

**Minutes**  
**OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**Columbus, Ohio**  
**April 10, 2003**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called by Regent J. Gilbert Reese. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	Thomas W. Noe
Donna M. Alvarado	J. Gilbert Reese
Bruce R. Beeghly	Ralph E. Schey
Jeanette G. Brown	Rep. Arlene Setzer
Gerald M. Miller	

Regent Reese stated "the record should show that notice of this meeting was 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)**

No changes to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2003**

A motion was made by Regent Brown to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2003 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Reese and unanimously passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS**

**Communications Committee** – Regent Alvarado: The committee was presented with the latest copy of The Issue by Associate Vice Chancellor Deborah Gavlik. This edition featured the Success Challenge, a program to promote the success of at risk students and timely graduation of students in general.

Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick updated the committee on the budget. A more in depth presentation on the House passed version of the biennial budget is scheduled for the full Board meeting.

The House-passed version provides \$36.4 million less in fiscal 2004 than the current fiscal 2003 budget, after cuts. The budget provides many areas of

serious concerns for higher education. The House budget also included numerous mandates and charges to the Regents. Several Regents and Chancellor Chu provided testimony to the House Committee that considered the budget.

Vice Chancellor Garry Walters updated the committee on the Knowledge Economy Awareness Initiatives. Enterprise Ohio campuses have made dozens of presentations and ten are conducting community forums.

Vice Chancellor Walters also reported on the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy. The members will be named soon and the recommendations from this commission are expected in Spring 2004.

Vice Chancellor Kris Frost reported on the Communities, Higher Education and the Changing Economy conference scheduled for June 17 & 18, 2003. The conference will feature national and international speakers. Materials about registration and sponsorship are being developed and will be mailed out soon.

Associate Director of Communications Jamie Abel reported on communications and the media. He provided various media clippings and offered to add all Regents to daily emailings of significant articles. He also updated the committee on the status of photos and bio materials for the Regents.

**Resources Committee** – Regent Miller: Representatives from Kent State University and The Cleveland Musical Arts Association gave a brief presentation regarding a \$5.8 million Joint Use Agreement between Kent State University and The Cleveland Musical Arts Association.

The committee received requests from four universities seeking to pledge student fees in support of bond issuances. The first request from the University of Cincinnati proposed issuing \$80 million in bonds to finance a Center for Academic Research of Excellence. The second request from the University of Akron related to a \$62.7 million bond issuance (of which \$42.76 million is new debt) to finance multiple capital projects on campus. The third request from Bowling Green State University proposed \$20 million in general receipt bonds to make improvements to student resident halls and utility systems. Cleveland State University requested the authority to issue \$43 million in bonds to finance three capital projects on campus. Representatives of all these universities attended the meeting and made presentations.

Also considered, was the distribution of \$220,048 in fiscal 2003 for the Police and Fire Protections line item. This line item, initiated by the legislature, is intended to help address the strain on important public services some local governments may experience when student enrollments increase the demand on public safety forces in small municipalities.

Controlling board items for April were reviewed – 59 items totaling \$71 million- which represent the first release of funds from the capital bill that was

passed by the General Assembly last December.

The committee unanimously recommended items 3.11 – 3.17 for approval by the full board.

**Initiatives Committee** – Regent Brown: The committee received a report from Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel on K-16 initiatives regarding the University Centers of Excellence for Math and Science Teacher Education. Statewide consortiums are working hard to build infrastructure around Ohio with regional approaches to further advance math and science education as well as special education.

The committee was pleased to learn that the Ohio Board of Regents is one of 14 finalists out of 93 proposals received on the NSF Math Science Partnership Proposal that was submitted. Only four finalists will be selected and the committee will be updated.

The committee discussed a recommendation of the Governor's Commission on Teaching Success 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 the 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 structure will result in expanded articulation agreements and perhaps new degree programs. Memorandums of Understanding will be available on the OBR website. It is hoped that this regional pilot can be rolled-out across the state in Phase 2.

