

**Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
Columbus, Ohio
June 19, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Thomas W. Noe.

The roll was called by Regent J. Gilbert Reese. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	J. Gilbert Reese
Bruce R. Beeghly	Thomas W. Noe
Jeanette G. Brown	

Regent Reese stated "the record should show that notice of this meeting was given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents' Administrative 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."

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO THE AGENDA (ITEMS MAY BE AMENDED, ADDED TO OR DELETED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD)

Agenda Item 3.16 has been deleted from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2003

A motion was made by Regent Brown to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2003 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Beeghly and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Communications Committee – Regent Beeghly: The committee was presented with the latest copy of The Issue by Neal McNally. This edition focused on Research Challenge.

The committee received an update on deliberations of the on-going Amended Substitute H.B. 95 conference committee by Associate Vice Chancellor Deborah Gavlik. Appropriations for higher education will be approximately \$79 million below the Senate recommendations for the biennium. For FY 2004, the total appropriation represents an increase of 0.9 percent above the fiscal '03 final numbers, which means essentially flat funding into next year. FY 04 appropriation figure does not cover inflation or increased enrollment projections for an additional 16,000 students.

Regent Adams expressed his disappointment over the language in the operating budget mandating a community college in Warren County. Following discussion of this provision, the committee expressed its unanimous opposition.

Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel briefed the committee on the OhioAspires Scholarship program. The concept of the program was proposed in response to the possibility of video lottery terminal (VLT) profits going for higher education scholarships. He also informed the committee on the status of Senate Bill 2 based on the recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Teaching Success.

Assistant Director Jocelyn Frasier provided an update on the Knowledge Economy Awareness Phase II initiative. Phase II will include a newly developed presentation supporting the Third Frontier Project. High impact employers, especially in Cincinnati and Cleveland, and statewide economic development associations.

Vice Chancellor Kris Frost and Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick updated the committee on the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy. The committee's first meeting was held on June 3rd. The next meeting is scheduled for late July. Katherine Canada was appointed as the Executive Director.

Resources Committee – Regent Reese – The committee discussed the budget language regarding tuition for resident undergraduate students. The committee was briefed on the partial release of FY 04 operating subsidies, which will be disbursed on campuses in July. A complete detailed report will be provided to the board at next month's meeting.

The committee discussed the proposed revisions to Regent's Rule 3333-1-10 regarding student residency rules for subsidy and tuition purposes.

The committee reviewed a request by the Ohio State University to pledge student fees for a bond issuance not to exceed \$577 million to support a number of campus capital projects. Also reviewed was a Joint Use Agreement between Muskingum Area Technical College and Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.

The May Controlling Board items were discussed. The committee was asked to consider fee pledges from the University of Cincinnati to support a bond issuance not to exceed \$11.5 million and from James A. Rhodes State College to support a bond issuance not to exceed \$3 million.

The committee recommended approval of items 3.13 – 3.18.

Initiatives Committee – Regent Brown: Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel and Director Dick Arndt reported to the committee on the Articulation and Transfer Policy Review report. This initiative started in 1990 and has been closely monitored by the Regents. The Articulation and Transfer Council, which

contains full representation of all colleges and universities, community colleges and technical colleges is chaired by President Roy Church of Lorain Community College and President David Sweet of Youngstown State University. The council has initiated a new look at policies. The committee received a draft recommendation. The recommendations are very aggressive and consistent with what is needed in order to make a P-16 system successful.

The policy centers on the five disciplines of a Transfer Module relating to seven majors plus an undecided category. A new Transfer Assurance Guide, which indicates what courses would apply to a degree when transferring from a 2 year institution to a 4 year institution will soon be developed. Students, faculty and advisers can be assured that certain courses will not only transfer but will actually apply to credits for the degree.

A Technical Transfer Core is recommended for the new policy draft. It will guarantee the transfer of the technical aspects of a degree credit from one institution to another. To complete and market this work as well as institutionalize the policy with no new funds is a concern for the committee. Low funding levels will not stop the council from doing what must be done with this Articulation and Transfer policy.

Another section of this new policy has to do with aligning K-12 exit standards to postsecondary entry standards. There was a great deal of discussion around the subject of K-12 exit standards, which are not clearly defined or understood. The ultimate goal is to have high school students go right into college with no remediation.

