

Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
June 16, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- 1) The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Edmund J. Adams.
- 2) The roll was called by Regent Bruce R. Beeghly. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	Anthony D. Houston
Donna M. Alvarado	Gerald M. Miller
Bruce R. Beeghly	Jerome F. Tatar
Jeanette G. Brown	James M. Tuschman

Regent Beeghly stated “the record reflects that notice of this meeting was given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents’ Administrative Rule 3333-1-14, which rule was adopted in accordance with section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code.”

- 3) Consideration of matters related to the agenda (items may be amended, added to or deleted from the agenda at the discretion of the board.)

No changes were made to the agenda.

- 4) Approval of minutes of the May 18, 2005 meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents.

A motion was made by Regent Tuschman to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2005 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Brown and passed unanimously.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Access Committee – Regent Alvarado - The committee engaged in a discussion on the topic of mathematics education with guests Tom Lasley, the Dean of Education from the University of Dayton; Peggy Kasten, the Director of the Ohio Resource Center for Mathematics, Science, and Reading; and Joan Leitzel, the Assistant Director of Mathematics and Science Literacy with the Ohio Department of Education.

The committee heard about the initiatives to develop teacher preparedness, improve curriculum, and improve aspirations among students to improve math achievement. Questions were raised and ideas were exchanged over future opportunities.

Associate Vice Chancellor Deborah Gavlik gave an update on H.B. 66, the biennial operating budget bill, conference committee members and OBM’s revised revenue projections. She noted that increased funding for higher education had been identified as a priority by the majority leadership.

Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel and Charles Shahid, Director, State Grants and Scholarships, updated the committee on the new College Access Information Hot Line which is a toll free number that prospective students can call to access information on preparation for college, admissions, financial aid, articulation and transfer and general facts about enrollment at colleges and universities throughout Ohio.

Ryan Scribner, Legislative Liaison, informed the committee that the latest version of *The Issue* covers the new Ohio College Opportunity Grant. This edition, as have all prior editions, will be distributed to the General Assembly.

Associate Vice Chancellor Gavlik gave an update on the progress of H.B. 251, Representative Uecker's bill to require energy efficient designs practices for state capital funded construction projects. Jim Nargang, Assistant Director, Capital Development, provided interested party testimony for the bill's second hearing. No further committee action on the bill was expected until the General Assembly returns from summer break.

Resources & System Efficiency Committee - Regent Beeghly – The committee began with an update from Mr. David Varda, the Chief Deputy Auditor of State, who told the Committee that Central State University's audit has been submitted and will be certified on June 15, 2005, and released on June 23, 2005. The Auditor of State had not certified the original audit because revisions were needed. Mr. Varda said that Plante & Moran, the independent accounting firm that performed the audit, responded quickly to make these revisions.

Regents' staff used the uncertified audit to compute Central State's "Senate Bill 6" ratios. The ratios are stable and above the minimum acceptable thresholds. Representatives from Central State University and Plante & Moran will attend the July Committee meeting to provide a final update.

Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick updated the Committee on the \$17.6 million shortfall in FY 2005 Ohio Instructional Grant funds. Over the past two of months, Regents' staff worked closely with OBM to successfully identify resources to cover this shortfall. The State Controlling Board approved the transfer of \$17.6 million, ensuring that all of the FY 2005 OIG obligations will be met.

Vice Chancellor Petrick also made a brief presentation on the FY 2007-2008 capital budget. As the state's investment in higher education capital facilities has declined in recent years, total long-term debt at Ohio's public campuses has increased by more than \$2 billion since FY 1998. Conversely, the state's investment in K-12 capital facilities has risen dramatically over the past several years. Regents' staff will continue to work with the Capital Consultation to identify higher education's capital priorities for the next capital biennium.

