

Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
November 10, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Edmund J. Adams.

The roll was called by Regent Bruce R. Beeghly. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	James F. Patterson
Donna M. Alvarado	Walter A. Reiling, Jr.
Bruce R. Beeghly	Jerome F. Tatar
Jeanette G. Brown	James M. Tuschman
Anthony D. Houston	

Regent Beeghly stated “the record reflects that notice of this meeting was given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents’ Ohio Administrative Code § 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.)

Added Item No. 3.18 Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Doctor of Pharmacy program by the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee to the November consent agenda.

A motion was made by Regent Tuschman to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2005 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Houston and passed unanimously.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Nominating Committee – Chair Regent Tuschman - Members – Regents Houston and Tatar. The Nominating Committee conferred and believes the leadership team is doing an outstanding job in the governance of the Ohio Board of Regents and agreed the board is going in the direction that is appropriate. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we unanimously propose the following slate of officers for 2006:

Chairman – Edmund J. Adams
Vice Chairman – Donna M. Alvarado
Secretary – Bruce R. Beeghly

A motion was made by Regent Tuschman to approve the officers for 2006. The motion was seconded by Regent Jenny Brown and passed unanimously.

Access Committee – Regent Alvarado – The committee discussed adults who have who have not chosen to attend or to complete a college degree. Representatives from TRIAD Group presented the results of interviews with focus groups consisting of adult Ohioans who had not completed college. This research was a recommendation of SASCCO’s marketing consultation to conduct comprehensive market research on increasing college participation, focusing on the adult population as the target audience. The research also focuses on what messages will be most effective to communicate to Ohioians who need additional post-secondary education in order to improve their economic status and to provide a quality of life that make sense to them. Seven focus groups were interviewed. All areas of Ohio were represented – urban, rural and suburban. Results were relatively uniform across these groups.

The findings showed that most respondents believe the K-12 and higher education systems signaled early on that college was not for them. When they fell behind in school little or no efforts to improve their performance were provided by either K-12 or higher education systems. In addition, the cost of college seemed to be overwhelming and beyond their reach. Once they became adults their lives had taken its course and now they face such as family responsibilities and job responsibilities.

The next steps are:

1. SASCCO will continue its marketing program development efforts.
2. The new “P-16” council, the Partnership for Continued Learning, will work on improving the transition from high school to college.
3. The Governor’s Workforce Policy Board will work to improve career counseling opportunities.
4. The Higher Learning Accountability and Performance Planning Committee chaired by Steve Kopp, which is charged with developing ways that Ohio can improve accountability and student success, can also use these results in its work.

Associate Vice Chancellor Deborah Gavlik reported on the recent Lumina Foundation conference on controlling college costs. Ideas from the conference will be considered by this committee to determine whether such ideas may work in Ohio.

Resources & System Efficiency Committee - Regent Beeghly – The committee was briefed by Dr. Darrell Glenn, Director of Performance Reporting, who shared enrollment trend data and net tuition. From fall 2003 to fall 2004, Ohio’s enrollment growth was roughly comparable to the growth experienced in neighboring states. While Ohio’s enrollment growth has been slower than the national rate, this lower growth is caused by Ohio’s slower rate of population growth when compared to the nation.

Dr. Glenn noted that the average grant aid for Ohio resident students attending public institutions is about 42% of gross tuition. In the future, staff plans to provide additional data on net tuition and student indebtedness in order to better understand what students actually experience.

Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick updated the Committee on the activities of the various Councils and Committees currently reviewing Ohio's system of higher education. Active groups are the SSI Consultation, BAHEE, PCL, HELC, Out of the Box, Taxonomy and HEFSC.

Vice Chancellor Petrick also provided a status report on the higher education capital requests for FY 2007-08. He noted that the capital bill will not be introduced until next fall. Several campuses requested funding for special projects beyond their capital allocations. The formula has no mechanism for funding such requests, although campuses are permitted to exceed their capital allocation provided they accept reductions to their future State Share of Instruction allocations. Only a few requests have been processed and for fairly nominal amounts. Campuses that wish to shift funds from one project to another after appropriations have been made must seek Controlling Board approval. The committee will take up the capital budget in January 2006 and provide specific recommendations that better reflect the campus need.

The Controlling Board items for November were recommended for approval by the full board. The committee reviewed and recommended approval of items 3.12 through 3.17 for the November consent agenda.

Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee – Regent Tuschman – The committee was briefed by Jack Connell, Assistant Director for Academic & Access Programs, on three undergraduate proposals from Baker College of Flint, Michigan. The committee learned that Baker College is requesting authorization to deliver programming to the Ford Motor Company's engine plant in Cleveland. The College has existing contracts with Ford to provide selective and work related programming to its workers, and the proposed programming is geared to those workers in need of degree completion work as well as those enrolling in higher education coursework for the first time. There is a possibility that this Michigan educational institution may consider requesting authorization to deliver the same programming to other Ford plants throughout the state in the future.

Vice Chancellor Garry Walters discussed with the committee the proposed Northeastern Universities College of Medicine's (NEOUCOM) Doctor of Pharmacy program. The program came under review at the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study, Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, and Medical University of Ohio objected to creation of this program. The committee discussed those objections and staff conducted further review. Concerns and questions about the long-term need for pharmacists was explored extensively. Staff concluded that this program was needed.

The committee entertained discussion on the NEOUCOM Pharmacy proposal from the audience. No objections were raised by members of the audience. The resolution was revised by Regent Tuschman based on board and staff input. The committee recommended that the program be approved on a provisional basis for a period of six years, which is the graduation date of the first class 2011. NEOUCOM shall report at the end of that provisional basis on the effectiveness of the program. This proposal was moved to the consent agenda as Resolution 3.18.

Dr. Harry Andrist, Director, Graduate & Research Programs, briefed the committee on a proposal from the University of Cincinnati concerning Master of Science in Statistics degree program. No concerns were raised in the review and the proposal was recommended to be moved to the January board consent agenda.

Jack Connell and Vice Chancellor Kris Frost provided the committee with a proposed administrative rule to implement the mandates of §1713.03 of the Revised Code regarding a fee structure to cover operational costs related to institutional requests for authorization and requests for new degree programs. The committee was advised of the rationale for the fee structure and the process for creating a new administrative rule to establish the fee structure. The committee entertained comments from the audience and noted that the concerns raised by AICUO would be taken under consideration.

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of items 3.1 through 3.8 and 3.18 for the November consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Alvarado to approve Agenda Items 3.1 –3.18 for the November consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Regent Beeghly and unanimously passed. Regent Brown excused herself from voting on items 3.2 and 3.16.

- 3.1 Antioch University, Yellow Springs, Ohio; Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership & Change degree program
- 3.2 Cleveland State University, Bachelor of Arts in Criminology
- 3.3 Hocking Technical College, Associate of Applied Business degree in American Craft Design and Marketing
- 3.4 Oberlin College, Master of Education degree program (Graduate Teacher Education Program)
- 3.5 Stark State College of Technology, Associate of Applied Science degree in Cyber Security and Computer Forensics Technology
- 3.6 University of Cincinnati, Bachelor of Science in Facilities and Hospitality Management
- 3.7 Wright State University, Bachelor of Science in Sign Language Interpreter
- 3.8 Wright State University, Master of Arts in International and Comparative Politics
- 3.9 Baker College, Flint, Michigan; Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology, to be delivered to Cleveland, Ohio
- 3.10 Baker College, Flint, Michigan; Bachelor of Business Leadership, to be delivered to Cleveland, Ohio
- 3.11 Baker College, Flint, Michigan; Bachelor of Industrial Technology, to be delivered to Cleveland, Ohio
- 3.12 Consideration of a First Addendum to the Joint Use Agreement between the Ohio Board of Regents and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- 3.13 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between the University of Cincinnati and the City of Cincinnati
- 3.14 Consideration of release and of distribution of FY 2006 State Share of Instruction appropriations from Amended Substitute House Bill 66 of the 126th General Assembly

- 3.15 Consideration of a First Addendum to the Joint Use Agreement between Wright State University and the Development Research Corporation
- 3.16 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between the University of Cincinnati and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- 3.17 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period October 1, 2005 through October 30, 2005
- 3.18 Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Doctor of Pharmacy

RESOLUTION 2005-52
Agenda Item 3.1

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 granted Provisional Authorization for the Ph.D. in Leadership & Change degree program through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007. A follow-up review will occur prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Antioch University
Ph.D. in Leadership & Change

RESOLUTION 2005-53
Agenda Item 3.2

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:

Cleveland State University
Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

RESOLUTION 2005-54
Agenda Item 3.3

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:

Hocking Technical College
Associate of Applied Business degree in American Craft Design and Marketing

