

Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
Columbus, Ohio
January 16, 2003

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Thomas W. Noe.

The roll was called by the Secretary, J. Gilbert Reese. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	Thomas W. Noe
Donna M. Alvarado	J. Gilbert Reese
Bruce R. Beeghly	Edwin J. Rigaud
Jeanette G. Brown	Ralph E. Schey

Regent Reese stated “the record should show that notice of this meeting was been given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents’ Administrative Rule 3333-1-14, which rule itself was adopted in accordance with section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code and of the State Administrative Procedures Act.”

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO THE AGENDA (ITEMS MAY BE AMENDED, ADDED TO OR DELETED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD)

There were no changes to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2002

A motion was made by Regent Adams to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2002 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Brown and unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Communications Committee – Regent Adams: The committee met and began with a report from Associate Vice Chancellor Deborah Gavlik on the latest issue of *The Issue*, which dealt with myths and facts about higher education. The latest *Issue* was released in conjunction with the Performance Report and tied to many of the Performance Report subjects such as class size, cost of college, timely completion and access.

Vice Chancellor Kris Frost provided the committee with a report on the New Trustee Institute scheduled for February 10 & 11, 2003 in Dublin, Ohio. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Larry Householder is confirmed as the dinner speaker and Governor Taft is confirmed as the lunch speaker. There will be morning breakout sessions and afternoon sessions. Trustees of colleges and universities are very much encouraged to attend.

Vice Chancellor Garry Walters reported to the committee on the Knowledge Economy Awareness (KEA) Initiative. Twenty-eight Enterprise Ohio campuses have been mobilized. Each one will have 10 awareness presentations and a community forum in April. Garry Walters also reported on the Compact 2010 status.

The committee heard from Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel on access outreach. Mr. Tafel and his team are developing an access model that identifies requirements and obstacles and incorporates research. Programs such as OCAN, Gear-Up and the Joint Council exist to improve access. Other states have initiatives like hotlines, web portals and awareness publications. The team will continue to develop a solid access game plan, which would involve OCAN expansion, Gear-Up expansion, use of technology, seeking of funding for outreach and creation of a college access coordinating council.

Bret Crow was introduced as the Assistant Director for Communications.

Resources Committee – Regent Reese: The committee was briefed by Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick on the status of the state’s financial shortage, which was not encouraging. It does not appear that a turnaround will occur immediately. Enrollment levels in the state’s public colleges increased by 15,000 students, which is the equivalent of adding a campus the size of Bowling Green State University.

The University of Cincinnati and Wright State University asked for authority to issue bonds secured by student fees. This item was approved by the committee.

The committee reviewed release and distribution of \$32 million for the success challenge appropriation. Also recommended for approval, were the items for the Controlling Board for November and December.

Initiatives Committee – Regent Brown: This committee heard a report from Vice Chancellor Garry Walters on the KEA Initiative.

The committee reviewed and discussed Items 1-8 from the Board’s consent agenda. All were presented, discussed and approved.

The committee reviewed two items for the March consent agenda – Marion Technical College’s Associate of Applied Science Degree in Telecommunications (Telephony) Technology and Northwest State Community College’s Associate of Applied Business Degree in Visual Communications Technology.

Michael Taggart, Director of Workforce Development, gave a brief report on workforce development.

Mr. Garry Walters updated the committee on reciprocal programs with Kentucky and West Virginia.

Mr. Walters also reported on research efforts and our quest for federal dollars in support of the Third Frontier Network. The Third Frontier Network is rapidly developing through OARnet's acquisition long term leases for fiber optic cable.

The Wright Centers of Innovation program, part of the Third Frontier Project, was funded with \$50 million in the capital bill. Responses to RFP's are coming in rapidly. A parallel effort in the area of Bio-Technology is being funded with monies from the Biotechnology Research and Technology Transfer Fund. RFP responses for both programs will be evaluated by a team directed by the National Academy of Sciences. All Third Frontier proposals must be collaborations of businesses, industry and higher education

Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel updated the committee on the Ohio Board of Regent's \$35 million grant request made to NSF for a math and science initiative. This initiative is a unique statewide effort by the Governor's office, the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Department of Education. Eighteen universities and five community colleges are also involved. We have high hopes for receiving a grant award from NSF for math and science education.