The Committee also reviewed items for the July consent agenda: a draft resolution for the release and distribution of approximately \$2.6 billion in FY 2006 operating funds (once the General Assembly passes House Bill 66 later this month, Regents' staff will update this resolution with the appropriate detail); a \$2 million Joint Use agreement between Sinclair Community College and the National

Composites Center; a \$100,000 Joint Use agreement between Clark State Community College and the Champaign YMCA; a \$100,000 Joint Use agreement between Clark State and the Tecumseh YMCA; and a \$100,000 Joint Use agreement between Clark State and Catholic Social Services of Southwestern Ohio.

Mr. Al Rodack, the associate treasurer for Ohio State University, briefed the Committee on Ohio State's request to pledge student fees to support an \$88.7 million bond issuance. This proposal will support 15 capital projects at OSU, ranging from campus infrastructure improvements to the expansion of University research and medical facilities.

The May 2005 Controlling Board items were recommended for approval by the full board.

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of items 3.16 through 3.17 for the June consent agenda.

Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee – Regent Tuschman – The committee was briefed by Jack Connell, Assistant Director for Academic & Access Programs on the renewal of existing tuition reciprocity agreements with Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and West Virginia. These agreements expand postsecondary educational opportunities in reciprocity eligible areas while limiting the cost of such expansion to the taxpayers of the participating states through collaboration among public institutions of higher education. The intended outcomes of these collaborations are to increase the availability of programs to residents of reciprocity eligible areas without needless duplication of educational effort, to promote efficient use of existing educational facilities and resources, and to establish parity in terms of the student exchange.

No major changes have been made to the agreements since the last renewal. Preliminary data were shared with the Regents. A full report will be submitted at the July Committee meeting.

Jack Connell also briefed the committee on Defiance College's institutional reauthorization and Cornell University and Queens University's Master of Business Administration proposals. Dr. Dan Szpiro, Director of the Boardroom Executive MBA program at Cornell University, also provided brief comments about the Cornell and Queens collaboration.

Cathy Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development, briefed the committee on Belmont Technical College and Ohio University-Eastern's Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree proposals; Kent State University and Stark State College of Technology's joint Associate of Arts degree; and Wright State University-Lake Campus' Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies degree proposal.

Associate Vice Chancellor Jane Fullerton briefed the committee on Cleveland State University's Bachelor of Arts in Communication Management, Film and Digital Media, and Journalism and Promotional Communication degree proposals and Ohio University's request to offer the Bachelor of

Technical and Applied Studies degree program at their Chillicothe, Eastern, Lancaster and Zanesville regional campuses.

Dr. Harry Andrist, Director, Research & Graduate Programs, briefed the committee on Cleveland State University's Master of Science in Software Engineering; Shawnee State University's Master of Occupational Therapy; University of Cincinnati's Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Health Education, and Medical University of Ohio's Doctorate in Physical Therapy degree program proposals.

These institutions met Regents' minimum standards for their respective proposals. There were no serious concerns raised in the reviews.

Dr. Rebecca J. Kurtz, Dean of Learning, Belmont Technical College, and Charles Smith, Assistant Dean, Ohio University Eastern, gave a brief presentation on joint degree pilot project between the two institutions. The purpose of the project is to increase higher education access to students in the region and confer joint Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees. The committee was impressed by this presentation noting that this was an excellent model of collaboration between two institutions in proximity of each other and encourage other institutions to model themselves after the extensive work done by these two fine institutions.

Dr. Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement, presented a plan to monitor Union Institute & University's Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program. The purpose of the plan is to determine whether the program's processes and procedures are in compliance with Regents' and nationally acceptable standards for this specific degree program.

Due to time constraints, the Program Review Process Enhancement Project presentation and committee reports were tabled for the July committee meeting.

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of items 3.1 through 3.15 for the June consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Alvarado to approve Agenda Items 3.1 –3.17 for the June consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Regent Houston and unanimously passed.

