

Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
Columbus, Ohio
June 21, 2001

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jeanette Grasselli Brown.

The roll was called by the Secretary, Gerald H. Gordon. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	Thomas W. Noe
Jeanette G. Brown	J. Gilbert Reese
Gerald H. Gordon	Ralph E. Schey
Tahlman Krumm, Jr.	Rep. Jamie Callender
Gerald M. Miller	

Regent Gordon stated "the record should show that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents' Rule 3333-1-14, which rule itself was adopted in accordance with Section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code and of the State Administrative Procedures Act."

Regent Brown introduced Floyd Nickerson who has been appointed by the Governor, pending Senate confirmation, as the new Regent to the Board. Mr. Nickerson is a employee of American Electric Power and a Columbus resident now with his new job as President of AEP for Ohio. He comes to us from Texas where he was in charge of human relations and some of the operating facilities of AEP. He also served on the Board of Regents as part of the Texas system.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2001

A motion was made by Regent Noe to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2001, meeting of the Board. Regent Reese seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Communications Committee - Regent Miller: Vice Chancellor Mackey presented an overview of his perspective of the legislative outlook. He focused primarily on the impact of term limits and how the dynamics of committee structures change and the responsibility we have to develop new strategies to address that change. He suggested that perhaps the Higher Education Funding Commission begin its meetings on the budget earlier and engage the Governor and members of the General Assembly earlier as well so they will be well educated about the issues relating to higher education and its relationship to the economy. The leadership must buy into our message and be part of it.

Vice Chancellor Mackey also suggested that in the upcoming years we again engage the gubernatorial candidates on issues of concern to higher education. The higher education coalition, made up of two- and four-year public and private colleges and universities must stay united to deliver a coordinated message and we must develop a stronger grassroots strategy involving the presidents, trustees, faculty, alumni, students and parents. There are also issues related to restructuring the committee process in the Legislature that would enhance our efforts to put forth higher education's mission before the public.

Several people in the meeting expressed appreciation of Earl's overview and his four years of service to the Board, and I would like to add my appreciation for that, Earl. I think that the words you left with us are really a framework for our marching orders to move forward as it relates to communications with the legislature and the administrative branch.

Mike Brown, Director of Communications, updated the Committee on the communications efforts of the Board of Regents. In particular, he mentioned a conversation he had with the Youngstown Vindicator Editorial Board. The newspaper discussed a meeting they had with Brian Hicks, the Governor's Chief-of-Staff, in trying to put together a series of statewide forums to discuss Ohio's economic status and that higher education should be a part of these discussions. The whole connection between economic development and higher education is very apparent to the people in this room, but it certainly isn't apparent to the people of Ohio and necessarily to our legislators.

Mike Brown mentioned that the statewide media marketing communications plan is a work in progress and we will see another version of that at the next meeting.

Resources Committee – Regent Schey: The Resources Committee recommends four items for today's consent agenda: Release and distribution of \$3.1 million of a \$10.1 million appropriation for FY 2002 Jobs Challenge; Lease of Youngstown State University land to construct a dormitory; a Joint Use Agreement between Wright State University and Miamisburg Mount Community Improvement Corporation; and Controlling Board items.

Initiatives Committee – Regent Krumm: The Committee reviewed and recommended Board approval of the seven items on today's agenda. Nine items for July's meeting were reviewed and approved by the Committee.

Harry Andrist, Director of Research and Graduate Programs, updated the committee on Incentive Grant Fund Programs, Research Challenge, Ohio Eminent Scholars, the Hayes Investment Fund, and the Action Fund, all of which are in process.

Jane Fullerton, Director of Education Initiatives and Grant Development, reported on teacher quality initiatives and mentioned that the deans of some of the colleges of arts and sciences and education deans met to talk about necessary curricular changes.

