

**Resources & System Efficiency Committee  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Minutes of the Meeting of November 16, 2006**

The meeting of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents was held at the Ohio Board of Regents offices in Columbus, Ohio. In attendance were the following:

Committee members:

Bruce Beeghly, Committee Chair  
Jerome Tatar, Vice Chair  
Donna Alvarado  
James Tuschman

Other Board members in attendance:

Edmund Adams  
Jeanette G. Brown  
Anthony Houston  
James Patterson  
Walter A. Reiling  
E. Garrison Walters, Interim Chancellor

The meeting was called to order by Regent Beeghly and the minutes of the October 2006 Committee meeting were approved without objection.

**Reports and Updates**

Darrell Glenn updated the committee on the upcoming Performance Report which is scheduled for formal release at the January board meeting. Enhancements to this year's report include a more comprehensive six-year graduation rate that takes into account associate degree completion as well as continued enrollment. While higher education is often criticized for low graduation rates, Darrell noted 73% of the first-time, full-time, bachelor's degree-seeking students in the 1999 cohort had either earned an associate or a bachelor's degree or were still enrolled in college. In addition, those still enrolled after six years had obtained nearly three-fourths of the credits required for a bachelor's degree. This year's Performance Report expands on degree production per capita to include rates by degree level. Ohio lags the nation in associate degrees per capita, but exceeds the nation in bachelor's degree per capita. Regent Tuschman asked which are the primary factors that contribute to a non-seamless transfer process. Regent Brown noted that the quarter/semester issue is one factor that affects the transfer of credits. For future reports, the regents suggested the following:

- Year-to-year comparison of starting salaries of graduates
- Trends in levels of student debt
- Changes in minority enrollment over time

**Old Business**

The following items were reviewed and recommended for this month's board consent agenda:

- The release and distribution of the final FY 2007 State Share of Instruction allocations
- A request from the University of Cincinnati to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$37,301,944
- A \$2.75 million Joint Use Agreement between the Ohio Board of Regents, the Youngstown Central Area Community Improvement Corporation, and the Youngstown Edison Incubator Corporation
- A \$25,000 Joint Use Agreement between Wright State University and the Glen Helen Ecology Institute
- A \$250,000 Joint Use Agreement between Rio Grande Community College and the University of Rio Grande
- A request from the University of Toledo to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$63.1 million. Dan Morissette, of the University of Toledo, noted that the request replaces an earlier \$52 million request approved in May, 2006. A few minor modifications have been made related to the issuance. Mr. Morissette added that the merger between the University of Toledo and Medical University of Ohio is proceeding very well.

### **New Business**

Bruce Guiot, of Miami University, briefed the committee on a request from Miami University to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$87.6 million, noting that the bond funds will be used to finance construction of a new School of Business building in addition to the renovation of existing campus buildings. He noted that Miami's SB6 financial ratios would remain within the acceptable range. The item will be considered at the January meeting of the Resources and System Efficiency Committee.

Controlling Board items for October of 2006 were recommended for Board approval.

The meeting was adjourned by Regent Beeghly.