- 3.1 Indiana Wesleyan University, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.2 Ohio Northern University, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.3 Grace Theological Seminary (IN), Master of Ministry degree program
- 3.4 Lakeland Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Construction Management
- 3.5 Kent State University, Master of Urban Design
- 3.6 Marygrove College, Detroit, Michigan; Master in the Art of Teaching Degree Program
- 3.7 University of Dayton, Master of Mathematics Education
- 3.8 University of Toledo, Master of Studies in Law

- 3.9 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Belmont Technical College, Jefferson Community College and West Virginia Northern Community College
- 3.10 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Clark State Community College, Edison Community College, Miami University Hamilton, Miami University Middletown, Rhodes State College, Sinclair Community College, Wright State University Main Campus and Wright State University Lake Campus, and Ball State University, Indiana University East, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Region 6, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Region 9 and Purdue University College of Technology at Muncie and Richmond
- 3.11 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University-Ashland, Morehead State University-Morehead, and Ohio University-Athens, Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College and Shawnee State University
- 3.12 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Maysville Community and Technical College and the University of Cincinnati-Clermont College
- 3.13 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Undergraduate Agreement between Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Southern State Community College and the University of Cincinnati, and Northern Kentucky University
- 3.14 Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Eastern Michigan University, Monroe County Community College, Owens Community College and the University of Toledo
- 3.15 Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Washington State Community College and West Virginia University-Parkersburg
- 3.16 Consideration of a First Addendum to a Joint Use Agreement between the University of Akron and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens
- 3.17 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period May 1, 2005 through May 31, 2005

RESOLUTION 2005-123
Agenda Item 3.1

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following institution be granted institutional reauthorization through December 31, 2015.

Indiana Wesleyan University
Institutional Reauthorization

RESOLUTION 2005-124
Agenda Item 3.2

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology

Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following institution be granted institutional reauthorization through December 31, 2015.

Ohio Northern University
Institutional Reauthorization

RESOLUTION 2005-125
Agenda Item 3.3

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following program be authorization through December 31, 2012, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Grace Theological Seminary
Master of Ministry degree program

RESOLUTION 2005-126
Agenda Item 3.4

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Lakeland Community College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Construction Management

RESOLUTION 2005-127
Agenda Item 3.5

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study as well as the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new graduate degree program is approved:

Kent State University
Master of Urban Design
Master of Arts in East Asian Studies

RESOLUTION 2005-128
Agenda Item 3.6

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following program be granted Provisional Authorization through December 31, 2007, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2005 and 2006. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2007 to determine continued authorization.

Marygrove College
Master in the Art of Teaching degree program

RESOLUTION 2005-129
Agenda Item 3.7

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study as well as the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

University of Dayton
Master of Mathematics Education

RESOLUTION 2005-130
Agenda Item 3.8

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study as well as the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

University of Toledo
Master of Studies in Law

RESOLUTION 2005-131
Agenda Item 3.9

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Belmont Technical College, Jefferson Community College, and West Virginia Northern Community College was established in 1985, and subsequently renewed in 1989, 1995, 2001, was amended in 2002, and renewed in 2003, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2005, and;

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

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, and Wetzel Counties of West Virginia has the opportunity to attend Belmont Technical College and Jefferson Community College at Ohio resident tuition rates, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Belmont, Harrison, Jefferson and Monroe Counties of Ohio may enroll at West Virginia Northern Community College at West Virginia resident tuition rates, and;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Renewal of the Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

RESOLUTION 2005-132
Agenda Item 3.10

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Clark State Community College, Edison Community College, Miami University Hamilton, Miami University Middletown, Rhodes State College, Sinclair Community College, Wright State University Main Campus and Wright State University Lake Campus, and Ball State University, Indiana University East, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Region 6, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Region 9 and Purdue University College of Technology at Muncie and Richmond was established in 2004, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2005, and;