Agenda items discussed included a new standardized format for tuition reciprocity agreements between Ohio colleges and neighboring states developed by Vice Chancellor Kris Frost. The committee received data ahead of time on levels of participation showing Ohio institutions being advantaged or disadvantaged by these various agreements. The data relates to agenda items 3.1 – 3.12 and 3.19 that are recommended today by the committee for approval.

The committee also reviewed and discussed items to be voted on at the July meeting. Institutional Reauthorization of DeVry, two bachelor of science degrees, one at Cleveland State University and the University of Cincinnati Raymond Walters college, both deemed to have met all of the requirements and one doctorate of Philosophy at the Ohio State University in Comparative Studies.

Performance Committee – Regent Adams: The Performance Committee approved a motion to create a new committee structure more closely aligned with the Regents' proposed goals and objectives. The 1st committee will be called the Access Committee and will incorporate items dealing with communications as well as access issues. The 2nd committee will be the Resources and System Efficiency Committee and the 3rd committee will be Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee. We will work with

the staff on the development of committee agendas for the July meeting to make sure the agendas are consistent with the new committee structure.

Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick shared additional observations from the OACC regarding the Regent's draft statement of mission, vision and goals. In addition, Chancellor Chu noted that responses from a number of the IUC presidents will be forth coming. No further action on this initiative will be taken until those responses have been received and reviewed.

Dr. Darrell Glenn provided an update on the 2003 Performance Report noting that staff is busy working on a revised executive summary to be included in the upcoming report. Excerpts from that summary will be shared at the next Performance Committee meeting. The Performance Consultation will convene on July 14 and will continue its work on improving both the content and the look of the report.

Dr. Glenn also noted that a meeting with K-12 superintendents will be held later this month to discuss the design and content of the high school transition report. On a side note, Chancellor Chu noted that Battelle for Kids is interested in working with the Regent's staff to enhance the reporting of K16 performance. Chancellor Chu also noted that recent international statistics are alarming for the US particularly with respect to college going rates.

Dr. Glenn shared a report on the retention of resident and nonresident graduates in Ohio by discipline. The data was prepared at the request of the Legislative Service Commission to address the issue of brain drain in technical fields. Dr. Glenn concluded that the data does not seem to support the existence of such a brain drain. Furthermore, the retention figures are low end figures since we do not have a count of graduates who go on to pursue post graduate work at private institutions in Ohio nor do we have data on all workers in Ohio.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Brown to approve Agenda Items 3.1 – 3.15 & 3.17 – 3.19 as 3.16 was deleted. The motion was seconded by Regent Adams and unanimously passed.

- 3.1 Amendment of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between: Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University-Ashland Campus, Morehead State University-Morehead, in Kentucky; and Ohio University-Athens, Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University in Ohio
- 3.2 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Owens Community College and Monroe County Community College
- 3.3 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Washington State Community College and West Virginia University-Parkersburg
- 3.4 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between West Virginia Northern Community College in West Virginia; and Belmont Technical College and Jefferson Community College in Ohio

- 3.5 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Graduate Agreement between Northern Kentucky University and the University of Cincinnati
- 3.6 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Undergraduate Agreement between Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Southern State Community College, and the University of Cincinnati, in Ohio; and Northern Kentucky University in Kentucky
- 3.7 Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between: Maysville Community College in Kentucky; and Southern State Community College and the University of Cincinnati-Clermont College in Ohio
- 3.8 Mount Union College, Alliance Ohio, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.9 Northwest State Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Plastics Engineering Technology
- 3.10 Youngstown State University, Associate of Technical Study (Type B) degree in Business Technology
- 3.11 Kent State University, Bachelor of Arts Degree in American Sign Language
- 3.12 Youngstown State University, Bachelor of Science in Applied Science in Forensic Science
- 3.13 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between Muskingum Area Technical College and Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District for \$250,000
- 3.14 Consideration of a request by The Ohio State University to pledge student fees in support of a debt issuance not to exceed \$577,000,000 to be used for multiple capital improvements and new projects
- 3.15 Consideration of partial release and distribution of appropriations from Amended Substitute House Bill 95 of the 125th General Assembly for fiscal year 2004
- ~~3.16 Consideration of a policy on additional instructional and general fee increases for resident undergraduates of up to 3% for FY 2004 and FY 2005~~
- 3.17 Consideration of a revision to Regents Rule 3333-1-10 regarding Student residency rules for subsidy and tuition purposes
- 3.18 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period May 1, 2003 through May 31, 2003
- 3.19 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between the University of Toledo and Eastern Michigan University

