

Minutes  
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS  
Mansfield, Ohio  
April 19, 2001

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jeanette Grasselli Brown.

The roll was called by the Secretary, Gerald H. Gordon. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	Gerald M. Miller
Jeanette G. Brown	J. Gilbert Reese
Gerald H. Gordon	Ralph E. Schey
Tahlman Krumm, Jr.	

Regent Adams stated “the record should show that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents’ 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)**

A special resolution will be proposed after Chancellor Chu’s remarks

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2001**

A motion was made by Regent Miller to approve the Minutes of the March 22, 2001, meeting of the Board. Regent Reese seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY DELIBERATIONS**

Communications Committee – Regent Miller: Our brief meeting this morning was highlighted by the debut of the Statewide Marketing Campaign’s “Community Leaders” video, which was presented by Mike Brown, Director of Communications. The video features former Ohio Senator John Glenn; Columbus City Councilman Kevin Boyce; Wayne White, Executive Director of the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education at Shawnee State University; Maria Boss of the Cleveland Scholarship Programs; our Chair, Jenny Brown, and Chancellor Rod Chu. We discussed the idea of duplicating the video and sending it to all members of the General Assembly. It is a very compelling story of why we need to educate more Ohioans.

Mike Brown also discussed a “Next Steps” plan, which involves a timeline for an assessment of the first year of the campaign to be presented at the May meeting. Chancellor Chu advised us to continue to ask our various stakeholders if the campaign has begun to have an impact. In addition, Mike

Brown discussed with us the need to better reach parents and other important constituencies. Mike also reported that there already has been a consistent, positive response to the Ohio Success Express from students and community leaders.

Several Ohio College Access Network sites were either strengthened or initiated directly from bus visits and programs. The half-million dollar campaign has made a distinct difference in raising the public profile of higher education issues, particularly in areas with underserved populations. We hope that by raising the profile at the grassroots, we also raise it with our legislators.

Despite the state budget crunch, our committee felt a need to continue and to expand this program. We have the momentum and investments on our side amid a huge remaining challenge to get more students into college and change the mindset about higher education. The committee also asked for some outcome documentation in preparation for our May meeting where this assessment will continue.

Resources Committee - Regent Schey: The committee reviewed three items for consideration by the full Board in May. They are: release of FY 2001 police and fire protection appropriations; release of FY 2001 student support services appropriations; and approval of a resolution regarding criteria for the advance refunding of campus debt.

The last item comes at the recommendation of bond counsel. The resolution pertains to campuses that have received Regents' permission to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance. Subsequent to the issuance of the original bond or note, and due to favorable market conditions, campuses at times have had the opportunity to advance refund the debt. In a few cases, the total principal outstanding on the original issuance plus the principal of the new issuance may exceed the maximum bond issue permitted by the Regents in their original approval.

The resolution under consideration would permit a campus to exceed the original Board-approved maximum to advance refund if and only if: the new present value of the results of such refunding is positive; and the maturity of the refunding issue does not significantly exceed the maturity of the original bond issue. In addition, we will have the standard Controlling Board items for consideration next month.

There are four items to recommend for today's Consent Agenda: a \$1 million joint use agreement between Cleveland State University and the Cleveland Play House; a \$2 million joint use agreement between Cleveland State University and Vocational Guidance Services; a \$1 million joint use agreement between the University of Toledo and the Public Broadcasting Foundation; and a supplemental lease agreement with the Ohio Public Facilities Commission. In addition, we also endorse a slight revision to the FY 2001 Success Challenge allocations, and the Controlling Board items for March 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001.

Initiatives Committee – Regent Krumm: The committee reviewed the items on today's Consent Agenda. Agenda Item 7 for a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership for the College of Mount St. Joseph has been added to the agenda. In addition, eleven items proposed for next month's meeting were reviewed by the committee. Included are two institutional reauthorizations and nine new programs.

The committee heard an excellent report from Dean Larry Johnson, College of Education of the University of Cincinnati. With the help of the provost's office, the college has underwritten an initiative to bring together the Cincinnati public schools and the resources of the University of Cincinnati in an on-going and comprehensive effort to tie these two talent pools together to solve problems for the Cincinnati public school system. This initiative is very innovative and inclusive. The Initiatives Committee was impressed by the potential of the project to improve education and asked that the Chancellor provide seed funding to the project, if funding is available.