WHEREAS, Clark State Community College, Edison Community College, Miami University Hamilton, Miami University Middletown, Rhodes State College, Sinclair Community College, Wright State University Main Campus and Wright State University Lake Campus, and Ball State University, Indiana University East, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Region 6, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Region 9 and Purdue University College of Technology at Muncie and Richmond have proposed a Renewal of the current Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Adams, Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, Wayne, and Wells Counties of Indiana has the opportunity to attend Clark State Community College, Edison Community College, Miami University Hamilton, Miami University Middletown, Rhodes State College, Sinclair Community College, Wright State University Main Campus and Wright State University Lake Campus at Ohio resident tuition rates, if enrolled in designated reciprocity eligible programs, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Butler, Darke, Mercer, Preble, Shelby, and Van Wert Counties of Ohio may enroll at Ball State University, Indiana University East, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Region 6, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Region 9 and Purdue University College of Technology at Muncie and Richmond at Indiana resident 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, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

RESOLUTION 2005-133
Agenda Item 3.11

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University-Ashland, Morehead State University-Morehead, and Ohio University-Athens, Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College and Shawnee State University was established in 2002, and renewed in 2003, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2005, and;

WHEREAS, Ashland Community College and Technical College, Morehead State University-Ashland, Morehead State University-Morehead, and Ohio University-Athens, Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College and Shawnee State University have proposed a Renewal of the current Agreement, and;

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

WHEREAS, residents of Adams, Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Scioto, and Vinton Counties of Ohio may enroll at Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University-Ashland and Morehead State University-Morehead at West Virginia resident 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, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

RESOLUTION 2005-134
Agenda Item 3.12

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Maysville Community and Technical College and the University of Cincinnati-Clermont College was established in 2003, and amended in 2004, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2005, and;

WHEREAS, Maysville Community and Technical College and the University of Cincinnati-Clermont College have proposed a Renewal of the current Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Bracken, Lewis, Mason, and Robertson Counties of Kentucky has the opportunity to attend the University of Cincinnati-Clermont College at Ohio resident tuition rates, and;

WHEREAS, residents of Adams, Brown, and Clermont Counties of Ohio may enroll at Maysville Community and Technical College at Kentucky resident tuition rates, and;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Renewal of the Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

RESOLUTION 2005-135
Agenda Item 3.13

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Southern State Community College and the University of Cincinnati, and Northern Kentucky University was established in 1991, and subsequently renewed in 1994, 1996, 2001, was amended in 2002, and renewed in 2003, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2005, and;

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

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, and Pendleton Counties of Kentucky has the opportunity to attend Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Southern State Community College and the University of Cincinnati at Ohio resident tuition rates, if enrolled in designated reciprocity eligible programs, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren Counties of Ohio may enroll at Northern Kentucky University at Kentucky resident 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, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

RESOLUTION 2005-136
Agenda Item 3.14

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Eastern Michigan University and the University of Toledo was established in 1978, and subsequently renewed in 1981, 1982, 1987, 1987, 1992, 2000, 2001, was amended in 2002, and renewed in 2003, and;

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Owens Community College and Monroe County Community College was established in 1982, and subsequently renewed in 1993, 1998, 2001, was amended in 2002, and renewed in 2003, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreements expire on June 30, 2005, and;

WHEREAS, Eastern Michigan University, Monroe County Community College, Owens Community College and the University of Toledo have proposed to merge their respective Agreements into one Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Agreement any resident of Monroe County of Michigan has the opportunity to attend Owens Community College and the University of Toledo at Ohio resident tuition rates, if enrolled in designated reciprocity eligible programs, and;

WHEREAS, residents of Ohio may enroll at Eastern Michigan University at Michigan resident tuition rates, if enrolled in designated reciprocity eligible programs, and;

WHEREAS, residents of Ohio may enroll at Monroe County Community College at Michigan in-state, out-of-district resident tuition rates, if enrolled in designated reciprocity eligible programs, and;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the establishment of the Tuition Reciprocity Agreement attached is approved, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

RESOLUTION 2005-137
Agenda Item 3.15

WHEREAS, a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Washington State Community College and West Virginia University-Parkersburg was established in 1987, and subsequently renewed in 1991, 1996, was amended in 1999, 2002, and renewed in 2003, and;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2005, 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, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt, and Wood Counties of West Virginia has the opportunity to attend Washington State Community College at Ohio resident tuition rates, if enrolled in designated reciprocity programs, and;