Michael Taggart, Director of Workforce Development, gave a report updating the Knowledge Economy Awareness campaign.

Partnerships have emerged via the websites including the University of Findlay who is working in partnership with Ohio's two year colleges to provide terrorism preparedness training for frontline responders in the fire and police department. The Ohio Manufacturing Association, who has developed a safety CD to address OSHA requirements supported by the Ohio Safety Alliance, is in collaboration with the two year colleges and adult centers.

Harry Andrist gave an update on the Third Frontier Initiatives pointing out that we have currently \$200 million in the Third Frontier Initiative through the Department of Development, which is undergoing review for grants to be awarded including the Wright Centers of Innovation and the Technology Action Fund, areas where Ohio hopes to become a new leader in developing Third Frontier expertise.

Vice Chancellor Garry Walters recommended that consideration be given to combining the competition for the two chairs of the Eminent Scholars and the Wright Centers of Innovations, to be announced in May. The plan is to have one chair on the biological sciences side and one on the non-biological science side as those are separate review processes. Winning Wright Centers would be

eligible to receive an Eminent Scholar chair that would still be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents separately. The Wright State Innovation and Third Frontier process is carried out by the National Academy of Sciences, a very prestigious body, to do the peer review. Combining our efforts makes sense and is consistent with our effort to align the state's research programs to get the maximum benefit. This alignment has been discussed with the Research Officers Council and the Ohio Board of Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study.

The committee unanimously approved 3.1 – 3.10 for approval today.

**Performance Committee** – Regent Adams: The committee approved a motion to distribute, for comment, a document setting forth the Regents internal goals and objectives to the higher education community. Also, it was agreed to develop a set of baseline data against which we can measure progress toward the achievement of those goals.

Also discussed was the possibility of reorganizing the Board's committees to strategically align the committees work with internal goals and objectives. A sample alignment of committee agendas was circulated.

Before the Senate education committee, Robert Sheehan, University of Toledo, gave testimony using examples from the Performance Report to weave a complete story about the college experience in Ohio. Ohio's Performance Report received praise in a recent publication of New Directions for Institutional Research. Ohio's report was singled out for its' reporting of the big picture as well as for providing the details and ease with which one can move back and forth between data using the online version. The Regents plan to send a letter to the authors thanking them for their kind words

One of the objectives of the current Performance Consultation for the 2003 report is to develop a special product tailored to students and parents. One report cannot adequately address all audiences. The committee will be looking at content, format and distribution seeking advice from counselors, admissions departments and possibly focus groups.

Andy Lechler shared two new reports planned for the 2003 report. One report lists time to degree by subject field that noted for many academic programs taking 15 credit hours per term does not guarantee that a student will graduate in four years. In order to illustrate the level of transfer that takes place from two year to four year institutions, Andy shared a second report that provides data on the number of transfer credits earned by bachelor degree graduates in fiscal year 2002.

Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel is working closely with High School Superintendents before work begins on the next edition of the High School Transition Report. Superintendents have expressed much interest in the transition report. Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick noted that he has received reports of capacity studies completed by other states and will provide an update at the May Performance Committee meeting.

The committee agreed to keep the proposal to create a virtual policy institute on future agendas.

Jim Nargang who is the new Assistant Director of Capital Development, was introduced to the committee. Also beginning the first of May, Darrell Glenn, who is the new Director of Performance and Reporting Analysis will replace Rob Sheehan. Darrell is an economist by training and comes from West Virginia with strong credentials.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Brown to approve Agenda Items 3.1 – 3-17. The motion was seconded by Regent Miller and unanimously passed. Regent Brown abstained from voting on Item 3.6 because of her involvement with The Cleveland Musical Arts Association.