RESOLUTION 2003-87
Agenda Item 3.1

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Ashland Community and Technical College (formerly two separate institutions-Ashland Community College and Ashland Technical College), and Morehead State University-Ashland of Kentucky; and Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University of Ohio was established in 2002, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2003, and;

WHEREAS, Ashland Community College, Ashland Technical College, and Morehead State University-Ashland of Kentucky; and Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University of Ohio have proposed Amendment of the Agreement to included Morehead State-Morehead in Kentucky and Ohio University-Athens in Ohio in 2003, and Fleming and Rowan Counties in Kentucky and Athens, Meigs and Vinton Counties in Ohio, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any eligible resident of Boyd, Carter, Elliot, Fleming, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Mason, and Rowan Counties in Kentucky is able to attend Ohio University-Athens, Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University at in-state tuition rates;

WHEREAS, any eligible resident of Adams, Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Scioto, and Vinton Counties in Ohio is able to attend Ashland Community College, Ashland Technical College, and Morehead State University-Ashland Campus at resident tuition rates;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Amended Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2005, to coincide with Ohio's biennial budget time period.

RESOLUTION 2003-88
Agenda Item 3.2

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Owens Community College and Monroe County Community College and Monroe County Community College was established in 1982, was renewed in 1993, 1998, 2001, and 2002, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement will expire on June 30, 2003, and;

WHEREAS, Owens Community College and Monroe County Community College have proposed a Renewal of the current Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Monroe County, Michigan has the opportunity to attend Owens Community College at in-state tuition rates, if enrolled in programs designated as eligible under the renewed Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, residents of Ohio may enroll at Monroe County Community College at in-state tuition rates, if enrolled in programs designated as eligible under the renewed Agreement, and;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the proposed Renewal of the Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005, to coincide with Ohio's biennial budget period.

RESOLUTION 2003-89
Agenda Item 3.3

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Washington State Community College and West Virginia University-Parkersburg was established in 1987, was renewed in 1991, in 1996, amended in 1999, amended in 2002, and;

WHEREAS, Washington State Community College and West Virginia University-Parkersburg have proposed a Renewal of the current Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Jackson, Pleasants, Richie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt, and Wood Counties in West Virginia has the opportunity to attend Washington State Community College at in-state tuition rates, if enrolled in designated reciprocity programs, and;

WHEREAS, residents of Washington and Morgan Counties in Ohio may enroll at West Virginia University-Parkersburg at in-state tuition rates, if enrolled in designated reciprocity eligible programs, and;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Renewal of the Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005.

RESOLUTION 2003-90
Agenda Item 3.4

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between West Virginia Northern Community College in West Virginia, and Belmont Technical College and Jefferson Community College in Ohio was established in 1985, and subsequently renewed in 1989, 1995, 2001, and 2002, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expired on June 30, 2003, and;

WHEREAS, West Virginia Northern Community College in West Virginia, Belmont Technical College and Jefferson Community College in Ohio have proposed a Renewal of the current Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Renewal Agreement any resident of Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, and Wetzel Counties in West Virginia meeting regular admission requirements will have the opportunity to attend Belmont Technical College at in-state Ohio tuition rates, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Renewal Agreement any resident of Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio and Wetzel Counties in West Virginia meeting regular admission requirements will have the opportunity to attend Jefferson Community College at in-state Ohio tuition rates in, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Renewal Agreement any resident of Belmont, Harrison, Jefferson and Monroe Counties, Ohio meeting regular admission requirements will have the opportunity to attend West Virginia Northern Community College at resident West Virginia tuition rates, and;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that a Renewal of the Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005, to coincide with Ohio's biennial budget.

RESOLUTION 2003-91
Agenda Item 3.5

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Cincinnati was established in 1982, and subsequently renewed in 1991, 1996, 2001, 2002, and again in 2003;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2003, and;

WHEREAS, Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Cincinnati have proposed Renewal of the current Agreement;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, and Pendleton Counties, Kentucky have the opportunity to attend the University of Cincinnati at in-state tuition rates in Graduate degree programs not specifically excluded from this Agreement;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren Counties, Ohio is able to attend Northern Kentucky University at resident tuition rates in Graduate degree programs not specifically excluded from this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005 to coincide with Ohio's biennial budget time period.