The committee was updated on the Gear Up Program and the Eminent Scholars site visits. Finally, we heard how OBR is working with the Department of Education to promote collaboration among local Adult Workforce Education Centers and Two-Year campuses in the delivery of training to employers.

Performance Committee – Regent Adams: The committee met and acknowledged the receipt of a number of very thoughtful letters and memoranda from the campuses, from the Ohio Faculty Senate, from the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio, and from the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, on the subject of deregulation of higher education in Ohio. Among the topics under consideration are the elimination of fee caps, enrollment caps, and Board oversight of dormitory construction. Because this input was received by the committee members within the last day or so, the decision was to postpone further discussion, particularly because of this morning's time limitations. The committee intends to solicit the views of the other Regents in light of our staff's reaction to these comments and to move forward at a slightly slower schedule than what we had anticipated. We appreciate the input that we have received and the committee will give it thoughtful consideration and study and will discuss it at our next set of meetings.

In addition, the committee received a report from Dr. Sheehan on the factoring in of total student costs of college in terms of both tuition, room and board and other costs, and the staff have generated an extensive set of data on the costs of the institutions in Ohio. The next step is to conduct a statewide consultation on this issue, and Regent Adams and committee members voiced support for the consultation occurring.

Finally, Dean Mark Ellis of OSU-Mansfield gave us look at the packaging of student financial aid at the campus level, complete with a number of examples. His report was very insightful and instructive.

Evaluation Committee – Regent Brown: There are two personnel actions on the agenda today, one resignation and a pay adjustment.

Consent Agenda – A motion was made by Regent Krumm to approve agenda items 3.1 through 3.20. Regent Reese seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

- 3.1 The Rabbinical College of Telshe, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.2 Walsh University, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.3 Ohio Northern University, Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
- 3.4 Wittenberg University, Bachelor of Science
- 3.5 Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana, Institutional Reauthorization, Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension Program:
  - Master of Pastoral Studies
  - Master of Religious Education
- 3.6 Wilmington College, Master of Education
- 3.7 College of Mount St. Joseph, Master of Science in Organizational Leadership
- 3.8 Kent State University-Tuscarawas Campus, Associate of Applied Science in Engineering of Information Technology
- 3.9 Stark State College of Technology, Associate of Applied Business in E-Business Programming Technology
- 3.10 Owens Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Caterpillar Dealer Service Technician
- 3.11 Wright State University, Bachelor of Arts in Women’s Studies
- 3.12 Youngstown State University, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
- 3.13 Wright State University, Master of Science in Pharmacology and Toxicology
- 3.14 Joint Use Agreement between Vocational Guidance Services and Cleveland State University for \$2 million
- 3.15 Joint Use Agreement between The Cleveland Playhouse and Cleveland State University for \$1 million
- 3.16 Joint Use Agreement between the University of Toledo and the Public Broadcasting Foundation of Northwest Ohio
- 3.17 Revision of selected FY 2001 Success Challenge allocations
- 3.18 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period March 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001
- 3.19 Supplemental Lease Agreement with the Ohio Public Facilities Commission
- 3.20 Personnel Actions

RESOLUTION 2001-92  
Agenda Item 3.1

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 institution be reauthorized through December 31, 2010.

The Rabbinical College of Telshe, Wickliffe, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2001-93  
Agenda Item 3.2

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 institution be reauthorized through December 31, 2011.

Walsh University

RESOLUTION 2001-94  
Agenda Item 3.3

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, 2008 with a one (1) year progress review to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2002.

Ohio Northern University  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

RESOLUTION 2001-95  
Agenda Item 3.4

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, 2008 with a one (1) year progress review to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2002.

Wittenberg College operating as Wittenberg University  
Bachelor of Science Degree Program

RESOLUTION 2001-96  
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 programs at sites in Columbus, Toledo and Youngstown, Ohio, be reauthorized through December 31, 2005.

Loyola University Institute for Ministry  
Master of Pastoral Studies Degree  
Master of Religious Education Degree

RESOLUTION 2001-97  
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 authorized through December 31, 2004, with yearly progress reviews to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2002, and December 31, 2003.

