

**Performance Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2001**

The meeting of the Performance Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents was held at the Ohio State University - Mansfield in Mansfield, Ohio. In attendance were the following:

Ohio Board of Regents members:

Edmund Adams, Committee Chair
Jeanette Grasselli Brown
Gerald M. Miller
J. Gilbert Reese

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Michael Brown, Director, Communications
Kyle Gephart, Interim Assistant Director of Capital Planning
Kris Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations
Deborah Gavlik, Director, Budget & Resource Planning
Harold Horton, Director, HEI
Jay Johnson, Assistant Director, HEI
Earl Mackey, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs
Stephanie McCann, Assistant Director, HEI
Neal McNally, Assistant Director, Budget & Resource Planning
Richard L. Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance
Thomas Rudd, Director, State Grants & Scholarships
Robert Sheehan, Associate Vice Chancellor, Performance Reporting & Analysis
William Wagner, Financial Analyst

Guests:

Stephanie Brockway, OSU - Mansfield
John Buttelerwerth, Cincinnati State/Ohio Faculty Senate
Robert Burke, Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio
Linda Carr, University of Toledo
Larry Christman, Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio
David Creamer, Kent State University
Eva Eichinger, OSU - Mansfield
Mark Ellis, OSU - Mansfield
John McGrath, Stark State College
Joan McKay, COTC/Ohio Faculty Senate
Dave Maley, NEOUCOM
John Riedl, OSU - Mansfield
Terry Thomas, Ohio Association of Community Colleges
Sarah Williams, Inter-University Council

The meeting was called to order by Regent Adams. The minutes of the March 2001 Committee meeting were approved without objection.

The meeting time was reduced from one hour to 30 minutes to allow time for an informal meeting of all the committees of the Board of Regents. Accordingly several agenda items were dropped or moved to subsequent meetings.

Report from Campuses and Regents Staff on Deregulation of Higher Education in Ohio

Regent Adams noted that a fair amount of input was received in response to the paper entitled *The Case for Further Deregulation of Higher Education in Ohio*. In order to allow the Regents ample time analyze and review the responses, Regent Adams suggested that a vote be postponed until the May or June meeting of the Board. Regent Adams requested that staff prepare a summary and analysis of the comments received to date and distribute these in advance to all Regents.

Update on Statewide Financial Aid Study

Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan provided an update on cost and financial aid at Ohio's colleges based on IPEDS data, taking into account the entire cost of college for students including room, board, books, etc. The study reveals that the total cost of college to Ohio students is increasing compared to the national average. At the same time, state aid is well below the national average and Ohio students are taking out a higher percentage of loans. Regent Miller asked how the relative cost of living in Ohio factors into the analysis. Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan responded that there is an assumption that the lower cost of room, board, and books in Ohio is partly responsible for bringing the total cost of college in Ohio closer to the national average. Vice Chancellor Petrick added that in several metro areas in Ohio, the cost of living is actually above the national average. Regent Adams noted that there was a large jump in the total cost for public, 2-year colleges from 1998 to 1999, which might cast doubt on the validity of the data. Robert Burke of the Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio noted that this is often a problem with self-reported data such as IPEDS. Regent Brown commented that the high cost of college and low level of state aid in Ohio is occurring at a time when family income is going down compared to the national average, further exacerbating the problem. Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan suggested that the next step should be a statewide consultation. Regent Adams noted his endorsement, seconded by other Regents for such a consultation to be convened.

Mark Ellis reported on the packaging of student aid at OSU-Mansfield. In 1998, more than 20% of students at OSU-Mansfield received institutional grants designed to help students bridge the gap between their expected family contributions and unmet financial need. As a result, OSU-Mansfield is seeing record numbers of enrollment. Eva Eichinger and Stephanie Brockway commented that financial aid packages at OSU-Mansfield are considered on a case-by-case basis. The ensuing discussion focused primarily on the "unmet need" portion of a financial aid package. Chancellor Chu asked the question, "How does unmet need get met?" Chancellor Chu noted that unmet need must come from somewhere, otherwise the individual would not be attending college. Mr. Ellis stated that increasingly unmet need is being paid by credit cards.

Regent Adams adjourned the meeting.