

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of April 21, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Beeghly at 6:13 p.m. Regents present were:

PERT Committee members

Bruce R. Beeghly, Chair
Jeanette G. Brown, Vice Chair
Edmund J. Adams

Other Regents in attendance

Gerald M. Miller
Thomas W. Noe
J. Gilbert Reese
Ralph E. Schey

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

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

Minutes of the March 11, 2004 Meeting

Minutes of the March 11 meeting were unanimously approved by the committee.

April 22 Board Agenda Items:

- College of Wooster, Institutional Reauthorization
- Laura & Alvin Siegal College of Judaic Studies, Institutional Reauthorization
- Muskingum Area Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Human Service Assistant
- Stark State College of Technology, Associate of Technical Study degree in Medical Instrument Sterilization Technology
- University of Akron, Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Intellectual Property Law

Items 3.1-3.5 were moved to the board consent agenda.

Items Proposed for the May 13 Board Meeting:

Due to the cancellation of the May board meeting, these items are being proposed for approval at the June 17 meeting.

- Tiffin University, Institutional Reauthorization
- Tiffin University, Authorization for Columbus sites: Columbus State Community College, Dublin Police Department, and the State of Ohio Department of Youth Services
- Hiram College, Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
- DeVry University, Associate of Applied Science in Networking Systems Administration
- Ohio University, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology, offered off-campus at Muskingum Area Technical College and Ohio University - Zanesville

There were no serious concerns raised in the review process of these proposals. The institutions met Regents' minimum standards for their respective requests.

Dr. Jane Fullerton spoke briefly about Ohio University's (OU) request to offer its Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology program off-campus. The University is proposing to offer the degree on site, in Zanesville, through a collaborative arrangement among the main campus of OU, the Zanesville campus and Muskingum Area Technical College (soon to be Zane State College). This is an excellent example of a blended program that engages faculty at each of the participating institutions and builds on an existing associate degree. It represents the kinds of articulations that Regents' staff hope will become more broadly available through current efforts to improve transfer and articulation among campuses.

Committee Reports

Degree Approval

- Summary of the Higher Learning Commission's Academic Quality Improvement Program process

Jack Connell spoke briefly about a new review/accreditation program created by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Since the HLC reviews Ohio colleges and universities for regional accreditation and because several Ohio institutions are requesting to be reviewed under the new process, OBR staff recently attended a conference describing the new process.

The Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) process is described as a continuous improvement process and can replace the current comprehensive review process of HLC. The historical process for regional accreditation is a comprehensive site review of an institution and is typically conducted every ten years after initial accreditation. The AQIP process, by contrast, monitors institutional effectiveness through identified Action Plans that are reviewed annually and with special reviews during the fourth and seventh years. Site visits may be avoided as long as an institution can demonstrate appropriate progress on Action Plans.

Regents' staff will monitor the new AQIP processes as they evolve to ensure that AQIP review documents will also provide the Regents with comprehensive evaluations of institutional effectiveness as currently provided through the traditional HLC re-accreditation process.

- Co-located Campus Review Project

In response to a legislative mandate the seven co-located technical colleges and university regional campuses have jointly appointed local committees to study the level of cooperation among co-located campus organizations, the extent of their community responsiveness, and the transferability of courses between co-located technical colleges and regional campuses. Reports on this work are now being received by Regents and will serve as the basis for a report to the legislature. A report on this work will likely be brought to the PERT Committee in May.

Workforce Development

- Governor's Jobs Cabinet

Michael Taggart briefed the committee on the Governor's Jobs Cabinet. On February 19, 2004 the governor initiated his new Jobs Cabinet, urging members to consider how every decision they make impacts jobs and Ohio's economy. The Job Cabinet consists of 14 cabinet level directors, one of which is Chancellor Chu, charged with creating good jobs for Ohioans.

The cabinet will be developing proposals that will address the following: 1) workforce development issues; 2) regulatory reform; 3) tax reform; and 4) marketing Ohio's strengths. The Jobs Cabinet will consider an agency recommendation in May.

Research

- Update on the Third Frontier Project

Dr. Harry Andrist updated the committee on the Third Frontier Project. On April 12, 2004, the Third Frontier Advisory Board submitted its Strategic Program Plan recommendations to the Third Frontier Commission. The plan contains a defined focus for investments and activities that include: 1) building world-class applied research capacity; 2) entrepreneurial assistance to accelerate and attraction of technology-based businesses; 3) product innovation; and 4) marketing of Ohio's competitiveness.

Three new programs (Enhanced Validation/Seed Capital, Product Development Pilot, and Wright Operating Funds for Non-bioscience) join four existing programs to be recommended for fiscal year 2005. RFPs for the programs will be released in May and June, with award decisions to be staggered over October 2004 to March 2005.

Budget recommendations for the plan were based on the understanding that a total of \$103.6 million may be available to support Third Frontier programs in fiscal year 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.