RESOLUTION 2003-92
Agenda Item 3.6

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Southern State Community College, Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Cincinnati was established in 1982, and subsequently renewed in 1991, 1996, 2001, and subsequently in 2002, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2003, and;

WHEREAS, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Southern State Community College, Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Cincinnati have proposed Renewal of the current Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Renewal Agreement any resident of Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, and Pendleton Counties, Kentucky have the opportunity to attend Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Southern State Community College, and the University of Cincinnati at in-state tuition rates in Undergraduate degree programs not specifically excluded from this Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Renewal Agreement any resident of Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren Counties, Ohio is able to attend Northern Kentucky University at resident tuition rates in Undergraduate degree programs not specifically excluded from this Agreement, and;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the proposed Renewal of the Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, to coincide with Ohio's biennial budget time period.

RESOLUTION 2003-93
Agenda Item 3.7

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Maysville Community College in Kentucky, and Southern State Community College and the University of Cincinnati-Clermont College be established, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any eligible resident of Bracken, Lewis, Mason, and Robertson Counties in Kentucky is able to attend Southern State Community College and the University of Cincinnati-Clermont College in Ohio at in-state tuition rates, and;

WHEREAS, any eligible resident of Adams, Brown, and Clermont

Counties in Ohio is able to attend Maysville Community College in Kentucky at resident tuition rates, and;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2005.

RESOLUTION 2003-94
Agenda Item 3.8

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, 2013.

Mount Union College
Institutional Reauthorization

RESOLUTION 2003-95
Agenda Item 3.9

BE IT RESOLVED: upon 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:

Northwest State Community College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Plastics Engineering Technology

RESOLUTION 2003-96
Agenda Item 3.10

BE IT RESOLVED: upon 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:

Youngstown State University
Associate of Technical Study degree in Business Technology

RESOLUTION 2003-97
Agenda Item 3.11

Be it Resolved: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Kent State University
Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language

RESOLUTION 2003-98
Agenda Item 3.12

Be it Resolved: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Youngstown State University
Bachelor of Science in Applied Science in Forensic Science

RESOLUTION 2003-99
Agenda Item 3.13

WHEREAS, the 124th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 675 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$250,000 to Muskingum Area Technical College; 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, Muskingum Area Technical College and Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District 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 Muskingum Area Technical College and Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District; and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-100
Agenda Item 3.14

WHEREAS, Section 94.06 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th General Assembly requires that any new pledge of student fees to secure bonds or notes of a state college or university must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the University proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts bonds and commercial paper in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$577,000,000 for the purpose of financing multiple renovations and new projects on campus; and

WHEREAS, to provide for financial flexibility, reduced costs, and administrative simplicity, the University proposes to issue short-term commercial paper to later be converted to long-term bonds; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined that the proposed renovations and projects are essential to meeting the needs of students and fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the University's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the commercial paper component of this issuance at its meeting of May 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the University's Board of Trustees is expected to approve the issuance of general receipts bonds at its meeting of July 11, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bond issuance complies with the requirements of Section 3345.11 and Section 3345.12 of the Ohio Revised Code;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, contingent upon the approval of the Ohio State University Board of Trustees, and upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by The Ohio State University in support of general receipts bonds, notes, or commercial paper not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$577,000,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-101
Agenda Item 3.15

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents is mandated by the Ohio General Assembly to administer the distribution of various line item appropriations included in Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th 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; and

WHEREAS, state administrative procedures require that the July 2003 subsidy distribution to campuses be made prior to the July meeting of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Regents staff will identify the appropriate July subsidy allocations following the passage of Am. Sub. H.B. 95, and will provide the Board with a complete report on this allocation at the July meeting 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, and subject to the provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 95, that selected appropriations for July 2003 (FY 2004) are hereby approved for release and distribution.