Performance Committee – Regent Adams: Dr. Rob Sheehan from the University Toledo announced the release of the 2002 Performance Report for Higher Education. This year's report contains a new chapter on class size as well as expanded data on certifications and licenses awarded in Ohio and employment outcomes four years after graduation. In addition, the chapters on remediation and persistence have the added dimension of high school preparation. Students who arrive under prepared for college tend to require more remediation and tend to persist at a lower rate.

To help understand the wealth of data contained in the report, it was suggested that next year we schedule a work session to go over the key elements. It was also suggested that we take a thematic approach to some of the chapters such as remediation by pulling together the materials on a particular subject from various chapters.

Dr. Sheehan proposed the formation of a virtual policy research institute that would be aligned with the goals of the board. The institute would tap into a cadre of scholars throughout the state while facilitating the sharing of HEI data. The proposal for a virtual institute will be announced at the next meeting of the performance consultation and reviewed at the March meeting of the performance committee.

The committee previously discussed the extent to which the performance report is being used or not being used by student and parents. Intuitively, we believe that the answer is very little. To increase awareness and use of the report among parents and students it was suggested that we tap into the

expertise of several groups including the financial aid consultation, the performance consultation, the Ohio Department of Education and college admission offices. If the solution is the development of an alternate vehicle for the report, such a proto type would first be subject to focus groups comprised of parents and students. The alternate vehicle would be perhaps a pamphlet or web site entry where parents and students would have access to an abbreviated version of the report with information of particular interest to them.

Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick brought to the committee's attention the satisfaction survey conducted by Noel Levitz. Currently this survey is being used by 60% of Ohio's public campuses. Adoption of such a survey statewide could result in cost benefits to campuses in addition to satisfying our need for attitudinal data.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Reese to approve Agenda Items 3.1 through 3.13. The motion was seconded by Regent Brown and unanimously passed.

- 3.1 Kent State University/University of Akron, Doctor of Audiology
- 3.2 Ohio University, Doctor of Audiology
- 3.3 University of Cincinnati, Doctor of Audiology
- 3.4 Ohio University, Entry-Level Doctor of Physical Therapy
- 3.5 Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, Ohio; Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Degree Program
- 3.6 Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, Ohio; Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction Degree Program
- 3.7 Urbana University, Urbana, Ohio; Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program
- 3.8 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
- 3.9 Consideration of a request by Ohio University to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$14,620,000, to be used to finance multiple capital projects
- 3.10 Consideration of a request for the University of Cincinnati to pledge student fees in support of a \$119,000,000 bond issuance, to be used to finance capital projects on campus
- 3.11 Consideration of a request by Wright State University to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$16,475,000, to be used to finance multiple capital projects on campus
- 3.12 Consideration of the release and distribution of the final FY2003 Success Challenge Appropriations
- 3.13 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period November 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002

RESOLUTION 2003-41
Agenda Item 3.1

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 Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program be approved on a provisional basis for a period of four years:

Kent State University/University of Akron
Doctor of Audiology

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Kent State University and the University of Akron will be requested to report on the general effectiveness of the program in meeting its stated goals, including the ability of program graduates to find employment within the State of Ohio, midway through and, again, at the end of the four-year provisional period.

RESOLUTION 2003-42
Agenda Item 3.2

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 Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved on a provisional basis for a period of four years:

Ohio University
Doctor of Audiology

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Ohio University will be requested to report on the general effectiveness of the program in meeting its stated goals, including the ability of program graduates to find employment within the State of Ohio, midway through and, again, at the end of the four-year provisional period.

RESOLUTION 2003-43
Agenda Item 3.3

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 Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved on a provisional basis for a period of four years:

University of Cincinnati
Doctor of Audiology

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the University of Cincinnati will be requested to report on the general effectiveness of the program in meeting its stated goals, including the ability of program graduates to find employment

within the State of Ohio, midway through and, again, at the end of the four-year provisional period.

RESOLUTION 2003-44
Agenda Item 3.4

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 Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved on a provisional basis for a period of four years:

Ohio University
Entry-Level Doctor of Physical Therapy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Ohio University will be requested to report on the general effectiveness of the program in meeting its stated goals, including the ability of program graduates to find employment within the State of Ohio, midway through and, again, at the end of the four-year provisional period.

RESOLUTION 2003-45
Agenda Item 3.5

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program is authorized through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2004.

Ohio Dominican University
Columbus, Ohio
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Degree Program

RESOLUTION 2003-46
Agenda Item 3.6

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program be granted provisional authorization through December 31, 2005, with yearly progress reports to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2004. The program will be reviewed prior to December 31, 2005 to determine full authorization.