RESOLUTION 2005-55
Agenda Item 3.4

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 granted Provisional Authorization for the Master of Education (Graduate Teacher Education Program) through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2006 and 2007. A follow-up review will be conducted prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Oberlin College
Master of Education (Graduate Teacher Education Program)

RESOLUTION 2005-56
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 new degree program is approved:

Stark State College of Technology
Associate of Applied Science degree in
Cyber Security and Computer Forensics Technology

RESOLUTION 2005-57
Agenda Item 3.6

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:

University of Cincinnati
Bachelor of Science in Facilities and Hospitality Management

RESOLUTION 2005-58
Agenda Item 3.7

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:

Wright State University
Bachelor of Science in Sign Language Interpreter

RESOLUTION 2005-59
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 Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Wright State University
Master of Arts in International and Comparative Politics

RESOLUTION 2005-60
Agenda Item 3.9

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 program be granted provisional authorization through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007. A follow-up review will be conducted prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Baker College
Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology
To be delivered to Cleveland, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2005-61
Agenda Item 3.10

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 program be granted authorization through December 31, 2011, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Baker College
Bachelor of Business Leadership
To be delivered to Cleveland, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2005-62
Agenda Item 3.11

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 program be granted provisional authorization through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007. A follow-up review will be conducted prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Baker College
Bachelor of Industrial Technology
To be delivered to Cleveland, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2005-63
Agenda Item 3.12

WHEREAS, the 126th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 16 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Ohio Board of Regents for the Cleveland Clinic Heart Center Infrastructure 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 Cleveland Clinic Foundation has requested a first addendum to 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; and

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 the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, as amended by the First Addendum to the Joint Use Agreement, and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-64
Agenda Item 3.13

WHEREAS, the 126th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 16 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$2,500,000 to the University of Cincinnati for Cinergy Convention 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, the University of Cincinnati and the City of Cincinnati 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; and

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 Cincinnati and the City of Cincinnati; and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-65
Agenda Item 3.14

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, §209.63.57 of Amended Substitute House Bill 66 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 State Share of Instruction allocation approved by the Board of Regents on October 21, 2005, has been revised to reflect three adjustments described herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the FY 2006 State Share of Instruction allocation, as revised and corrected as presented in the attached tables and made a part hereof, be approved for distribution.

RESOLUTION 2005-66
Agenda Item 3.15

WHEREAS, the 125th Ohio General Assembly enacted S.B. 189 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$54,360,000 to the Ohio Board of Regents for the Third Frontier Project; and

WHEREAS, the 126th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 16 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$50,000,000 to the Ohio Board of Regents for the Third Frontier Project; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.07, Third Frontier Project, in S.B. 189 and Section 23.06, Third Frontier, in H.B. 16 specifies the funds shall be used to make grants awarded on a competitive basis, and shall be administered by the Third Frontier Commission; and

WHEREAS, a Wright Project award to Wright State University was ratified by the Third Frontier Commission at its meeting on December 3, 2004 in the amount of \$2,238,000; and

WHEREAS, the Wright Project award was transferred and appropriated to Wright State University by the Ohio Board of Regents on February 28th, 2005; 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, Wright State University has requested a first addendum to 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 Systems Efficiency Committee of the Ohio

Board of Regents, that the Joint Use Agreement between Wright State University and the Development Research Corporation as amended by the First Addendum to the Joint Use Agreement; and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-67
Agenda Item 3.16

WHEREAS, the 125th Ohio General Assembly enacted S.B. 189 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$54,360,000 to the Ohio Board of Regents for the Third Frontier Project; and

WHEREAS, the 126th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 16 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$50,000,000 to the Ohio Board of Regents for the Third Frontier Project; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.07, Third Frontier Project, in S.B. 189 and Section 23.06, Third Frontier, in H.B. 16 specifies the funds shall be used to make grants awarded on a competitive basis, and shall be administered by the Third Frontier Commission; and

WHEREAS, a Wright Project award to the University of Cincinnati was ratified by the Third Frontier Commission at its meeting on May 10, 2005 in the amount of \$15,000,000; 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 Cincinnati and Cleveland Clinic Foundation 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 Systems Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the Joint Use Agreement between University of Cincinnati and Cleveland Clinic Foundation; and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-68
Agenda Item 3.17

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, 2005 through October 30, 2005, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

RESOLUTION 2005-69
Agenda Item 3.18

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 degree program is approved on a provisional basis for a period of six years (to the graduation of the first class in 2011):

Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine
Doctor of Pharmacy

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine will be required to report at the end of the provisional period on the effectiveness of the program in meeting its stated goals, including regional need as defined particularly by the source of students and location of clinical placements, as well as the ability of program graduates to find employment within the State of Ohio.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS TO THE BOARD

INTRODUCTION

Thank you, Chairman Adams.

