

Initiatives Committee  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Minutes of the Meeting of May 18, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Regent Jerry Gordon.  
Regents present were:

Jerry Gordon, Regent  
Tom Noe, Regent

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Access Programs  
Jonathan Tafel, Associate Vice Chancellor  
Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs  
Jane Fullerton, Director, Education Initiatives and Grant Development  
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development  
Leslie Sawyer, Associate Director, Access Programs  
Jack Connell, Consultant, Academic and Access Programs

Guests:

John Buttlewerth, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College  
Jessica Poprocki, Ohio Association of Independent Colleges and  
Universities  
David Allen, Dean, KSU-Trumbull  
Raj Chowdhury, Dean and Professor, School of Technology, KSU

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Initiatives Committee meeting from March 23, 2000 were reviewed and approved (no committee meeting was held in April 2000).

### **May 18, 2000 agenda items**

Previously reviewed and approved by Committee:

- Belmont Technical College, Associate of Applied Science in Indoor Quality
- Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Deaf Interpretive Services
- University of Cincinnati, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Technology
- Distribution and release of Hayes Investment Fund Supplemental Awards
- Distribution and release of funds to the Ohio Learning Network
- Request by the University of Phoenix to operate in Ohio Board of Regents

There were no major questions from the Committee on the proposed degree programs. Dr. Andrist indicated that the Hayes Investment Fund Awards previously discussed by the Committee are recommended for final action of the Board. Vice Chancellor Walters described an innovative approach to the need for remedial coursework in a discussion of the release of funds to the Ohio Learning Network. The Ohio Learning Network will receive funds from the Ohio Board of Regents to develop modular approaches to remedial coursework in mathematics, English and possibly in areas related to communication. This innovative program would make remedial courses available on a self-paced basis – for students planning to pursue an education beyond high school. This will provide an important opportunity for high school students that may not be prepared for college level course work and for adult students juggling multiple demands and in need of coursework to bridge the gap of some years from high school to college. It is anticipated that this modular approach to self-paced learning would be available free to the student and that students would be linked with a two-year campus for the initial contact and delivery. This project is still in development. Updates will be provided to the Committee at future meetings.

Vice Chancellor Walters responded to a few questions regarding the University of Phoenix's proposal to operate in Ohio.

Regent Gordon introduced Dean Raj Chowdhury, Dean, School of Technology at KSU and acknowledged him for his insight and effort into the creative provision of academic preparation in technology areas for the Kent campuses.

**June 2000 – proposed agenda items:**

- Stark State College of Technology, Associate of Applied Science in Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Technology
- Kent State University – Trumbull Campus, Associate of Applied Science in High Technology Manufacturing
- Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science Technology
- Stark State College of Technology, Associate of Applied Science in Interactive Media Technology
- Associate of Technical Studies in Partnership with First Energy Corporation
  - Lakeland Community College, Associate of Technical Studies in Electric Power Utility Technology
  - Stark State College of Technology, Associate of Technical Studies in Electric Power Utility Technology
- Consideration of a Permanent Charter for Jefferson Community College

Mr. Michael Taggart provided an overview of the proposed programs and partnerships. There was some discussion of technical program proposals and the extent to which such proposals represent changes in some fields as fire science and support services for building/construction. Mr. Michael Taggart responded to questions regarding degree programs.

Vice Chancellor Walters responded to questions regarding the granting of a permanent charter for Jefferson Community College. The action reflects a step in the process of conversion from technical college to community college.

### **Information items**

- Follow-up on Medical Line Items
- Kent State University, degree name change from Master of Arts in Technology to Master of Technology
- Cleveland State University, degree title change from Master of Accountancy and Financial Information Systems to Master of Accountancy
- Cleveland State University and the University of Akron, degree title change from joint Ph.D. in Urban Studies to joint Ph.D. in Urban Studies and Public Affairs
- University of Cincinnati, degree title change from Master of Education in Elementary Education to Master of Education in Elementary/Middle Childhood Education

Ms. Leslie Sawyer provided an update to the Initiatives Committee on the final disbursement of the medical line items according to a previously approved process.

Dr. Harry Andrist, Director of Research and Graduate Programs, provided an overview to the Initiatives Committee of the various requests for name changes to existing degrees. The Initiatives Committee requested a legal opinion regarding the role of the Board of Regents in approval of name changes to existing programs. There was some discussion as to whether such changes would require Board approval or could be handled administratively by staff. The Committee was concerned that the Board act in accordance with its legislated authority in this regard. Dr. Andrist will report back to the committee at a future meeting.

### **Reports**

- K-16 Initiatives: Dr. Jonathan Tafel reported on several activities of the K-16 initiatives group, including the Title II Statewide Arts, Sciences, and Education Leadership Forum and release of funds for course development. Dr. Fullerton provided some additional comments with regard to the work of the Title II grant. In addition, Dr. Tafel provided an overview of a pilot project to reform teacher education. Ohio State University, Ohio University and Wright State University are working both on each campus and collaboratively to address the issue of what skills teachers need to have in order to be effective in the classroom. This project will serve as a model for some future efforts and is designed to develop collaborations between arts, sciences and education.

- Degree approval: Dr. Harry Andrist indicated that the Board of Regents is in the final phases of its review of Engineering Doctoral Programs. The progress of this effort will be discussed in greater detail at the June meeting of the Board of Regents.
- Workforce Development: Mr. Michael Taggart provided a brief overview of activities related to workforce development.
- Research: Dr. Andrist provided an overview of research initiatives during other parts of the Initiatives Committee meeting.
- Access Initiatives: Ms. Leslie Sawyer reported on on-going efforts in support of the GEAR UP grant, including the roll-out event at OU-Southern and the spring celebration event at the Cleveland sites. All students have now received their 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar Certificate.