Wilmington University  
Master of Education Degree

RESOLUTION 2001-98  
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 fully authorized through December 31, 2007, with yearly progress reports to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2002, and December 31, 2003.

College of Mount St. Joseph  
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

RESOLUTION 2001-99  
Agenda Item 3.8

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved.

Kent State University Tuscarawas  
Associate of Applied Science degree in  
Engineering of Information Technology

RESOLUTION 2001-100  
Agenda Item 3.9

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program is approved.

Stark State College of Technology  
Associate of Applied Business Degree in  
E-Business Programming Technology

RESOLUTION 2001-101  
Agenda Item 3.10

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 new degree program is approved.

Owens Community College  
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Caterpillar Dealer Service Technician

RESOLUTION 2001-102  
Agenda Item 3.11

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 Wright State University Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Women's Studies is approved.

RESOLUTION 2001-103  
Agenda Item 3.12

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 Youngstown State University Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Journalism is approved.

RESOLUTION 2001-104  
Agenda Item 3.13

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:

Wright State University  
Master of Science in Pharmacology and Toxicology

RESOLUTION 2001-105  
Agenda Item 3.14

WHEREAS, the 123<sup>rd</sup> Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 640 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$2,000,000 to Cleveland State University for Vocational Guidance Services; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents' Rule 3333-1-03 requires that a joint use agreement between the institution for which funds are appropriated

and the organization which will own or lease and operate facilities to be constructed or improved with such funds must be approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University and Vocational Guidance Services have presented a joint use agreement for approval by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been reviewed and its format is found to be appropriate, its description of extent and nature of use has been specified, and the commitment extends no less than fifteen years, and it is in conformity with Rule 3333-1-03; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that the value of the use is reasonably related to the amount of the appropriation;

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 Joint Use Agreement between Cleveland State University and Vocational Guidance Services; and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2001-106  
Agenda Item 3.15

WHEREAS, the 123<sup>rd</sup> Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 640 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$1,000,000 to Cleveland State University for the Cleveland Play House; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents' Rule 3333-1-03 requires that a joint use agreement between the institution for which funds are appropriated and the organization which will own or lease and operate facilities to be constructed or improved with such funds must be approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University and the Cleveland Play House have presented a joint use agreement for approval by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been reviewed and its format is found to be appropriate, its description of extent and nature of use has been specified, and the commitment extends no less than fifteen years, and it is in conformity with Rule 3333-1-03; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that the value of the use is reasonably related to the amount of the appropriation;

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 Joint Use Agreement between Cleveland State University and the Cleveland Play House; and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2001-107  
Agenda Item 3.16

WHEREAS, the 123<sup>rd</sup> Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 640 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the University of Toledo for the Public Broadcasting Foundation of Northwest Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents' Rule 3333-1-03 requires that a joint use agreement between the institution for which funds are appropriated and the organization which will own or lease and operate facilities to be constructed or improved with such funds must be approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the University of Toledo and the Public Broadcasting Foundation of Northwest Ohio have presented a joint use agreement for approval by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been reviewed and its format is found to be appropriate, its description of extent and nature of use has been specified, and the commitment extends no less than fifteen years, and it is in conformity with Rule 3333-1-03; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that the value of the use is reasonably related to the amount of the appropriation;

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 Joint Use Agreement between the University of Toledo and the Public Broadcasting Foundation of Northwest Ohio; and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2001-108  
Agenda Item 3.17

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents is mandated by the Ohio General Assembly to administer the distribution of various line item appropriations included in Am. Sub. H.B. 282 of the 123<sup>rd</sup> general Assembly; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2000 the Board approved a distribution of FY 2001 Success Challenge funds based, in part, upon data submitted by campuses in FY 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio State University subsequently submitted corrections to the data used to determine its share of the FY 2001 Success Challenge appropriations; and

WHEREAS, a review of the revised data demonstrated that Ohio State University received an over-allocation of FY 2001 Success Challenge funds as a result of its data reporting error; and

WHEREAS, Ohio State University received an under-allocation of FY 2000 Instructional Subsidy allocations due to an earlier data reporting problem; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that no campus loses funds as a result of data errors that occurred in the FY 2000 – FY 2001 biennium, FY 2001 Success Challenge allocations to Miami University, Youngstown State University, the University of Akron, and Central State University should be increased;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the FY 2001 Success Challenge appropriations be revised as described in the attached schedule and made a part hereof, be approved.