Ohio Dominican University
Columbus, Ohio
Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction Degree Program

RESOLUTION 2003-47
Agenda Item 3.7

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program be authorized through December 31, 2010, with yearly progress reports to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2004.

Urbana University
Urbana, Ohio
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program

RESOLUTION 2003-48
Agenda Item 3.8

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree completion programs be authorized through December 31, 2004, with yearly progress reports submitted by December 31, 2003, and 2004.

Wilmington College
Bachelor of Business Administration/Management Degree Completion Program;
Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree Completion Program;
At Chatfield College, Saint Martin, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2003-49
Agenda Item 3.9

WHEREAS, Section 94.06 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th General Assembly requires that any new pledge of student fees to secure bonds or notes of a state college or university must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the University has established a 20-year debt service schedule and will retire the debt using operating revenues and state capital appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined that these capital projects are essential to meeting the needs of students and fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio University Board of Trustees is expected to approve this debt issuance at its meeting of February 13 and 14, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bond issuance complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3345.11 and §3345.12;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, pending the approval of the Ohio University Board of Trustees, and upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by Ohio University in support of general receipts obligations and/or bond anticipation notes not to exceed \$14,620,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-50
Agenda Item 3.10

WHEREAS, Section 94.06 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th General Assembly requires that any new pledge of student fees to secure bonds or notes of a state college or university must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the University of Cincinnati proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$119,000,000 for the purpose of financing the Varsity Village capital project on campus; and

WHEREAS, the University has established a 20-year debt service schedule and will retire the debt using auxiliary service revenues, gifts to the University, student fee revenues, and undesignated general funds available to the University; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined that the proposed project is essential to meeting the needs of students and fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the University's Board of Trustees approved the resolution authorizing this bond issuance at its meeting of November 26, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bond issuance complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3345.11 and §3345.12;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by the University of Cincinnati in support of general receipts obligations not to exceed \$119,000,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-51
Agenda Item 3.11

WHEREAS, Section 94.06 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th General Assembly requires that any new pledge of student fees to secure bonds or notes of a state college or university must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts obligation bonds or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$16,925,000 for the purpose of financing multiple capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the University has established a 20-year debt service schedule and will retire the debt using revenues from auxiliary and general operations; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined that these capital projects are essential to meeting the needs of students and fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the Wright State University Board of Trustees is expected to approve this debt issuance at its meeting of February 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bond issuance complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3345.11 and §3345.12;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, pending the approval of the Wright State University Board of Trustees, and upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by Wright State University in support of general receipts obligations and/or bond anticipation notes not to exceed \$16,925,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2003-52
Agenda Item 3.12

WHEREAS, the state's biennial budget directs the Ohio Board of Regents to distribute higher education funds in accordance with various requirements; and

WHEREAS, certain of these funds are provided for a specific purpose and others are to be distributed at the discretion of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 94.01 of Amended Substitute House Bill 94 requires the Board of Regents to calculate the distribution of the State Share of Instruction based on certain enrollments and facility data, and the formula provisions of that act; and

WHEREAS, the enrollment and facilities data have been revised by the staff of the Board of Regents, with the cooperation and assistance of the state's public colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Section 94.01 (E) permits adjustments to be made to State Share of Instruction allocations for "exceptional circumstances," and requires that any such adjustment be recommended by the Chancellor and approved by the Controlling Board; and

WHEREAS, "exceptional circumstances" have occurred as a result of deep budget cuts, unexpectedly large overall enrollment increases, and differential rates of enrollment growth, which when combined would have led to deep and unexpected reductions in SSI allocations to many campuses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed adjustment to the FY 2003 State Share of Instruction allocation has been developed with the input of state-assisted colleges and universities and recommended by the Higher Education Funding Commission; and

WHEREAS, this proposed adjustment is accompanied by a recommendation by the Funding Commission and a commitment by the Regents and the state colleges and universities to ensure that a portion of the SSI funds is reserved for enrollment growth by reducing the level of protection in future years;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that "exceptional circumstances" are declared to exist for the reasons stated above;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the FY 2003 State Share of Instruction allocation, as presented in the attached Table 1 and made a part hereof, be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Regents formally adopts, as part of its FY 2004 – FY 2005 operating budget recommendation, the Hold Harmless provision described in section II of Attachment A, and made a part hereof.

RESOLUTION 2003-53
Agenda Item 3.13

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the request for release of capital improvements funds received in the period November 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT: Thank you, Chairman Noe.