- 3.1 Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.2 Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.3 Mount Carmel College of Nursing, Columbus, Ohio; Master of Science Degree in Nursing
- 3.4 Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electroneurodiagnostics Technology
- 3.5 Kent State University, Geauga Campus, Associate of Technical Study (Type B) Degree in Emergency Medical Services Technology
- 3.6 Ohio University, Southern Campus, Associate of Applied Science Degree in Materials Management Technology
- 3.7 The University of Akron, Community and Technical College, Associate of Applied Science Degree in Construction Engineering Technology
- 3.8 The University of Akron, Community and Technical College, Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surveying Engineering Technology
- 3.9 University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surgical Technology
- 3.10 Wright State University, Bachelor of Science in Education; Athletic Training Major
- 3.11 Consideration of a request by the University of Cincinnati to pledge student fees in support of an \$80,000,000 bond issuance, to be used to finance one capital project on campus
- 3.12 Consideration of a request by the University of Akron to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$62,700,000
- 3.13 Consideration of a request by Bowling Green State University to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$20,000,000
- 3.14 Consideration of a request by Cleveland State University to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$43,000,000

- 3.15 Consideration of release and distribution of FY2003 Police and Fire Protection funds from Amended Substitute House Bill 94 of the 124th General Assembly
- 3.16 Consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between Kent State University and The Musical Arts Association
- 3.17 Request to the Controlling Board for the period March 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003

**RESOLUTION 2003-60**  
**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, 2011.

Hiram College  
Hiram, Ohio

**RESOLUTION 2003-61**  
**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.

Trinity Lutheran Seminary  
Columbus, Ohio

**RESOLUTION 2003-62**  
**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 program be authorized through December 31, 2011, with yearly Progress Reviews submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents prior to December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Mount Carmel School of Nursing, Columbus, Ohio  
Master of Science Degree in Nursing

**RESOLUTION 2003-63**  
**Agenda Item 3.4**

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:

Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in  
Electroneurodiagnostics Technology

**RESOLUTION 2003-64**  
**Agenda Item 3.5**

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, Geauga Campus, Associate of Technical Study  
degree in Emergency Medical Services Technology

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 Jefferson Community College District proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 for the purpose of financing the acquisition and renovation of an administrative facility; and

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

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing this debt issuance at its meeting of February 26, 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, 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 Jefferson Community College District in support of general receipts bonds and/or bond anticipation notes not to exceed \$2,100,000 is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2003-65**  
**Agenda Item 3.6**

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:

Ohio University Southern Campus  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Materials Management Technology

**RESOLUTION 2003-66**  
**Agenda Item 3.7**

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:

The University of Akron, Community and Technical College  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Construction Engineering Technology

**RESOLUTION 2003-67**  
**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:

The University of Akron, Community and Technical College  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Surveying Engineering Technology

**RESOLUTION 2003-68**  
**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 new degree program is approved:

University of Cincinnati Clermont College  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Surgical Technology

**RESOLUTION 2003-69**  
**Agenda Item 3.10**

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

Wright State University  
Bachelor of Science in Education; Athletic Training Major

**RESOLUTION 2003-70**  
**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;

WHEREAS, the University of Cincinnati proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$80,000,000 for the purpose of financing the Center for Academic Research Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined that the proposed project is essential to 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 obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$80,000,000 is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2003-71**  
**Agenda Item 3.12**

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 Akron proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts bonds in an amount not to exceed \$62,700,000 for the purpose of financing multiple capital projects; and

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

WHEREAS, the University of Akron Board of Trustees is expected to approve a resolution authorizing this debt issuance at its April 2003 meeting; and

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

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, contingent upon the approval of the University of Akron 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 the University of Akron in support of general receipts bonds in an amount not to exceed \$62,700,000 is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2003-72**  
**Agenda Item 3.13**

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, Bowling Green State University proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of financing two capital projects; and

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

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing this debt issuance at its meeting of April 1, 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, 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 Bowling Green State University in support of general receipts bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2003-73**  
**Agenda Item 3.14**

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, Cleveland State University proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts bonds in an amount not to exceed \$43,000,000 for the purpose of financing three capital; and

WHEREAS, the University has established a 30-year debt service schedule and will retire the debt using operating revenues and state capital appropriations; and