RESOLUTION 2001-109  
Agenda Item 3.18

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 March 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

RESOLUTION 2001-110  
Agenda 3.19

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents has entered into the Series II Lease Agreement (the Agreement) dated August 1, 1990, with the Ohio Public Facilities Commission (the Commission); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement is to be supplemented each time the Treasurer of State (the Treasurer) issues State of Ohio Higher Education Capital Facilities Bonds (Bonds) to supplement the Higher Education Improvement Fund or to refund outstanding Bonds issued by the Commission or the Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding Bonds to realize a significant savings in rental payments required to be made by the

Regents (estimated by the Treasurer's financial advisor to be in excess of \$9 million), the Treasurer, after consultation with the Regents' staff, has authorized an issue of Series II-2001A Bonds in the principal amount of \$394,495,000;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee, that the Agreement, designated Supplemental Agreement No. 21-01, between the Ohio Board of Regents and the Commission and dated as of April 1, 2001, being a supplemental agreement to the Agreement, in the form submitted to this meeting, is in all respects approved with corrections, completions and changes necessary or desirable for its purpose as the official executing the same shall approve, that execution being conclusive evidence of that approval; that the execution by the Chancellor of that Supplemental Agreement No. 21-01 on behalf of the Ohio Board of Regents is hereby authorized, approved and ratified; and that it is found and determined that all formal actions by the Ohio Board of Regents and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken and adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

RESOLUTION 2001-111  
Agenda Item 3.20

RESIGNATION

Stormee Lucas  
Administrator  
PC Network Support

EFFECTIVE DATE

4/18/01

PAY ADJUSTMENT

William Wagner  
Financial Analyst

3/28/01

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

It is always a pleasure to hold our meetings at Ohio's campuses. This month, we are grateful for the kind hospitality of the Ohio State University Mansfield Campus; the Ohio State University Board of Trustees; the OSU-Mansfield Board of Trustees; Dean John Riedl; Ohio State University President Brit Kirwan; and the Mansfield Campus faculty, staff and students. Special thanks also go today to Dean Riedl who will discuss how Ohio State's regional campuses fit in the Ohio State University Academic Plan; Eileen Smith, Director of OSU-Mansfield's Center for Corporate and Community Education, and Rhonda Stannard, program manager of the Center for Corporate and

Community Education. Eileen and Rhonda will talk to us about the campus's partnerships with local schools in workforce development.

A serious note, though, to my remarks, as reports of the state's budget discussions indicate, the future of the state of Ohio is now at a crisis stage. As we discussed in our Committee of the Whole on the Budget this morning, yesterday at a special cabinet meeting that Governor Taft called in Columbus, he reported on a proposal come to by the legislative leaders and himself. That proposal would cut the proposed funding of state agencies by more than \$600 million dollars from the Governor's proposed Executive Budget for Fiscal Years 2002-2003. Higher education was not exempted from this cut.

If this plan is implemented, it will diminish the quality of life that Ohioans enjoy. Ohio's economic development will be sacrificed through reducing the state's already mediocre investments in higher education. If Ohio's leaders insist on funding primary and secondary education at the expense of higher education, Ohio's high school graduates – and future leaders – will find a higher education system offering reduced opportunities for their development to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century Knowledge Economy.

The Regents' higher education budget request was crafted to create Ohio's 21<sup>st</sup> century economy with an educated and technologically competent workforce. The budget request includes investments in cutting-edge research, development and commercialization in biotechnology, nanotechnology and information technology, and bold moves to begin building technological skills in our state's entire workforce, to create new economic opportunity for all Ohioans. Other initiatives focused on building partnerships in which colleges and universities would work even more closely with the elementary/secondary school community to produce real improvements in teacher development and student achievement in Ohio's K-12 school system.

Instead of these major advances forward, the state's biennial operating budget is shaping up to throw Ohio backwards. Although the specific cuts to the Regents' budget have not yet been revealed, let me give you some idea as to the implications of cutting some of the elements of the higher education budget, as have been reported in the media in the past few days:

1. If Access Challenge funding were eliminated, as some are reported to be advocating:
  - a. Tuition at Ohio's access campuses – such as the one we are meeting at today – could increase by as much as 40% just to maintain current operational levels.
  - b. Two-year college tuition in Ohio is already the 5<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation. This kind of a change could make us #1 – a dubious and seriously ominous distinction.