I will add my thanks to Chairman Noe's to thank North Central State College and President Ron Abrams for the warm welcome we've received the last two days. We certainly appreciate the use of this impressive James W. Kehoe Center for Advanced Learning, where technology does indeed "come to life." The Kehoe Center houses several advanced technology centers, several academic departments, a SkillsMax Center, and North Central's corporate and university partnership initiatives. Today, we extend our congratulations to North Central, which is celebrating the first anniversary of this fine advanced technology center, which offered its first classes in the second week of January of last year.

Would President Abrams please come forward. We have some gifts for you and your colleagues, Marsha Danhoff and Sue Paynter, as a token of our appreciation for your hospitality and for assisting with the arrangements for our meetings this week. Thank you very much.

INAUGURATION

As you know, Governor Bob Taft was inaugurated for his second term this past Monday. I was pleased to have been invited and was able to attend his Inauguration Ceremony, as were a member of Regents. The Governor's Inaugural Address included a vivid testament to the crucial promise higher education holds for Ohio.

"If Ohio is to prosper in the knowledge economy," he said, "we must take bold measures to keep the best and brightest students here at home, to graduate persons who have mastered the art of problem solving and working in teams, and who have the ability to learn new skills throughout their careers."

"In short, we must ensure our system of higher education offers world-class quality for a world-class economy."

The Governor acknowledged that because of tough budget times it would be difficult to provide significantly more resources to Ohio colleges and universities in the short run.

Because of the state's financial condition, the Governor ordered the establishment of a Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy, which will include leaders of government, business, labor, and academia.

Within a year, the Governor expects the Commission to recommend how to improve the quality of Ohio's higher education system, increase efficiencies, eliminate unnecessary duplication, broaden the use of technology, and

determine how higher education can most effectively support the state's economy and add to our quality of life.

In responding to press questions about the Commission, I lauded the Governor's proposal and vision. I acknowledged the very difficult economic position the state – and nation – are now in and applauded the Governor's recognition and leadership in making a long-term commitment to higher education.

By engaging business leaders through the Commission, I hope they will help make the hard choices recognizing the need to invest more in building Ohioans' knowledge and skills and the need to find revenues to help do so.

CAPITAL BUDGET

The Governor's inaugural commitment to higher education was foreshadowed by his and the General Assembly's actions in enacting the FY 2003-2004 Capital Appropriations bill last month.

You will recall that in order to balance the FY02 budget, the General Assembly made a sizeable commitment to appropriate additional capital funds to elementary and secondary school facilities, paying back the Tobacco Settlement Funds. Despite this extra call for capital dollars, the capital bill preserves the ability of college and university campuses to bond capital projects at the same level as in the prior capital budget.

\$504 million directed to Ohio's campuses will provide institutions the means to cope with the challenging infrastructure issues of obsolescence, technology and access.

With maintenance needs that approximate \$3 billion plus the need for leading-edge technology, Ohio's higher education community appreciates the Governor's and General Assembly's protection of Ohio higher education's appropriation – especially notable given the resulting substantial cuts required in the capital budgets of other agencies and organizations.

Also, in the Capital Budget was a second \$50 million in funding for the Governor's Third Frontier Project, as noted by Regent Brown, keeping the strategic initiative on schedule. The Third Frontier Project will enhance higher education's research efforts to make Ohio a leader on the Third Frontier of the Knowledge Economy.

OPERATING BUDGET

With the completion of the Capital Budget, we moved our focus to the upcoming deliberations on an even tougher biennial Operating Budget. We delivered to the Governor the Regents' request that this biennial budget protect core support to our Ohio campuses and provide increases to student financial aid.

At a recent cabinet meeting, the state budget director detailed the difficult road yet ahead that was mentioned by Regent Reese.

He pointed out that state revenues have been below forecasts for the past two months after coming in above projections for the first four months of FY2003. The bad news was that this recession will potentially require the passage of an additional budget correction bill before the close of the current fiscal year and the upcoming biennium does not show promise of much improvement.

The good news here is that the Governor and a number of legislative leaders have stated their desire to improve higher education funding. They understand the need for an educated populace to ensure long-term prosperity for the citizens of Ohio.

Still, the recovery of our national and state economy have been slow. So even with new revenue measures that might be enacted, it will be unlikely that there will be the resources available to provide significantly more support to colleges and universities in the upcoming biennium.

Ohio's colleges and universities will need to continue to work hard to continue finding ways to educate the tens of thousands of new students we expect they will see with adequate state support.