RESOLUTION
~~Agenda Item 3.16 DELETED~~

RESOLUTION 2003-102
Agenda Item 3.17

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents defines resident for state share of instruction and tuition purposes through Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-10 per OAC § 3333.31 (Rules for determination of residence); and

WHEREAS, residents of Ohio who serve in AmeriCorps and Peace Corps contribute community service to the nation and to Ohio; and

WHEREAS, residents of Ohio who are employed by an elected or appointed official of the U.S. government contribute a public service to the nation and to Ohio; and

WHEREAS, members of the Ohio National Guard contribute a public and security service to the nation and to Ohio; and

WHEREAS, people who return to Ohio as financial dependents upon Ohio parents due to marital hardship are in need of job training and access to affordable education; and

WHEREAS, the residency rule has exceptions to living in Ohio for 12 months prior to enrollment in order to establish residency; and

WHEREAS, the current residency rule does not provide exceptions for the aforementioned groups.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the attached revised Residency Rule be approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-103
Agenda Item 3.18

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, 2003 through May 31, 2003, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

RESOLUTION 2003-104
Agenda Item 3.19

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between the University of Toledo and Eastern Michigan University was established in 1978, and subsequently renewed in 1981, 1982, 1987, 1992, 2000, and again in 2001, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2003, and;

WHEREAS, the University of Toledo and Eastern Michigan University have proposed a two-year Renewal of the current Agreement to coincide with Ohio's biennial budget time period, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed renewal Agreement any resident of Monroe County, Michigan has the opportunity to attend the University of Toledo at in-state tuition rates, and;

WHEREAS, any resident of Ohio is able to attend Eastern Michigan University at resident tuition rates, and;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2005 to coincide with Ohio's biennial budget time period.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS TO THE BOARD

INTRODUCTION/THANKS

Thank you, Chairman Noe. I find myself in the unenviable position this month of being the only thing between you and adjournment – after three stimulating and important days of conference and meetings. Alas, for sake of posterity and the official minutes of the Ohio Board of Regents, I do have a report to give, even though you have lived through many of the items in my report.

FY04-05 BUDGET

Since our last meeting, after the bad news higher education received in the House budget, the better news that came out of the Senate's version of the budget was a welcome change, to say the least. The Senate voted out a budget containing an increase of \$226 million for higher education over the House-passed Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget.

In our public comments, we praised the Senate's understanding of the crucial tie between higher education and the prosperity of Ohioans. We also applauded the senators for making post-secondary education a priority during tough economic times.

Through this morning, the conference committee continued to hash out the details of a House-Senate budget compromise, which, as Regent Beeghly reported, would result in essentially flat heading for higher education from the FY03 budget. This might be viewed a successful outcome for higher education in the face of the projected budget shortfall for the next biennium that will approach \$1 billion. Alas, unless and until Ohio's policymakers make investing in the knowledge and skills of Ohioans, these billion dollar shortfalls will continue and worsen.

OHIOASPIRES SCHOLARSHIP

Over the past several years, policy makers and higher education stakeholders have noted their disappointment that Ohio has never provided higher education with a dedicated source of funding, as Georgia has with lottery proceeds for its Hope Scholarship. As the proposal for video lottery terminals makes its rounds during budget talks, Regents staff and I have been meeting recently with legislators on our idea to help more K-12 kids better prepare to go to college through a new merit and needs-based incentive program.

The OhioAspires Scholarship is intended to reach Ohio students who would otherwise not go to college. OhioAspires takes an integrated K-16 approach to education in Ohio. The program turns the existing academic content standards and assessment system – viewed negatively by many parents and teachers unions as being punitive – into an incentive-laden system that rewards academic achievement with college scholarship money. Providing financial incentives to families is a “carrot” approach to get them interested in

and supportive of high academic achievement by their kids, starting immediately in their elementary school years.

OhioAspires would also add a novel element toward a “thorough and efficient” system of public education to the state’s traditional approach of providing ever-increasing school-based aid without expectations of student achievement. The program would drive performance, increase academic achievement and encompass every grade level. We suggested the OhioAspires idea to the State Board of Education members of our Joint Council almost a year ago and reaffirmed their interest in the proposal at our meeting last week.

COMMUNITIES, HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE CHANGING ECONOMY CONFERENCE

Months of planning, preparing and publicizing by many on the Regents staff culminated this week in the Communities, Higher Education and the Changing Economy conference. Ohio business and community leaders and college and university trustees gathered to explore methods for transforming Ohio’s economy by partnering higher education with Ohio’s businesses and communities.

They heard from an impressive list of international, national and statewide higher education and business experts who already have been part of economic revitalizations. The speakers included Don Thornhill, chairman of the Higher Education Authority of Ireland; Stephen Portch, chancellor emeritus and former chancellor for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; Ohio Governor Bob Taft; and Ohio Department of Development Director Bruce Johnson.