2. If Success Challenge were eliminated:
  - a. Services and programs to assist at-risk students graduate on time will be decimated
  - b. Hence, fewer of Ohio's at-risk and low-income students will graduate from Ohio's universities
3. If Jobs Challenge were eliminated:
  - a. Workforce development training programs provided by Ohio's community and technical colleges will be cut, setting Ohio back in its efforts to alleviate the shortage of technology-skilled workers that the state's businesses so desperately need
  - b. Governor Taft's commitment to retrain steel industry workers highlights the critical importance of these training programs for all transitional industries
4. If Research Challenge were eliminated:
  - c. Ohio will likely lose more than 10 dollars in federal/industrial funding for every dollar cut in Research Challenge funding, because that is the leverage that Research Challenge has generated during the state's 15 years of investment in university research through this highly successful program.

In summary, reductions in higher education funding would seriously damage Ohio's campuses' ability to provide students with the instructional research sources they need and deserve to be effective contributors to the economy of our state. Our college and university presidents, trustees, students, business leaders and average citizens have worked extremely hard in making the case to the public and our elected officials about the need to adequately fund higher education - and I thank each and every one of them and you. But clearly much more needs to be done.

This is a defining moment in Ohio's economic history and higher education has received what I believe to be unprecedented support by statewide media and other leaders. Since the Regents introduced the higher education budget proposal in September, more than 35 major editorials have appeared in the state's print and news media, supporting higher education because of our relationship to building a strong workforce and economy for Ohio. The Cleveland Plain Dealer, the Akron Beacon Journal, the Columbus Dispatch, the Dayton Daily News, the Toledo Blade, the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Ohio State University Lantern, and other smaller daily newspapers from around the state have all been heartily supportive.

In addition, the Regents, your colleagues in higher education, I and others have made numerous appearances on radio and television talk shows, through community groups and others, pointing out the indisputable link, and

now I hope the more clearly understood link, between the state's future prosperity and higher education. We all must continue to enhance our public information efforts on behalf of Ohio. Unfortunately, unlike past years, when we could look forward to enhancements in the higher education budget through actions in the House and Senate, and then the Joint Conference Committee, this is clearly not the case in this biennial budget year. It is not "business as usual" in the Ohio Statehouse.

The discussions currently underway between the Governor and legislative leaders will set the final framework for the amounts allocated to the higher education community in this biennial budget. At best, we have a small window of opportunity to influence changes in the budget that the Governor and General Assembly are contemplating.

It is crucial that higher education's stakeholders, including students, faculty and staff, but more importantly business, community leaders, and K-12 educators, unite and immediately make their views known to Governor Taft and our legislators. Higher education must remain accessible and affordable to all Ohioans and our elected policy makers must fuel the economic engine that we all know higher education is in order to create our state's 21<sup>st</sup> century economy – or indeed we must hold them accountable for the dire consequences to Ohio's future.

Before I provide the final section of my report regarding these specific concerns, Madam Chair, I note the special resolution that you may wish to consider at this meeting.

RESOLUTION 2001-112  
Agenda Item 3.21  
Resolution Concerning FY 2002-2003 Operating Appropriations

WHEREAS, additional investments in higher education are needed to help build Ohio's 21<sup>st</sup> century economy with more educated Ohioans and a technologically competent workforce; and

WHEREAS, proposed budget reductions of \$600 million will sacrifice Ohio's future economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget reductions could further reduce student participation in higher education in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the House Committee on Finance and Appropriations is scheduled to meet during the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> to unveil this budget plan; and

WHEREAS, section 3333.04 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the Board of Regents to submit budget recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, section 3333.04 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the Board of Regents to seek the cooperation of all public and private institutions in performing its duties and making its plans, studies, and recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents urges the Governor and the General Assembly to provide adequate investments in higher education to better secure Ohio's economic prosperity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents calls upon the higher education community, including students, parents, trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, and presidents, to mobilize their efforts to inform state public policy makers about the impact of inadequate funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents requests the cooperation of Ohio's community and business leaders in supporting additional investments in higher education to help secure Ohio's economic prosperity.