PARKER HANNIFIN

It's a pleasure to visit the world headquarters of Parker Hannifin, one of Ohio's Fortune 500 companies (No. 298 on 2005 list), and to learn a little more about the motion-control equipment, industrial products and aerospace components they make. We are always eager to learn about the tremendous business assets the State of Ohio possesses, especially considering that a story from a March edition of The Plain Dealer described Parker Hannifin in this way: "The company's components are on nearly everything that moves, from amusement park rides to factory robots to airliners."

Besides, it's fitting for us to hold a meeting here. As we sometimes speak on behalf of Ohio's higher education community, I have a few thank you's to pass along to our host corporation.

Thanks to Parker Hannifin for your involvement in the Ohio Aerospace Institute, the private nonprofit consortium of education, industry and government partners that supports collaborative efforts to build Ohio's aerospace economy. OAI is an initiative created by the Ohio Board of Regents some 16 years ago. Parker Hannifin has been a major contributor and partner with OAI over the years and helps train the next aerospace pioneers through two OAI intern positions.

Thanks to Parker Hannifin for your involvement and partnership with several of Ohio's colleges and universities through two Third Frontier Project Wright Centers: the Ohio Center for Advanced Propulsion and Power and the Wright Fuel Cell Group.

And thanks to Parker Hannifin for your involvement in promoting the Third Frontier Network, the nation's leading statewide, advanced fiber-optic network dedicated to education, research and economic development. We featured Pete Buca, vice president for innovation and technology, as one of the stars of our video clips that explain the value of the network in advancing the rate of learning through access to high performance computing.

The world is recognizing the undeniable link between higher education and the economy. As evidenced by just these few examples, it's clear to us that Parker Hannifin not only understands this connection but also continues to build on this belief.

I want to thank Pete Buca and his wife, Diane Sadowski, for joining the Regents and my staff last evening for dinner. Pete, I would like to present this token of our appreciation for hosting our meetings here in Cleveland and our thanks to Cindy Gressley for her hard work in making our meeting here so pleasant and successful.

ENDING POVERTY

The economy was also the centerpiece of a recent talk I heard at the College Board Forum. Professor Jeffery D. Sachs, author of "The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time," reminded thousands of Forum attendees of the promise and responsibility of education as we work passionately to improve the quality of life.

Dr. Sachs is director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, Director of the U.N. Millennium Project, special adviser to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals and current and past economic adviser to U.S. presidents and several foreign countries.

Just as Thomas Friedman brought home the bigger world in the context of global competitiveness, Dr. Sachs brought home the bigger world in terms of declaring that the issue of extreme global poverty – where 1.1 billion people are starving everyday – is a problem that can be solved – and within 20 years..

He made a compelling argument that seven-tenths of 1 percent of the developed world's GNP would end this suffering. I was struck by his passion throughout this moving and thought-provoking presentation.

This cool-headed economist who has advised presidents from both sides of the aisle challenged the College Board, the higher education community and the United States to ask what are we all about? Isn't this a cause worth taking up?

As we try to get Ohioans out of their local shells to consider our place in a globally competitive world, it's useful to remind ourselves that solving poverty serves our own interest.

- 1) We're concerned with a potential massive pandemic of avian flu which will start in and spread quickly from the poor populations of the world to us all.
- 2) Those of us who have more, must tackle this issue for our own sake.

Discussions like these make me feel so fortunate to serve on national leadership posts. They help put in to context what we're doing at the Regents and what we might be doing.

MIDWESTERN EDUCATION TO WORKFORCE POLICY SUMMIT

At another globally focused gathering two weeks ago, government, education and business leaders assembled from all over the Midwest to hear from experts about the changing demographics of our region and the policy challenges presented by a global, knowledge-based economy which calls for an educated, highly skilled and creative workforce

Regent's Vice Chair Donna Alvarado, who's also chair of the Governor's Workforce Policy Board, and Michael Taggart, director of Workforce Development at the Regents, participated in the Midwestern Education to Workforce Policy Summit convened by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, the Midwestern Legislative Conference, and the Midwestern Governor's Association.

