

*Item 1: Establishment of the Ralph Regula School of Computational Science*

Dr. Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement, briefed the committee on the proposal to establish the Ralph Regula School of Computational Science.

Computational science, the field of study that focuses on using sophisticated computer models and simulations to solve challenging scientific and engineering problems, has the potential to transform Ohio's economy as business and industry learn to employ powerful computational tools to develop new products, processes, and services.

As the power of simulation and modeling moves from a few large businesses to smaller and medium-sized organizations, the Ralph Regula School of Computational Science will take the lead in meeting the need for skilled personnel (the Ohio Supercomputer

Center is working on the related issues of software tools and availability of high end computers).

The Ralph Regula School will not offer degrees or certificates on its own—in all cases this will be done by participating colleges and universities. Instead, it will tap the expertise of Ohio’s colleges and universities:

- to develop and maintain curricula for degree programs and certificates;
- to assist (with the help of the Ohio Learning Network) in using technology to deliver courses and programs in the most convenient and effective way for students;
- to ensure that the flow of knowledge is two-way, so that insights gained from the workplace enter the curriculum as quickly as possible; and
- to support innovative ideas for strengthening program effectiveness, such as a Computational Co-Op program that would make it easier for students to work directly with business and industry while actively pursuing a degree.

The final organizational structure of the Ralph Regula School of Computational Science will be determined as participants work together over the coming months. It is expected, however, that the school will have its administrative home at the Ohio Supercomputer Center and that it will work closely with the Ohio Learning Network. Regents' staff will have a very active role in the planning and development stages and update the Board with regular reports.

Regent Tuschman read the resolution to approve the establishment of the school and the Committee unanimously approved the resolution to be moved to the board consent agenda.

*Item 2: Consideration of the merger of the University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio and the establishment of an institution of higher education in Ohio*

Regent Tuschman praised the efforts of UT and MUO Presidents Dan Johnson and Lloyd Jacobs for their leadership, vision, and dedication for the merger of their respective institutions.

The proposed merger will benefit the community, region and state; attract and retain quality students and faculty; generate research dollars; and eliminate unnecessary duplication of programs.

Presidents Johnson and Jacobs and Chancellor Chu each spoke about the proposed merger and all praised the efforts of the institutions.

Regent Tuschman read the resolution to approve the merger of the two institutions and the Committee unanimously approved the resolution to be moved to the board consent agenda. Regent Tuschman added that the two presidents signed a memorandum of understanding earlier in the day.

*Item 3: Consideration of an administrative rule to impose fees for the certificate of authorization process*

Vice Chancellor Walters briefed the committee on the proposed fee structure to impose fees on the certificate of authorization process.

Amended House Bill 66 of the 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly included a proposed fee structure to reimburse the Ohio Board of Regents for reasonable costs and expenses related to requests for authorization by private/independent institutions, and all out-of-state institutions. With the enactment of Amended House Bill 66, the proposed fee structure became permanent law. The next step in implementing a fee structure is to adopt a new administrative rule that describes and provides notice of the amount of the new fees.

The resolution was submitted in order to file the proposed rule with JCARR. Due to the nature of the discussions surrounding this issue, Regents' staff will continue discussing possible changes to the rule. Elements of the rule can change within thirty days after the initial filing of the rule. Regents' staff will update the Committee at the January PERT meeting.

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution to be moved to the board consent agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.