Motion and vote:

Regent Brown, Chair of the Ohio Board of Regents, called for a motion to approve Agenda Item 3.21.

A motion was made by Regent Reese to approve agenda item 3.21, "Resolution Concerning FY 2002-2003 Operating Appropriations." Regent Krumm seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

**CHANCELLORS REPORT** (continued)

Let me conclude my remarks with some happy news. In the face of these disturbing announcements, Ohio's colleges and universities continue to focus on serving their students, communities and taxpayers. Among the notable milestones, congratulations go to:

The University of Rio Grande which is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; Rio Grande Community College also shares in the celebration. As I am the recipient of an honorary degree from the university, and hence, an alumnus, I am honored to note that the university and its president, Barry Dorsey, take great pride in the fact that Rio Grande was one of the first institutions of higher education in the U.S. founded by a woman; Permelia Atwood promised her husband on his deathbed that she would start the college, a dream the two of them shared along with a Baptist minister, the Reverend Ira Haning, for 25 years.

A number of special events will be held this year, culminating in the dedication of a new Alumni Memorial Bell Tower on September 13<sup>th</sup>, the date that classes began in 1876.

Congratulations also go to:

The University of Akron's Graduate Outreach Program and Shawnee State University's Graduate Center, both of which recently received the Award for Excellence/Creative Credit Program Award from the University Continuing Education Association, Region Four. The award, bestowed jointly upon the two universities, recognizes innovation, longevity, quality, contributions to adult and continuing education, program cost effectiveness and partnerships between Akron and Shawnee State.

Those two institutions are offering a master's degree in educational administration, based at Shawnee State, and hope to offer a Ph.D. in education beginning this fall on the Shawnee State campus, an Ed.D. in educational administration beginning in Spring 2002, and to restart Shawnee's master's program in educational administration this fall.

Finally, congratulations go to:

All of Ohio's community colleges, which are celebrating April as "National Community College Month"! The month recalls the contribution the community colleges have made across the country in educating and training people for the future.

Each fall, 47% of the nation's freshmen attend a community college and 48% of all minority students attend a community college in the United States. There are currently 10.4 million students enrolled in 1,132 community colleges in the country.

Ohio's two-year campuses – and all of higher education, for that matter – should be proud of the work they do every day in educating Ohioans. I personally am full of pride for all of Ohio's college and universities – two-year, four-year, public and independent – especially now, at this critical time in our state's history.

Regent Brown – I would like to make one other comment with regard to Chancellor Chu's remarks on the budget situation.

Many of you will remember the very well-known book, *A Nation at Risk*, which about 10 years ago served to mobilize the American public with regard to the concerns about our educational system. And that is why education is at the top of everyone's agenda now, both from a national and from a local perspective. I believe we are at a time when we should write a new book – Ohio at risk. As Regent Gordon has often said, we are moving to make Ohio a third world country. We have been the 7<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the U.S., the 14<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world, and we are moving nowhere but backward with the kinds of concerns that are expressed by all of us on these budget initiatives. We have a big job to do, because we must mobilize the voters in this state to do something about this issue. It is not a higher education issue, it is an issue about the citizens of our state. We already know that our citizens are

disadvantaged in their personal income, significantly to the U.S. average. That personal income decline in Ohio has been going on for 23 years. We must turn this around. The only way to do it is to make the investments in the programs that will train our workforce and provide our young people with the opportunities for jobs in a new economy. Many studies have shown that without the educated workforce those new economy businesses do not come into your state, into your locale, into your community. This is a serious problem. Our students, their parents, our community leaders must speak to our legislators. They must speak to the people who are going to be responsible for these decisions that I fear will do nothing but continue to damage Ohio's ability to provide a quality of life for its citizens. That is really the charge of every public official. We urge you to activate all of your constituencies and to help us to carry this important message.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- a. "The Ohio State University Plan: How Regional Campuses Fit In"

John Riedl, Dean and Director  
Ohio State University - Mansfield

- b. "University/School Partnerships in Workforce Development"

Eileen Smith, Director  
The Center for Corporate and Community Education  
Ohio State University - Mansfield

Rhonda Stannard, Program Manager  
The Center for Corporate and Community Education  
Ohio State University - Mansfield

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2001, at the Ohio Board of Regents Offices, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, at 1:30 p.m.

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