Michael Taggart, Director of Workforce Development, introduced Matt Stencil, Skills Max Program Coordinator, Lorain County Community College, who presented “Skills Max”, which is an innovative public-private partnership designed essentially to provide decision support for career training and hiring and career direction for both employees and employers. This will be rolled-out at ten sites within the fiscal year. It provides an infrastructure in which employers and employees alike can be sure of what they want and what they are getting. We have asked the Skills Max team to return in January 2002 to talk to us about initial findings. By then we should have some preliminary data on Skills Max. This is a tremendously exciting program and we look forward to their return in January for a presentation to the entire Board.

Performance Committee – Regent Adams: Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan provided a report on the Financial Aid Study and distributed a list of the nominated individuals to that study. The list is in process and not yet fully complete. Dr. Sheehan reviewed data on employment outcomes for OIG recipients. The outcomes show a strong correlation between starting salaries and departure from OIG eligibility, again establishing the value of higher education. Dr. Sheehan also provided an update on the Performance Report Consultation, describing draft themes to be covered in Year 2 of the Performance Report.

The committee discussed the report on deregulation of Higher Education in Ohio, concentrating on the input received from campuses. The staff had proposed a number of revisions to the report based on input from campuses. Our Committee requested that the staff incorporate those revisions in a next draft and place the revised report on the July Board agenda for approval.

Evaluation Committee – Regent Noe: Personnel action items on today’s agenda are recommended for approval.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Krumm to approve agenda items 3.1 through 3.11, and 3.13. Agenda Item 3.12 was postponed. Regent Noe seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

- 3.1 St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.2 Lima Technical College, Associate of Applied Science in Environmental Health and Safety Technology
- 3.3 North Central State College, Associate of Applied Science in Digital Media Technology
- 3.4 Sinclair Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Biotechnology
- 3.5 Consideration of an increase in the maximum loan forgiveness rate from 80% to 100% in the Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP)
- 3.6 Proposed Administrative Rules for the Ohio Outstanding Scholarship program (3333-1-28) and the Ohio Priority Needs Fellowship Program (3333-1-29)
- 3.7 Fiscal Agent for the Incentive Fund Grant Program

- 3.8 Joint Use Agreement between Wright State University and the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation
- 3.9 Request by Youngstown State University to approve the leasing of University owned land to provide additional student housing
- 3.10 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period May 1, 2001 through May 31, 2001
- 3.11 Partial release and distribution of funds from Amended Substitute House Bill 94 of the 124th General Assembly for FY 2002
- 3.12 The case for further deregulation of Higher Education in Ohio (POSTPONED)
- 3.13 Personnel Actions

RESOLUTION 2001-130
Agenda Item 3.1

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following institution be reauthorized through December 31, 2007, with a progress report to be submitted by December 31, 2002.

St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology

RESOLUTION 2001-131
Agenda Item 3.2

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Lima Technical College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Environmental,
Health and Safety Technology

RESOLUTION 2001-132
Agenda Item 3.3

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

North Central State College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Digital Media Technology

RESOLUTION 2001-133
Agenda Item 3.4

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Sinclair Community College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Biotechnology

RESOLUTION 2001-134
Agenda Item 3.5

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio faces a significant shortage of nurses; and

WHEREAS, the Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP) provides forgivable loans to Ohio college students preparing for nursing careers; and

WHEREAS, the forgiveness provision of the Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program creates an incentive for students to enter the nursing profession; and

WHEREAS, increasing the NEALP forgiveness provision from 80% to 100% increases the attractiveness of the Program and reduces a student's overall educational loan indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, administrative authority for the Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program is vested in the Board of Regents by Section 3333.28 of the Ohio Revised Code;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, the maximum loan forgiveness rate in the Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program shall be increased from 80% to 100% (20% for each year of qualifying service for a maximum of five years).

