

**Initiatives (Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology) Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of June 19, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Brown at 10:30 a.m. Regents present were:

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

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Harry Andrist	Catherine Hill
Dick Arndt	Janet Schilk
Jack Connell	Jonathan Tafel
Shane DeGarmo	Michael Taggart
Jane Fullerton	

Minutes of the May 22, 2003 Meeting

Minutes of the May 22 meeting were unanimously approved by the Committee.

Presentation

Articulation and Transfer Report – *Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor and Richard Arndt, Director K-16 Initiatives*

Vice Chancellor Tafel reminded the Committee that the Articulation and Transfer Policy was put in place over ten years ago. This policy has been beneficial in increasing mobility across the higher education system. A Transfer Module of 36 -40 semester hours (54-60 quarter hours) has been developed by a statewide faculty review team with guaranteed transfer of courses from one institution to another. However, changes in how General Education is viewed, including tying General Education requirements to the chosen major and the move to competencies over courses, have engendered the need for a review of the current policy.

Dr. Richard Arndt presented the “Review of the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy” document to the Committee. This document has been shared with the Articulation and Transfer Council and will be widely shared with campus representatives. The Council will vote on the changes suggested to the policy at their October meeting and the final changes will be brought forward to the Regents for approval.

The report reaffirms the value of the Articulation and Transfer Policy as a foundation for transfer in Ohio and the Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) as a guaranteed transfer block. There are seven major recommendations coming forward in the report of the Policy Review Committee.

First, the Review Committee recommends enhancing the OTM by including Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs) for seven major disciplinary families. The TAGs will assist students in choosing courses that will fulfill requirements for their chosen major as well as the General Education requirement. The TAGs will identify courses guaranteed to transfer as prerequisites to the major.

The Review Committee recommends that a Technical Transfer Core (TTC) be developed to facilitate transfer of applied degrees and technical credit. Transferability of a set of technical courses from a two-year campus to a technical baccalaureate degree will be guaranteed by this Technical Transfer Core.

Another recommendation of the Review Committee involves aligning entrance standards of higher education institutions with the K-12 exit standards. Committee discussion on this recommendation followed. Chancellor Chu stated that this policy should be informed by the decisions and policies of the State Board of Education. Currently the 12th grade exit standards are not well-defined. Additionally, the passing scores for the new Ohio Graduation Test have not been set.

The remaining four recommendations include: strengthening advising across the K-16 system, marketing transfer possibilities, implementing the Course Applicability System (CAS) statewide and translating the Ohio Transfer Module course listings into competencies and learning outcomes.

The above mentioned recommendations will allow for the greatest level of transferability and application of the transferred courses to the student's chosen major.

It was suggested that business representatives review this document and assist in determining competencies and learning outcomes. Also K-12 representation on the committees was stressed to help define the K-16 system.

June 19, 2003 Board Agenda Items

- 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
- Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Owens Community College and Monroe County Community College
- Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between the University of Toledo and Eastern Michigan University
- Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Washington State Community College and West Virginia University-Parkersburg
- 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
- Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Graduate Agreement between Northern Kentucky University and the University of Cincinnati
- 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

- Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between: Maysville Community College in Kentucky; and Southern State Community College and the University of Cincinnati-Clermont College in Ohio
- Mount Union College, Institutional Reauthorization
- Northwest State Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Plastics Engineering Technology
- Youngstown State University, Associate of Technical Study (Type B) degree in Business Technology
- Kent State University, Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language
- Youngstown State University, Bachelor of Science in Applied Science in Forensic Science

Mr. Jack Connell reviewed tuition reciprocity agreement renewals with the Committee. These are all standard renewals except for the Ashland/Morehead/Shawnee State. The Ashland agreement is an expansion to add the Morehead main campus and Ohio University-Athens. This will add three counties to the service area for each side of the agreement. Two items were noted:

- A standardized contract has been developed for all tuition reciprocities.
- Agreements are being renegotiated to balance enrollment in a more equitable manner and achieve enrollment parity.

Dr. Harry Andrist reviewed the degree approvals with the Committee. These were discussed last month and meet guidelines for approval.

Regent Beeghly moved for these items to be added to the full Board consent agenda. Regent Adams seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Tentative Board Agenda Items – July 2003

- DeVry University, Institutional Reauthorization
- Cleveland State University, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences
- University of Cincinnati-Raymond Walters College, Bachelor of Radiation Science Technology
- Ohio State University, Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Studies

Staff provided background information and answered questions regarding these agenda items.

Committee Reports

Due to time constraints all reports were tabled to the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.