

**Initiatives Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of January 16, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Brown. Regents present were:

Edmund Adams
Donna Alvarado
Jeanette Grasselli Brown
Gilbert Reese
Ralph Schey

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Roderick Chu, Chancellor
Eric Almonte, Assistant Director, Access Initiatives
Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs
David Barber, Consultant, Academic and Access Programs
Jack Connell, Administrator, Degree Programs – Private
Tom Rudd, Director, Student Financial Access
Leslie Sawyer, Director, Access Initiatives Programs
Janet Schilk, Associate Director, K-16 Initiatives
Yvonne Stertzer, Financial Analyst
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor, Educational Linkages and Access
Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement

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Minutes of the November 14 meeting were unanimously approved by the Committee.

Presentation

Status of the Knowledge Economy Awareness Initiative: – Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement; Kris Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations; Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development

Mr. Michael Taggart presented an overview of a new initiative that builds on the Full State Press. The Knowledge Economy Awareness Project has been launched by the EnterpriseOhio Network to inform community leaders across Ohio about the key factors for community success in the Knowledge Economy. Those factors are:

- Citizens with continuously improving knowledge and skills
- An entrepreneurial, innovative business climate
- An improving quality of life

Thirty of Ohio's two-year campuses are participating by holding Awareness Sessions (January – April, 2003) throughout their service areas.

The subsequent phase of the project is the convening of Community Leaders Forums to consider local strategies for addressing issues that are critical for community success in the Knowledge Economy.

The Ohio Board of Regents staff has supported this project by developing the *Guide for Conducting Knowledge Economy Awareness Sessions* and the *Planning Guide for Conducting Community Leaders Forum* and maintaining a project web site.

Regent Brown asked for a list of the participating campuses so that the Regents can support the Community Forums occurring in their regions. Regent Schey stated that Ohio was a leading industrial state until the 1950's, currently there is a gap between the initial new ideas and its translation into something of commercial value – the capital aspect is missing. A new leadership structure is required that allows all the pieces to come together to reach a marketable goal – education is key.

Additional information on this initiative is available on the EnterpriseOhio website: www.enterpriseohio.org/KEAP.

Committee Reports

- ***K-16 Initiatives***

Dr. Janet Schilk reviewed the proposed Policy Options of the Governor's Commission on Teaching Success with the Committee. It is expected that 15 Policy Options will come forward clustered into four areas: 1. Clarifying Expectations for Teachers and Principals, 2. Recruiting and Retaining High-Quality teachers and Principals, 3. Preparing Teachers and Principals to Succeed, and 4. Advancing the Professional Practice of Teachers and Principals.

Underlying all the Options is the development of standards for what teachers and principals need to know and be able to do throughout their careers. The development of these standards will occur under the Joint Council (similar to the Academic Content Standards for students). Additional Options of interest to the Regents include the expansion of articulation agreements between two- and four-year institutes of higher education for the early preparation of teachers, including high-quality clinical and field experiences in teacher preparation programs, providing incentive funding for colleges and universities to prepare the kinds of teachers needed in Ohio and expanding the pool of high-quality teacher candidates through "grow-your-own" and alternative route programs.

Regent Alvarado asked if the Achievement Gap had been attended to in the development of these recommendations. Dr. Schilk explained that closing the achievement gaps that exist between subpopulations of students was continually discussed by the Commission; in fact the final report will include sidebars explaining how the recommendations of the Commission can assist in closing achievement gaps. Regent Alvarado stated that parental involvement and teacher support are key issues in closing achievement gaps and should be included in teacher preparation programs.

The final Recommendations of the Commission will be presented to Governor Taft on February 20. The Final Report is available at: www.teaching-success.org by clicking on “Final Report”.

- ***Degree Approval***

Mr. Jack Connell reviewed the new degree programs on the January Board Agenda with the Committee. Questions were answered regarding the Urbana University Nursing Degree. This is an extension of a current Associate’s Degree program to serve a regionally identified need both for continual career advancement and to develop a pool of future nursing faculty.

Items for the March meeting were reviewed. Mr. Connell provided information on the Kentucky/West Virginia/Ohio Learning Network reciprocity agreement regarding on-line programs.

- ***Research***

Dr. Harry Andrist updated the Committee on the competition currently being administered by the Ohio Department of Development (DoD) for Wright Centers of Innovation under the Governor’s Third Frontier initiative. This program is the successor to The Ohio Plan proposed by the Regents nearly two years ago. A total of 69 letters of intent were received by DoD in response to the RFP released in January. Responses were received in the area of Biosciences (17), the Non-biological Sciences (19), and Capital projects (33). The letters of intent came from colleges and universities, medical schools, as well as non-profit research centers. Expert reviewers who work and reside outside of the State of Ohio will be assigned by the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. to review the proposals after they have been received by the DoD later next month.

To date there has been a total of \$100 million in capital support for the Third Frontier initiative appropriated by the General Assembly and approved by the Governor. In the first solicitation there will be a total of \$50 million (Third Frontier and Ohio Department of Development fund) available, which will be apportioned as \$20 million for bioscience Wright Centers, \$20 million for non-bioscience Wright Centers, and \$10 million Wright Capital Projects.

- ***Access Initiatives***

Mr. Eric Almonte, Mr. Tom Rudd and Ms. Leslie Sawyer provided a brief overview of the current and on-going Access Initiatives to the Committee.

Mr. Rudd presented the College Access Pathway (graphic available at www.OhioAccess.org). This Pathway looks at Aspiration, Academic Preparation, Affordability and Availability issues as well as possible barriers to the system. Ms Sawyer reviewed the current and on-going Access Initiatives with the Committee including the GEAR UP sites and their link to the Ohio College Access Network.

Mr. Almonte described the Lumina Foundation grant, in which Ohio is working in concert with Indiana and North Carolina to develop a student portal and statewide access system. He gave an update on plans for the Ohio Student Portal, a web-based “one-stop shop” for students and parents to gain information about financial aid, student loans and information about Ohio colleges and universities. Information gained from other states regarding successful programs will be helpful as Ohio builds its K-16 access system.

January 16, 2003 Board Agenda Items

- Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, Ohio; Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Degree Program
- Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, Ohio; Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction Degree Program
- Urbana University, Urbana, Ohio; Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program
- Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio; Bachelor of Business Administration/Management Degree Completion Program; Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree Completion Program; To be Delivered at Chatfield College, Saint Martin, Ohio
- Kent State University/University of Akron, Doctor of Audiology
- Ohio University, Doctor of Audiology
- University of Cincinnati, Doctor of Audiology
- Ohio University, Entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy

Regent Reese moved to place these items on the Board’s consent agenda. Regent Schey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tentative Board Agenda Items – March 2003

- Marion Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Telecommunications (Telephony) Technology
- Northwest State Community College, Associate of Applied Business degree in Visual Communications Technology

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.