RESOLUTION 2001-135
Agenda Item 3.6

WHEREAS, The Ohio General Assembly has enacted the Ohio Outstanding Scholarship Program and the Ohio Priority Needs Fellowship Program; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Outstanding Scholarship Program is intended to encourage Ohio's most academically talented undergraduate students to remain in the State; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Priority Needs Fellowship Program is intended to encourage the State's most outstanding graduate students to pursue fields of study which are strategically important in advancing Ohio's economic, technological and academic interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has established a Rules Advisory Committee and has worked with the Committee to develop administrative rules for the Ohio Outstanding Scholarship Program and the Ohio Priority Needs Fellowship Program;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, Rules 3333-1-28 and 3333-1-29 are approved for submission to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

RESOLUTION 2001-136
Agenda Item 3.7

WHEREAS, the funding stream and the selection process for the Incentive Fund Grant program is concluded at the end of a biennium; and

WHEREAS, the first Incentive Fund Grant program was initiated in FY 2001; and

WHEREAS, the selection process has been extended as a result of scheduling conflicts with the panel of reviewers; and

WHEREAS, the use of a fiscal agent is the most efficient and effective mechanism to facilitate an orderly award process;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the amount of \$3,509,571 million is hereby transferred to Columbus State Community College as the named fiscal agent for this program. Columbus State shall hold these funds as a fiscal agent and shall release the funds upon notification from the Ohio Board of Regents of the awardees in July 2001.

RESOLUTION 2001-137
Agenda Item 3.8

WHEREAS, the 123rd Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 640 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$1,100,000 to Wright State University for the Mound Advanced Technology 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, Wright State University and the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation 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 Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the Joint Use Agreement between Wright State University and the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation; and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2001-138
Agenda Item 3.9

WHEREAS, Section 7.03 of Am. Sub. H.B. 282 of the 123rd General Assembly prohibits state-assisted colleges or universities from permitting additional student housing to be built on land owned or leased by the institution with the approval of the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Youngstown State University and the YSU Foundation own property within the approved perimeter; and

WHEREAS, Youngstown State university proposes to enter into a lease agreement(s) with real estate developers for the development of additional student apartment-style housing for approximately 400 students on this property; and

WHEREAS, Section 123.77 of the Revised Code permits the department of administrative services to lease land belonging to a state university, not required for use to the university, to a developer; and

WHEREAS, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees has authorized the leasing of this property for development of student housing in accordance with Section 123.77 of the revised Code;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, with the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that Youngstown State University's request to permit additional students housing for approximately 400 students to be built on the property described above, is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2001-139

Agenda Item 3.10

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the request for release of capital improvements funds received in the period May 1, 2001 through May 31, 2001, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

RESOLUTION 2001-140

Agenda Item 3.11

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents is mandated by the Ohio General Assembly to administer the distribution of various line appropriations included in Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, certain of these funds are provided for a specific purpose and others are to be distributed at the discretion of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the following appropriations for FY 2002 are approved for distribution as specified in Am. Sub. H.B. 94.

RESOLUTION 2001-141

Agenda Item 3.13

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor that the following personnel actions be approved:

RESIGNATION

EFFECTIVE DATE

Erica Brown
Administrator
Human Resources

6/1/01

Earl Mackey
Vice Chancellor
External Relations

6/29/01

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Regents, our appreciation to President Brit Kirwan, the Ohio State University Board of Trustees, students, faculty and staff for hosting us this month. We appreciate your kind hospitality and use of this fine facility, Longaberger Alumni House. I especially want to thank President and Mrs. Kirwan for a lovely evening at their new residence last night. It was a wonderful opportunity for the Regents, and I and my senior staff, to meet and exchange views with many of your Trustees and senior officers.