WHEREAS, residents of Athens, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, and Washington Counties of Ohio with an associate degree may enroll at West Virginia University-Parkersburg at West Virginia resident 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, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

RESOLUTION 2005-138
Agenda Item 3.16

WHEREAS, the 125th Ohio General Assembly enacted S.B. 189 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$500,000 to the University of Akron for the Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens; 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, the University of Akron and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens 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 and System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the First Addendum to the Joint Use Agreement between the University of Akron and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-139
Agenda Item 3.17

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the request for release of capital improvements funds received in the period May 1, 2005 through May 31, 2005, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS TO THE BOARD

INTRODUCTION

Thank you, Chairman Adams.

SISTER MARY ANDREW MATESICH

I begin my report on a very sad note. I learned this morning of the passing yesterday of the President Emerita of Ohio Dominican University: Sister Mary Andrew Matesich.

Sister Mary Andrew – or Sister Andy, as she was affectionately known – served as Ohio Dominican's president for 23 years and was a passionate spokesperson, in Ohio and nationally, for the need to address the higher education needs of underserved populations – particularly first generation college students, working adults, and soldiers returning from service.

She stepped down from her presidency in 2001 to fight a personal battle with cancer, which she selflessly undertook as passionately as she fought for the rights of underserved students, volunteering to be a subject of experimental cancer treatments so that others may benefit.

This little Sister was a giant of a higher education president and an enormous personal example. We honor her life and her memory, and our prayers are with her family and the Ohio Dominican community.

May I ask for a moment of silence as we remember Sister Mary Andrew Matesich's courageous service and leadership, and the many lives she touched so profoundly? Thank you.

GRADUATION SEASON

In the education world, with the month of June comes commencements. The many ceremonies of Ohio's colleges and universities that sent the latest cohort of highly skilled, highly educated graduates into the world are always thrilling validations of the importance of the work that higher education performs in creating the future of our state..

FY06-07 BUDGET

The importance of higher education to the future prosperity of Ohio has wended its way throughout this year's budget process as well. With 460-some differences to reconcile, the conference committee of House and Senate members continues to meet to craft the next two-year budget. The legislators first met a week ago.

That same day, legislative leaders announced revised revenue forecasts for the state and an additional \$800 million available for the FY06-FY07 biennium.

One of the conference committee's priorities to consider for additional funding includes investing in higher education.

- a) Specifically: "Investing in efforts that will help grow Ohio's talent, invest in our economy and create jobs for the future."
- b) This charge by the leaders of the General Assembly echoes the objectives of the Return on Educational Investment plan floated advocated by Ohio's a united higher education community.
- c) We are pleased that the Legislature "gets it" – that our state's policy makers understand that Ohio must start down this road and make a long-term commitment to the development of Ohioans' ability to compete and win in the "flat world" described so vividly by writer Thomas L. Friedman.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ohio's higher education community took an important step in meeting its obligations under the ROEI plan. Last week, we held the first meeting of the Planning Committee on Higher Learning Accountability and Productivity.

This is the initiative we asked Steve Kopp, Ohio University's former provost, to shepherd for us. The committee's 18 members includes provosts, deans, faculty members and vice presidents from Ohio's public and private colleges and universities.

Part of the charge to the group is to determine how to measure institutional learning gains and gains in the level of general knowledge, skills and competencies achieved by undergraduates. Further, the committee will develop strategies, recommendations, and processes for improving learning productivity and student success in Ohio's public institutions of higher learning.

All the participants agreed it was a terrific start with an impressive wealth of expertise and sheer brain power dedicated to this vitally important work.

AMERICAN DIPLOMA PROJECT

Part of improving college success requires Ohio's K-12 community to improve the knowledge and skills of their graduates. Ohio has become a member of an 18-state coalition formed to improve high schools, under the aegis of the American Diploma Project. Governor Taft co-chairs Achieve, the sponsoring organization of this coalition.