Thanks to all the Regents, presenters, trustees, and presidents who attended, as well as to Vice Chancellor of Operations Kris Frost and her staff for all of their hard work in coordinating a first-rate conference.

FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Earlier this month, Governor Taft announced the membership of two new groups that will delve into topics related to higher education. The 33-member Commission on Higher Education and the Economy – announced during Gov. Taft’s inaugural address – brings together business, higher education and government leaders to evaluate the funding, structure, governance and accessibility of Ohio higher education.

The Commission hopes to maximize the benefit of public investment in higher education and ensure that the needs of students, parents and the business community are being met. The Regents are well represented on the Commission including Chairman Noe, Vice Chairman Adams, Communications Chair Alvarado and myself.

The 16-member Third Frontier Advisory Board will provide advice and guidance to the Third Frontier Commission on how best to spend funds from the \$1.6 billion Third Frontier Project to create more high paying jobs.

The Board will advise on strategic planning and general management and coordination of programs administered by the commission, including the Third Frontier Action Fund, Biomedical Research & Technology Transfer Trust Fund and the Wright Capital Fund. I, as Chancellor, will serve as one of the three Third Frontier Commission members along with Department of Development Director Bruce Johnson and the governor's Science and Technology Adviser Frank Samuel.

KUDOS

"Congratulations" to the colleges and universities around the state that received capital and biomedical research awards in recent weeks from a well traveled Governor Taft. The awards total nearly \$75 million with a potential to create more than 1,000 jobs in Ohio.

On June 12, Gov. Taft presented more than \$19 million to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Lerner Research Institute, of which Case Western Reserve University is a major partner. The center will create a Wright Center of Innovation to study new treatments for debilitating diseases.

While at Case Western, the Governor also presented a biomedical research award of nearly \$8 million to study treatments for people with paralysis, spinal cord injuries and urinary incontinence.

That same day, Gov. Taft visited Kent State University's Liquid Crystal Institute to present a check for \$1.6 million in capital funding. The project aims to advance the manufacturing process of optical and electronic devices by using flexible polymer instead of glass.

On June 5, the Governor announced three awards totaling nearly \$4 million to collaborations involving the University of Dayton. The projects will study Enhanced Infrared Image Detection, research advanced composite materials and study large-scale polymer products.

Bowling Green State University, the University of Toledo, the University of Akron and others will receive \$2 million for photochemical studies.

On June 4, Gov. Taft awarded Stark State College of Technology and its partners \$2 million in Wright Capital Project Funds to support the research, development and commercialization of fuel cells.

The Governor in late May announced two awards totaling more than \$17 million for two Ohio State University Wright Center projects, one to create a Center of Innovation in biomedical imaging and nanotechnology and the other to create new polymer foams for insulation.

Finally, the Governor presented a check for \$18 million for a Wright Center in fuel cells at Case Western Reserve University. He presented the check to Dr. Tom Zawodzinski of Case Western, who had just delivered a fascinating presentation on his fuel cell research to the Ohio Board of Regents just days before at our May meeting. Additional academic partners on this project include The Ohio State University, the University of Toledo, Cleveland State University and Stark State.

These research awards are integral pieces of the state's Third Frontier initiative. While we are yet very early in the game, the ball is definitely in our court. I fully expect to see Ohio colleges and universities score many aces.

I congratulate and welcome new staff at the Ohio Board of Regents.

Ryan Hoverman, an analyst/consultant with HEI, started work May 12. Ryan will oversee the Workforce Investment Act project.

Katherine Canada, executive director of the Commission on Higher Education and the Economy, who will be housed by and funded through the Ohio Board of Regents, began work Monday.

Finally, I was honored to receive an honorary doctorate in Public Service from Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio last Sunday and was pleased to deliver the commencement address. It was a delightful and of course very happy event. I have copies for you of my address and their citation honoring me. I'm looking into building a new room in my house to contain my growing number of honorary doctoral hoods.

CONCLUSION

Chairman Noe, before I conclude my report for this month, I'd like to acknowledge the hard and effective work of all the Regents on the numerous items in my report and especially on the state budget. Thank you all! That concludes my report.

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, July 17, 2003, at the GE Aircraft Engine Plant's GE Customer Technical Education Center, 123 Merchant Street, Springdale, Ohio, 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date