Thank you especially to members of your OSU staff, Mr. Pat Wadsworth and Ms. Mary Basinger, for their assistance in making our visit both comfortable and productive. Thanks also go to our presenters today who will follow my remarks after being introduced by President Kirwan:

- Cullen Buie, Ohio State sophomore Engineering student, and his advisor, Professor Gregory Washington
- Daichi Hayden, senior in the College of Arts, and his advisor, Professor Charles Massey, Jr.
- Nicholas Ferrell, junior in Engineering and his advisor, Professor Derek Hansford
- Dean Donna Evans of the Ohio State University College of Education
- Dean Larry Johnson of the University of Cincinnati College of Education
- Dean Tom Lasley of the University of Dayton College of Education
- Dr. Sonja Smith, Chair of the College of Education of Mount Vernon Nazarene College

With the enactment two weeks ago of its FY 2002-FY 2003 budget, I would like provide a status report on the budget with the fear that the impending Court decision on DeRolph may send us into a continuing budget, so this may not be the final budget this state sees on this biennial operating

budget. There is no way to sugar-coat the budget news, as you all know. We started last fall with very high hopes given Governor Taft's call for breakthrough thinking in our budget. In the late summer of 2000 the Office of Budget and Management had, at the Governor's direction, established a reasonably high cap for budget proposals from state agencies of 10% per year over the FY 2001 appropriations, accompanied by an invitation to seek waivers to exceed even that 10% cap. At that point, the state had \$1 billion in its General Revenue Fund rainy day fund and nearly that amount again in its federal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) reserve fund.

With strong state revenues, the state had just returned about \$600 million to taxpayers in a one-time tax cut, and OBM had revised its fiscal forecast for FY 2001-FY 2003. In short, last summer times looked very good, and we made budget recommendations hoping to increase the state's investment in higher education in order to build Ohio's future economy and improve student achievement in our holistic preK-16 education system. We built a budget aimed at focusing policy-makers, not on what the budget is, that is the dollar figures around the budget, but actually challenging to look at what the budget does, the results of the actions that we proposed in the budget.

As you know, very few of these hopes were realized. In the handout (attached) we have provided a couple of tables to summarize the budget. Table 1 in that exhibit shows how the state's economic reality had changed to the point where the final budget figures for higher education for FY 2002-FY 2003 are in fact even lower than the appropriations provided by the state in this current FY 2001. At each stage of the budget process – from the Executive budget proposal, to the House, to the Senate, and as passed – higher education lost ground with increasing anticipated expenditures in other areas and decreasing revenue forecasts.

During this period we had a great deal of verbal support from legislative and executive leaders. Higher education was cited by one as being his number three priority, behind Medicaid and K-12 funding, mandated by the courts. Others had said “we wish we could do more.” Alas, the facts tell a somewhat different story. Table 2 shows the story comparing higher education to other major state agencies. As you see, the facts show that higher education, instead of being a high priority in these ten major state items, is the lowest priority. We are, in fact, the only major budget line to have actually had appropriations cut in this budget.

These results are somewhat dismaying given the fact that the entire high education community banded successfully together to advocate to the Governor and General Assembly for breakthrough funding for our colleges, universities and the future economy of Ohio. Many who have been around for more than a decade have told me that in all their years they have never seen as fierce and coherent a battle as Ohio's colleges and universities waged over the last nine months – not only at the Statehouse but in the media as well. To date, we have counted more than 100 articles and supportive editorials throughout the Ohio press media supporting our higher education economic growth case. Our External Relations group is putting together a scrapbook of all these articles for

you and I hope to have that for you as a memento of this disappointing year. I'm told, in fact, that legislative staff have informally awarded the Regents their five-star award for the strength and consistency of the message that the Regents delivered in this budget period.

Given the unfortunate outcome of the higher education budget, I think our work clearly has only begun. Governor Taft said only last week that he was "deeply disappointed in the cutbacks to universities and colleges" and that "higher education officials need to do a better job of persuading state leaders to give them more money." I'll disagree and take issue with some of those words of the Governor and the views that might underlie that statement. The issue is not "to give higher education more money" but indeed to enable higher education to build Ohio's future. As long as the focus in our state is only on money and not on results I fear the state will always turn to higher education as the "deep pockets" budget balancer. I do agree with the fundamental point that Governor Taft made that higher education needs to mobilize a wider and deeper constituency to convey the importance of higher education to our state's policy-makers.