KUDOS – National Champions

The hard work of Ohio's colleges and universities was very visible to Ohio and the whole country during the holiday season. I extend my heartiest congratulations to the coaches and teams of Mount Union College and The Ohio State University for capturing national championships in football.

In December, the Mount Union Raiders won a third consecutive Division III football title, the colleges sixth in the last seven years.

Then, on January 3, the Ohio State Buckeyes won their seventh Division I football title, their first undisputed title since 1968.

Ohioans can be proud to have the best football teams in the nation at both the largest and smallest divisions in the NCAA.

I also congratulate Coach Larry Kehres of Mount Union and Jim Tressell of The Ohio State University for earning the recognition as the American Football Coaches Association choice for "Coach of the Year" in their respective divisions.

Like many of you, I worked late last evening. That late night on top of all the activity since my New Year holiday in Tempe left me a little stiff, so if you'll excuse me, I'd like to limber up a bit before going on with my report.

[O-H-I-O Stretch]

I was privileged to personally witness the Buckeyes' magnificent victory in Tempe, Arizona. Last Sunday, as the commencement speaker at Capital University's Winter Commencement ceremonies, I shared a lesson I learned in reflecting back on that championship game, won just 13 days ago.

That lesson is a lesson for all Ohioans. The Fiesta Bowl game was an inspiring demonstration of the rewards for years of preparation, hard work and unrelenting effort. The payoff for every member of that team is incalculable. Yet as extraordinary as the achievements of each Ohio State team member in that game were, they are, in so many ways, paralleled by the achievements of each student who graduates from an Ohio college or university. His or her graduation is the culmination of years of dedicated efforts to learn and develop crucial knowledge and skills.

It is this effort that we must encourage and enable more Ohioans to undertake. More of our fellow Ohioans simply must get better educated, if they are to provide themselves and their loved ones with the opportunities that graduates today can look forward to: the incalculable benefits of education.

So while we congratulate the great football players that have brought two national championships back to Ohio, I will note the words of Albus Dumbledore, the sage wizard headmaster in J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series: "It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

As hard-won and important as graduating students' achievements have been, they really do represent just a "commencement" of what will need to be a lifelong pursuit of learning.

The Information Age of this 21st century requires that we all become continuous learners. Of course, education is about more than enabling a graduate to get a good job and higher income. It is about preparing each of us to become a member of a team in our communities and in a free and democratic society. As President Woodrow Wilson once stated: "*You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.*"

Those entrusted with the education of our fellow citizens – and those enriched by it – face profound questions. As Ohio enters its Third Frontier striving to be a national champion in the Knowledge Economy, we must seriously re-examine what it takes to educate a whole person, a contributing member of society.

OTHER KUDOS

To continue with congratulating notes, we applaud OARnet for completing Phase One of the Third Frontier Network, the fiber-optic network that will link Ohio's colleges, universities and research centers. Conceived and planned by OBR, the network will foster research collaboration between Ohio's businesses and universities on secure channels, while at the same time

promoting critical scientific and industrial research that will increase technology jobs and open Ohio's economy. Phase One established a statewide core backbone to 16 geographically dispersed cities.

I congratulate Steve Millett, who was appointed by Gov. Taft to serve a 4-year term on the State Board of Education. You may remember Steve from our board meeting last October at Battelle Memorial Institute, where he engaged and educated us at dinner with a forecast of technology, products and consumer behavior. Steve's insights as a futurist will be invaluable to all of us in education.

NEW STAFF

And finally, at our November board meeting we said goodbye to Randy Edwards of our communications team. Today, as Regent Adams noted, we introduce Bret Crow, who joins us as an assistant director of communications. Bret comes to OBR from the Attorney General's Office, where he handled communications duties for the law enforcement sections. He also has an outstanding background in journalism, having worked for the Youngstown Vindicator, Kent Record Courier and the Washington Court House Record Herald. Welcome Bret. We are delighted to have you on board.

CONCLUSION

Chairman Noe, that concludes my report for this month.

PRESENTATIONS:

"2002 Performance Report"

Dr. Robert Sheehan, Vice Provost
Student Assessment and Strategic Planning
University of Toledo

"A Community Partnership in Workforce Development" The James W. Kehoe Center for Advanced Learning

Dr. Ronald E. Abrams, Ed.D.
President
North Central State College

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 Thursday, March 20, 2003, at the Ohio Board of Regents, 30 East Broad Street – 36th Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date