

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of January 19, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Tuschman at 11:42 a.m. Regents present were:

PERT Committee members

James M. Tuschman, Chair
Anthony D. Houston, Vice Chair
Bruce R. Beeghly
Walt Reiling

Other Regents in attendance

Edmund J. Adams
Donna M. Alvarado
Jeanette G. Brown
Jim Patterson
Jerome F. Tatar

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Harry Andrist, Director, Research & Graduate Programs
David Barber, Consultant
Bret Crow, Assistant Director, Communications
Roderick Chu, Chancellor
Jack Connell, Assistant Director, Academic & Access Programs
Shane DeGarmo, Administrator, Program Approval & Tuition Reciprocity
Andy Fenner, Programmer Analyst
Kristina Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations
Katie Hensel, Administrator, HEFC
Cathy Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance & Governmental Relations
Tom Linley, PC/LAN Support
Rich Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance
Char Rogge, Administrator, Research & Graduate Programs
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development
Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement

Minutes of the November 10 and December 16, 2005 Meetings

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the November 10 and December 16 meetings.

January 19 Board Agenda Items

- Consideration of a revised administrative rule to impose fees for the certificate of authorization process
- University of Cincinnati, Master of Science in Statistics

Dr. Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement, briefed the committee on a revised administrative rule to impose fees for the certificate of authorization process. Regents' staff initially filed an administrative rule pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) to establish a fee structure as required in Section 1713.03 of the ORC in December 2005. Upon further review by Regents' staff and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio (AICUO), the fee structure was revised to include:

- A reduction in the reauthorization proposal process and review;
- The addition of a one time charge for the first submission of a request for a particular degree level;
- Increased fee amounts for proposal requests and coordination of site reviews; and
- Further differentiation of in-state and out-of-state fees.

Regents' staff and the AICUO will continue to collaborate on a reduced review process for institutional reauthorization reviews and staff will update the committee on these efforts at the March PERT Committee meeting.

The revised rule, submitted for committee and board approval, was moved to the board consent agenda.

There was no further discussion about the item proposed at the November 10, 2005 PERT Committee meeting. Item 3.3 was moved to the board consent agenda.

Items Proposed for the March 9 Board Meeting

Jack Connell, Assistant Director for Academic & Access Programs, briefed the committee on institutional reauthorization proposals from MedCentral College of Nursing and Myers University and an RN-BSN degree completion program from Ohio Northern University.

There were no serious concerns raised in the institutional reauthorization review of MedCentral College of Nursing. The institution responded appropriately to the suggestions and recommendations of the consultant's report. As a result, staff recommended institutional reauthorization through December 31, 2009.

Myers University met the Regents' minimum standards for institutional reauthorization. There were concerns raised in the review process resulting in a recommendation for provisional institutional reauthorization for a two-year time period to permit the institution to restructure. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2007 to determine continued authorization.

Ohio Northern University's RN-BSN degree completion program is a spin-off from the institution's previously authorized Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program. The program is designed for individuals who are already licensed as nurses as Ohio. The program met Regents' minimum standards for baccalaureate degree programs. There were concerns raised in the review resulting in a recommendation for provisional authorization for a two-year time period. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Cathy Hill, Administrator for Workforce Development, briefed the committee on an Associate of Applied Science in Biotechnology degree program proposal from Stark State College of Technology. Students enrolled in the program will be educated and trained in the latest biotechnology techniques, receive hands-on experiences in a variety of laboratory settings and participate in company based internships and co-op programs. There were no serious concerns raised in the review.

There was no further discussion about these items. The committee recommended that they be considered for approval at the March board meeting.

Presentation: Task Force for Adult Education

Vice Chancellor Walters began the presentation by introducing Dr. Kate Carey, Executive Director of the Ohio Learning Network. The task force will focus on adults who have shown interest in higher education and those who have completed post-secondary coursework but not attained a degree. In addition, the task force will examine ways to better serve the needs of these individuals and Regents' staff plans to report strategies to the committee in June, with implementation to follow in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.