Let me applaud the hard work and major contributions of The Ohio State University, President Kirwan, his fellow presidents in the two- and four-year sectors, public and private, trustees, alumni and other campus representatives, but we need to persuade more state and local business leaders, as well as grassroots citizens and students to support our efforts and take a leadership role in helping us make our case. While we did, of course, have business leader input and participation in both the development of the budget and its advocacy and we had some student support as well, we clearly need more.

Having said that, it is important to note the progress we have made in the last two years since the last operating budget cycle. As I mentioned earlier, higher education has been especially effective in making its case before the editorial boards of Ohio's major newspapers. The support higher education has received from every major state newspaper, the regional papers and others, has been overwhelming, and we are truly grateful for that support. These media opinion leaders, and many others like them, now understand that public expenditures for higher education are true investments that bring immense returns to the investor – our fellow Ohio taxpayers. And we have similar expressions of support and understanding from various elected officials, including those in positions of leadership.

Still, in our discussions after the final enactment of the budget, many of these policy makers noted the negative impact of lobbying efforts by individual campuses for particular items of self-interest. These individual efforts detracted from the main core message that Ohio needs to be better funded so that higher education can build our economy. This is a continued splintering of the higher education message that I have been told existed for biennia in past history. And while that splintering is less than had occurred in anyone's memory, the fact that any of it occurred continued to hurt overall support for higher education and ultimately hurt the funding provided to individual institutions. Ohio's higher education community clearly needs to continue to learn to play to a

game plan, or will continue to suffer the fact of being a balancing item in the budget.

On the heels of the budget, the Ohio Board of Regents filed an Amicus Curiae brief with the Ohio Supreme Court on the DeRolph case. Citing the Regents' duty to the citizens of the state of Ohio and public institutions of higher education, the Regents' brief explains to the court the impact of the most recent budget cuts on higher education's mission and on the Ohio economy. The Board, in its filing, made three fundamental arguments:

1. The DeRolph decision has limited the Ohio General Assembly's ability to adequately fund all areas of public service for Ohioans, thereby threatening the balance of the public good.
2. Ohio's higher education system has been put in jeopardy by the consequences of this case.
3. With the Ohio higher education system in jeopardy, the economic well-being and future of Ohio's economy and its citizens are at risk.

The brief also notes that DeRolph's focus on the Ohio Constitution's requirement for primary and secondary education has obscured the fact that the Ohio Constitution also recognizes the state's responsibility for higher education, not just primary and secondary education. Framers of Ohio's first constitution in 1802 recognized the need to support education at all levels.

The Regents, in your brief, also recognize and refer to Justice Andrew Douglas' concurring opinion in *DeRolph I*, recognizing higher education's vital role in the state's holistic system of public education – pre-kindergarten through post-graduate study – and its impact on the state's economy. Four years ago, Justice Douglas warned against the risk of increasing primary and secondary education funding at the expense of higher education. In that decision he noted:

“Higher education in Ohio should not be required to make even further sacrifices to meet the obvious current shortfall in primary and secondary education funding. Higher education institutions cannot be the ‘Red Cross’ for primary and secondary public education. For the job they are obviously doing, their performance should be rewarded – not penalized. Thus, the remedy and solution must lie in other initiatives.”

However, the General Assembly apparently felt that they would still have to “rob Peter to pay Paul.” Our most recent state budget cut appropriations to Ohio's public colleges and universities in response to DeRolph – as I noted the only major state budget item to be cut from FY 2001 levels. The failure to support higher education will have both an immediate and long-term impact on the state. Simply put, Ohio's lagging commitment to higher education jeopardizes our state's economic future. As the Cleveland Plain Dealer said in an editorial last Friday, June 15:

“Whichever path the justices choose, they should bear in mind that the people of Ohio have priorities besides schools. Any additional school-funding measures cannot be taken at the further expense of higher education, technology or basic assistance like Medicaid or welfare.”

This is why we asked the Ohio Supreme court to dismiss the DeRolph case – in the best interests of public higher education and all Ohioans.