The coalition states are developing specific plans and timetables to significantly raise the rigor of high school standards (reflected in Ohio's new Academic Content Standards), and related curricula and assessments to align them with the demands of postsecondary education and the workplace.

One aspect of this work will focus on the alignment of expectations for students to enter college without remediation. This effort is being tackled by the Secondary to College Articulation Subcommittee of the Regents' Articulation & Transfer Committee.

The first part of this work will include defining Ohio's expectations for college-level mathematics and English language arts.

Math and English panels of K-12 and higher education faculty members and business leaders will be meeting tonight and tomorrow to kick off this discussion.

The next step will be to ensure that those expectations provide a consistent way of ensuring that students are placed in non-remedial mathematics and English language arts courses.

We will, of course, be opening up this process to a wide range of stakeholders for review and comment.

P-16 COUNCIL

Bridging the elementary/secondary and higher education worlds will be the focus of the state's new Partnership for Continued Learning, recommended by the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy. Governor Taft signed the bill that creates the Partnership last month.

We look forward to participating in the Partnership and helping to shape its agenda. Given the work of the Regents and the Joint Council of the Ohio Board of Regents and the State Board of Education, we believe that agenda should include:

1. eliminating barriers to successfully moving through the P-16 pipeline, especially at critical junctures such as preschool to kindergarten, elementary school to middle school, middle school to high school, and high school to college;
2. eliminating barriers so that communities can provide an integrated, holistic P-16 learning system for traditional students and the returning workforce;
3. suggesting allocation of resources, where appropriate, to improve the pipeline, especially in math and science, because these areas are critical to the ability of Ohioans to successfully compete in the Knowledge Economy; and
4. ensuring Ohio develops the teaching force we need to provide for the success of all of our students.

JOINT BOARD MEETING

The work of the Partnership for Continued Learning will be a focus of the joint meeting of the Board of Regents and the State Board of Education on July 13th, the day before next month's board.

COMMONALITIES

What all these items that I have reported on have in common is a focus on learning and success.

I am "practicing what I preach," undertaking my own continuous re-education, by participating in a distance learning course on "Cognitive Science Findings and Concept Mapping."

I'll offer some insights from this course in next month's chancellor's report, after my three-week session concludes.

Alas, I must admit to having already missed a class, because it conflicted with our Regents' Retreat session yesterday. However, because of the wonders of technology, I can "make up" that class by reviewing its proceedings on-line.

KUDOS

I'll close my report by first offering my own "Welcome" to Jerry Tatar, the newest member of the Ohio Board of Regents.

In our recent meetings and discussions with Regent Tatar and the prior interactions Regents staff had with him on CHEE, he our newest Regent has already expressed praise for Regents staff.

In yesterday's retreat, we gave him a heavy introduction into the complexities involved in higher education policy. It's already been a great start and we all look forward to working with Regent Tatar on his important new responsibilities as a Regent.

Kudos to the aforementioned Steve Kopp for being named the 39th president of Marshall University.

We've been fortunate to benefit from Steve's services as a loaned executive from Ohio University on our efforts to advance learning productivity toward our focus on student success and completion.

Steve's continued leadership as chairman of the Planning Committee on Higher Learning Accountability and Productivity and productivity committee – to which he and Marshall's Board of Governors agreed – will be mutually beneficial to both Ohio and Marshall. We greatly appreciate that decision.

And kudos to Stan Ahalt, executive director of the Ohio Supercomputer Center for being named as one of the "People to Watch 2005" by HPCwire, the global publication of record for High Performance Computing.

HPCwire notes why Stan is worth watching: "Because he's an upstart. We appreciate Stan most as the inspiration behind 'blue collar computing for industrial HPC,' a concept that he has pioneered."

CONCLUSION

Chairman Adams, that concludes my report for this month.

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 Wednesday, July 14, 2005, at the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio @ 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Vice Chair

Date

Date