

**Initiatives Committee  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Minutes of the Meeting of April 10, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Brown at 10:30 a.m. Regents present were:

Edmund J. Adams  
Donna M. Alvarado, Committee Member  
Bruce R. Beeghly  
Jeanette G. Brown, Committee Chair  
Gerald M. Miller, Committee Member  
Thomas W. Noe  
J. Gilbert Reese  
Ralph E. Schey, Committee Member

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Eric Almonte, Assistant Director, Access Initiatives  
Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs  
David Barber, Consultant, Academic and Access Programs  
Shane DeGarmo, Administrative Assistant, Program Approval  
Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor  
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor  
Catherine Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development  
Leslie Sawyer, Director, Access Initiatives Programs  
Janet Schilk, Associate Director, K-16 Initiatives  
Yvonne Stertzler, Financial Analyst  
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor, Educational Linkages and Access  
Russell Utgard, Project Director  
Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement

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Minutes of the March 20 meeting were unanimously approved by the Committee.

**Committee Reports**

***K-16 Initiatives***

- Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel presented a report on the University Centers of Excellence for Mathematics and Science Teacher Education. This is a regional strategy to building the infrastructure Ohio needs to further mathematics and science education across the state as well as build the science and mathematics education professoriate. With the implementation of the new Academic Content Standards and the increase in academic rigor, Ohio's teaching force will need extensive professional development. The Centers of Excellence will be key in this effort as well as in building the next professoriate. The Centers are collaborative and each has a unique focus. Regent Brown

stated her high hopes for this regional structure as a vehicle for improving mathematics and science teaching and learning in the state.

- Dr. Tafel also gave an update to the Committee on Ohio's NSF Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant proposal. There were 93 proposals submitted in total. Fourteen were chosen for a reverse site visit in Washington, D.C. Ohio was one of the fourteen chosen and will be sending a four person team to address questions about our submission. Dr. Karen Holbrook, President of Ohio State University has agreed to attend as a member of the review team from Ohio. Currently it appears that 4 proposals will be funded.
- One of the recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Teaching Success was for the Ohio Board of Regents to use our college and university system more effectively in the preparation of teachers. Associate Vice Chancellor Jane Fullerton gave an update on progress being made in increasing the pipeline of teachers utilizing our two-year colleges. A regional structure is being developed where two-year and four-year colleges and universities are working together to increase the number of underrepresented populations in teaching. This will result in expanded articulation agreements for moving teacher education candidates from two-year to four-year institutions, perhaps new collaborative degree programs will also be developed. Memorandums of Understanding for the collaborative programs will be available on the OBR website this fall. It is hoped that this regional pilot can be rolled-out across the state in Phase 2.

### ***Workforce Development***

- Mr. Michael Taggart updated the Committee on several Workforce Development initiatives. The Knowledge Economy Awareness campaign will culminate in a series of regional Community Forums where a set of Action Steps will be developed. Each community group will look at the three aspects of success for a community:
  1. Continued learning in the community
  2. Business innovation in the community, and
  3. Support for quality of life in the community

A series of action steps will be identified as part of the Community Forum. A statewide conference is scheduled for June to examine the process and determine what is working and identify opportunities for improvement.

- Mr. Taggart updated the Committee on several other programs. The University of Findlay is working in partnership with Ohio's two-year colleges to provide Terrorism Preparedness training for our front line responders – fire and police officers. The Ohio Manufacturing Association has developed a safety CD to address OSHA requirements that is supported by the Ohio Safety Alliance – a collaborative of 2 year campuses and adult career centers. This shows how the higher education community is working every day in collaboration with business to further Ohio's economic and training goals.

### ***Research***

- Dr. Harry Andrist updated the Committee on the Third Frontier initiatives. The proposals for the Wright Centers of Innovation will be reviewed by a National Academy of Sciences panel later this month. Awards are expected this summer. More information about this initiative is available on the website.

**Access**

No report since presenting at the afternoon Board meeting.

**April 10, 2003 Board Agenda Items**

- Hiram College, Institutional Reauthorization
- Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Institutional Reauthorization
- Mount Carmel College of Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing
- Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Electroneurodiagnostics Technology
- Kent State University, Geauga Campus, Associate of Technical Study (Type B) degree in Emergency Medical Services Technology
- Ohio University Southern Campus, Associate of Applied Science degree in Materials Management Technology
- The University of Akron, Community and Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Construction Engineering Technology
- The University of Akron, Community and Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Surveying Engineering Technology
- University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Surgical Technology
- Wright State University, Bachelor of Science in Education: Athletic Training Major

Regent Alvarado moved to place these items on the Board's consent agenda. Regent Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Tentative Board Agenda Items – May 2003**

- Ohio University Southern Campus, Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing
- Ohio University, Master of Science in Nursing

Staff provided background information and answered questions regarding these agenda items. The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing is being developed to respond to an immediate need in the Southern Ohio community. This is in partnership with local hospitals as a way to offset program costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.