

**Access and Communications Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, April 21, 2004**

The meeting of the Access and Communications Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents was held at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, in Rootstown, Ohio. In attendance were the following:

Ohio Board of Regents Members:

Members of the Access and Communications Committee

Gerald M. Miller, Vice Chair
Jeannette G. Brown
Ralph E. Schey

Other Regents in attendance:

Edmund J. Adams
Bruce R. Beeghly
Thomas W. Noe

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Jamie Abel, Assistant Director, Communications
Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs
David Barber, Consultant, Academic and Access Programs
Roderick Chu, Chancellor
Bret Crow, Assistant Director for Communications
Jack Connell, Assistant Director for Degree Programs
Shane DeGarmo, Administrator, Program Approval & Tuition Reciprocity
Kris Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations
Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance & Government Relations
Darrel Glenn, Director, Performance Reporting
Janet Schilk, Associate Director, K-16 Initiatives
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development
Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Economic Advancement
Shaun Yoder, Legislative Liaison, Finance and Government Relations

Guests:

Chris Baldwin, Owens Community College
Tony Barnes, University of Akron
Robert Baird, Director, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
Linda Carr, University of Toledo
Larry Christman, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio
Jill Craig, Office of Senator Robert Gardner
Laurie Day, Cleveland State University
Terri Gehr, Vice President, Columbus State Community College
Benson Lee, Board Member, The Cleveland Foundation
Rich Lewis, NEOUCOM

Cindy McQuade, Inter-University Council
Dr. M. Valeriana Moeller, President of Columbus State Community College
Pat Myers, Kent State University
Glenn Peters, Director, Museums Division, Ohio Historical Society
Harry Searles, Director, Multimedia Department, Ohio Historical Society
Judy Scalf, Northeast Regional Library Depository
Len Simutis, Director, Eisenhower National Clearing House
Terry Thomas, Ohio Association of Community Colleges

Reports and Updates:

The Committee received a report from Mr. Robert Baird, Director of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, and Mr. Benson Lee, a board member of the Cleveland Foundation, on the work and progress of the Woodrow Wilson Project and the Cleveland Foundation. The guests provided an overview of how the outreach dollars are helping the greater Cleveland area improve teacher professional development in the disciplines of science and social studies.

Mr. Lee further explained the goals of the Cleveland Leadership Program including:

- Raising academic achievement in secondary schools,
- Improving secondary school teaching, and
- Engaging college and universities systematically in Cleveland and throughout Northeastern Ohio.

It was emphasized that this infrastructure would likely improve K-12 education and make needed linkages to research universities.

Mr. Robert Baird, of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, also provided an overview of the work of the Woodrow Wilson foundation. This collaborative project, with funding from the Cleveland Foundation, also receives a portion of its funding from the Chancellor's discretionary funds.

In a second report to the committee, representatives from the Ohio Historical Society and the Eisenhower National Clearing House (Harry Searles, Ohio Historical Society; Glenn Peters, Ohio Historical Society; and Len Simutis, Eisenhower National Clearing House) explained the development of the Social Studies Resource Center, which is housed at the Ohio Historical Society. The Ohio Historical Society maintains a commitment to this project as the organization has dedicated funding during these tight budget times to support this initiative.

Specifically, Glenn Peters, Director of the Museums Division of the Ohio Historical Society, provided an overview of the broad coalition of stakeholder groups involved in the creation of the center. He explained that a center in social studies is needed to develop links to standards based social studies instructional materials. Dr. Peters stated that the resources must be lively, relevant, and have a lasting impact on students. Resources will also include content and suggest implementation strategies for the classroom and with experiential learning.

Dr. Len Simutis, Director of the Eisenhower National Clearing House in Columbus, informed the committee that the new social studies resource center will use the same infrastructure as the current Ohio Resource Center (ORC) and will build on that initial investment. Continuity and platform will save resources and provide teachers with consistent website information. Three audiences are planned for this site:

1. Current teachers in the field (effective resources),
2. Faculty and students in teacher preparation programs, and
3. Faculty in the arts and sciences who contribute to the education of future teachers.

Finally, representatives outlined the next steps for the resource center, which include:

1. The development a steering committee to vet material for the site.
2. The extension and use of larger resources across the state beyond initial consortia.
3. An increased teacher awareness of such a resource center and its materials.

The social studies resource center representatives expressed sincere appreciation to Chancellor Chu, who initiated discussions about providing more relevant and useful social studies resources for Ohio's students and teachers.

Jamie Abel, Assistant Director of Communications, updated the Committee on the Third Frontier Network event scheduled for Monday, April 26 at the Genome Research Institute on the campus of the University of Cincinnati. Jamie explained that this event would be preceded by the Chancellor's editorial board visits scheduled in Cincinnati for Friday, April 23. The editorial board visits are aimed at promoting the event and the "lighting" of the Third Frontier Network. Jamie also indicated that Congressman Steve Chabot, of the 1st Congressional District, and Congressman Rob Portman, of the 2nd Congressional District have both been confirmed for the event.

Associate Vice Chancellor Deborah Gavlik then provided the committee with a quick overview of two recently introduced pieces of legislation including:

- Senate Bill 224, introduced by Senator Joy Padgett on April 8, 2004. The legislation would permit a technical college that is not co-located with another institution of higher education to acquire and operate housing and dining facilities. The only technical college meeting that description is Hocking Technical College.
- House Bill 456, introduced by Representative Clyde Evans on April 8, 2004. The legislation would provide for the creation of a new joint vocational-community college-university partnership at the Collins Career Center in Lawrence County.

Associate Vice Chancellor Gavlik also presented the latest edition of *The Issue* to committee members. This month's topic: Why Should the State Invest in University Research?

She also pointed the committees' attention to a list of meetings that Ohio Board of Regents staff have had with various members of the legislature since January 2004. The list shows meetings with legislative members or staff on a variety of topics or concerns.

Upon the conclusion of the remarks of Associate Vice Chancellor Gavlik, **Regent Brown adjourned the meeting of the committee.**