A common concern among those attending was that most citizens have yet to fully understand and act upon the reality that their future employability, job security, and standard of living is dependent on higher levels of their knowledge and skill attainment.

Three quotes stood out amidst all the information presented at the conference. They included:

- 1) Former Assistant U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert T. Jones, who said, “The most inescapable challenge facing the American workforce in the coming 20 years is that, barring substantial change, we will not have enough people to fill (our workforce needs).”
- 2) A 2005 report from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) notes: “The developing nations are younger, increasingly literate, and experiencing growth in primary, secondary and higher education as well as Gross Domestic Product.”
- 3) And a Sept. 6, 2005 article from The New York Times that warns: “The United States can still prosper in a world where its labor costs are higher than the competition’s, but it cannot do that if the cheaper workers abroad are also better educated.”

In short, the world is catching up and there’s a premium on education.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS EFFORT

Another vitally important improvement effort, albeit on a more local scale, kicked off in late October.

I was invited to participate in a meeting to unveil “College Prep 101”, a partnership among the Columbus Public Schools, local colleges and universities and I Know I Can to prepare students for college, develop high-quality teachers to inspire them and help with financial aid and other tools for their success.

Superintendent Harris has put forth a bold commitment to achieve a 90 percent high school graduation rate by 2012 for Columbus students.

College Prep 101 will help achieve that goal by making classes more rigorous, increasing the number of students taking college-entrance exams, eliminating grade inflation and improving the ability of teachers to describe what colleges expect of incoming students.

I was pleased to offer the Regents’ support in this effort to Columbus Superintendent Gene Harris, I Know I can President Teckie Shackelford, the other community and school leaders and higher education presidents.

I pledged our help in linking Columbus school data on their students to our higher education student data so the Columbus schools can determine how their students perform in college – providing a crucial performance reporting element envisioned in the College Prep 101 plan.

ISSUE ONE

With Tuesday’s election, Ohio voters approved remaining \$500 million piece of Governor’s Taft’s Third Frontier Project.

Rolled into the \$2 billion Issue One with money for infrastructure improvements for roads and bridges and for business-site development, the \$500 million bond issue funds the creation and commercialization of new ideas that come out of university/industry partnerships.

The issue passed statewide by a margin of 54 percent (54.06% or 1,488,292 votes) to 46 percent (45.94% or 1,264,809 votes).

You'll recall that the standalone high-tech research bond issue was voted down at the polls two years ago by less than 1 percentage point.

FAREWELL

This part of my remarks is usually devoted to welcoming new higher education colleagues or new staff members to the Board of Regents. I have the sad task today of noting a staff member's departure. Harold Horton, director of our Higher Education Information system, is leaving the Regents for a lucrative opportunity in the private sector.

Harold's leadership over his nearly 7 years at the Regents has been absolutely critical to the successful implementation and expansion of HEI, which many regard as among the best higher education systems in the nation.

Harold leaves behind a legacy that includes a talented and dedicated group of assistant directors, well-trained veteran programmers and analysts, strong and productive relationships with campus colleagues and other stakeholders and constituencies and the immense respect and awe of all his colleagues at the Ohio Board of Regents.

We wish Harold well as he begins his new career in the private sector with a competitor of my former firm..

KUDOS

To Parker Hannifin for the springtime gift of \$4 million for Cleveland State University to support student scholarships and building improvements. The donation included \$3 million to endow a scholarship fund for undergraduate and graduate students at CSU's Fenn College of Engineering. The remaining \$1 million created an endowment for improvement and maintenance of two buildings – a renovated home for CSU's graduate college and a new administration center.

To Meg Galvin, a faculty member at the Midwest Culinary Institute at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College for being awarded the title of World Master Chef from the World Master Chef Society. She becomes one of only 13 women in the world to hold the title. The title requires years of experience as a top chef, verifiable work experience as an executive chef and having been published.

And to the Mathematics and Science Education Policy Advisory Council

which will convene for the first time on November 21st. Led by co-chairs Dr. Karen Holbrook, president of the Ohio State University, and Dr. Julian Earls, director of the NASA Glenn Research Center, the council is charged with developing findings and making policy recommendations to the governor, chancellor, Regents and State Superintendent about needed improvements for math and science in the P-16 system.

CONCLUSION

I'll close my remarks with a final sad note: NEOUCOM President Lois Nora's husband Keith passed away unexpectedly this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lois, their two daughters, and the entire NEOUCOM community.

Chairman Adams, 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 19, 2006, at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio @ 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date