I’m pleased to note each month the good news coming out of our colleges and universities:

Congratulations first to our hosts, The Ohio State University, for receiving a \$10 million gift from Elizabeth M. “Libby” Ross to the proposed world-class hospital at the OSU Medical Center, which is already a world-class medical institution. I am sure that President Kirwan and his Board of Trustees are grateful to the Ross family for its generous gift; I would also express my gratitude to Mrs. Ross and her family. Her gift will continue to make Ohio State a national leader in heart research and patient care. It is this kind of action and vision that Ohio needs and will continue to need if we are to move forward in biomedical research and teaching opportunities for future cardiologists and heart surgeons. Ohio State University’s Medical Center’s dedication to teaching, research and outreach is unprecedented and this gift from Mrs. Ross will strengthen an already strong program.

Congratulations also go to Dr. Roy Church, President of Lorain County Community College and the Lorain County community for the opening last week of the St. Joseph Community Center. This new learning center, a \$350,000 joint project headed up by Lorain County Community College and including the state and federal governments, the city of Lorain and local community action agencies, will provide a variety of programs and services to help educate Lorain’s residents and develop career pathways in health care, technology and other areas. The Center was created to provide accessible and affordable programs and services to Lorain’s culturally diverse residents and employers by promoting their educational, economic, cultural and community development.

The 7,000 square foot learning center includes a public computer lab to demonstrate the technology students can learn to use by taking community college courses. The lab also will be used for developmental education and other purposes. It is partnerships such as these, among higher education, state and federal governments and local communities that will help us to better educate more Ohioans and improve Ohio’s lagging economy by increasing and improving our workforce.

Madam Chair, Mr. Vice Chair, and members of the Board, I would like to end my report by providing a heartfelt “fond farewell” and “thank you” to Earl Mackey, our Vice Chancellor of External Relations. Today is Earl’s final Board meeting and final day as a senior staff member of the Ohio Board of Regents.

About a year ago, Earl came to me and said he wanted to leave the Ohio Board of Regents and move to Venice, Florida, where he has a home and a wish to start up his own higher education and public policy consulting group. While I was very excited for Earl and the prospect of a wonderful new life and opportunity for him, I noted the uniqueness of his talents and the strength of his relationships with legislators and legislative staff, those relationships and talents so crucial in our budget process, and I asked him to stay on through the end of FY 2002-2003 budget process. Earl graciously agreed to stay on until the budget was completed, despite the great personal sacrifice that it involved. If not for Earl's wise counsel, rapport with the legislators, and vast experience, this budget would have turned out far worse than it did. I'm grateful to Earl for staying as long as he did. He never got discouraged during this budget fight, in fact, he was up for the fight and was instrumental in making it a good one.

The entire higher education community will remember Earl for building a greater understanding of the crucial roll of higher education with elected officials, media and the general public. On behalf of the Ohio Board of Regents, I want to add my official and personal thanks to Vice Chancellor Earl Mackey for his hard work and dedication to the Regents' goal of changing Ohio's state of mind. We will miss his leadership on public policy issues and his commitment to higher education and the citizens of Ohio.

PRESENTATIONS

a. Undergraduate Research Opportunities at The Ohio State University

Dr. William E. Kirwan
President
The Ohio State University

Cullen Buie, Sophomore in Engineering
Advisor: Professor Gregory Washington
Director of the Intelligent Structures and
Systems Lab in the college of Engineering

Daichi Hayden, Senior in the College of Arts
Advisor: Professor Charles W. Massey, Jr.

Nicholas Ferrell, Junior in Engineering
Advisor: Professor Derek Hansford,
Biomedical Engineering

b. Partnerships For Accountability: Establishing The Impact of Teacher Education

Dr. Larry Johnson
Dean of the College of Education
University of Cincinnati

Dr. Tom Lasley
Dean of the College of Education
The University of Dayton

Dr. Donna Evans
Dean of the College of Education
The Ohio State University

Dr. Sonja Smith
Chair of the Department of Education
Mount Vernon Nazarene College

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2001, at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, at 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date