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

WHEREAS, the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing this debt issuance and the refinancing of existing debt at its meeting of January 22, 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, 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 Cleveland State University in support of general receipts bonds in an amount not to exceed \$43,000,000 is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2003-74**  
**Agenda Item 3.15**

WHEREAS, the state's biennial budget directs the Ohio Board of Regents to distribute higher education appropriations 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 94.10 of Amended Substitute House Bill 94 requires the Board of Regents to distribute Police and Fire Protection funds to assist local governments in the provision of police and fire protection for the central campuses of the state-affiliated universities located in the municipalities of Kent, Athens, Oxford, Fairborn, Bowling Green, Portsmouth, Xenia Township, and Rootstown Township; and

WHEREAS, the original appropriation of \$240,096 appropriated in Am. Sub. H.B. 94 was reduced to \$220,048 pursuant to Governor Taft's October 2001 and January 2003 executive orders reducing most agency line items; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation is distributed to each state-affiliated

university located in the above mentioned municipalities through a formula that recognizes the overburden of full-time equivalent students on local governments in providing police and fire protection;

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 distribution of the FY 2003 Police and Fire Protection funds, as described in the attached table and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2003-75**  
**Agenda Item 3.16**

WHEREAS, the 124th Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 524 which includes a specific capital reappropriation of \$3,300,000 and H.B. 675 which includes a specific capital appropriation of \$2,500,000 to Kent State University; 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, Kent State University and The Musical Arts Association 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 Kent State University and The Musical Arts Association; and attached and made a part hereof, be approved.

**RESOLUTION 2003-76**  
**Agenda Item 3.17**

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, 2003 through

March 31, 2003, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT:** Thank you, Chairman Noe and welcome Representative Setzer to your 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents!

## **FY04-05 BUDGET**

The major activity since last month's Board meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, has been efforts on the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 budget, as the proposal continues to wind its way through the Legislature. As you've heard, last night the House voted to adopt Substitute House Bill 95 – the budget bill.

Vice Chairman Adams and Regent Alvarado testified last Friday before the House Finance and Appropriations Committee, making one final push for higher education and the need for a long-term commitment from the General Assembly to reduce Ohio's education deficit and improve Ohio's economy and the quality of life earned by Ohioans.

On Saturday, they were followed by public university representatives who offered compelling testimony on the importance of graduate studies and research to Ohio's economy.

Once again, the staff pulled together under the demands of tight deadlines to ensure a smooth process. Thanks to each of you as well, and especially to Chairman Noe for his countless hours of visits and phone calls in support of the higher education community's efforts.

The budget process is far from over. Now it's on to the Senate. On May 7, the Regents are scheduled to offer testimony before the Senate Finance Committee; the higher education associations are being offered a separate day for testimony.

While the higher education community clearly had a positive impact on the House's deliberations on the budget, I hope the Senate better understands our message that improving the higher education of Ohioans is about the only way to turn around the state's stagnant economy and improving our economy is the #1 concern of our fellow citizens.

Almost all states are in a fierce global competition to attract high-paying jobs. We must ensure that our legislators recognize that companies are voting with their feet on the actions they see states are taking, or not taking, to provide the educated workers what they need to succeed.

The Regents, staff, the higher education associations and colleges and universities are working hard to present an even stronger case before the Senate than we did to the House. As noted by Regent Alvarado, Rich Petrick, our vice chancellor for finance, will offer additional comments about the budget

following my report.

### **THIRD FRONTIER NETWORK**

While committed to addressing the state budget, we have been seeking other sources of funding as well. Several members of the Regents staff were joined by the Governor's Science and Technology Adviser, Frank Samuel, in Washington last week to meet with Ohio Congressional delegation staff. They were there to describe the Third Frontier Network and how federal support can accelerate the benefits of the network.

A Power Point presentation summarized the promise of the network and described the advantages of buying "dark fiber" for the network: bandwidth, quality of service, economy of scale, and quality of scale. The presentation also showcased Ohio's enviable record of being a leader in collaborative projects with successes such as OhioLINK, the Ohio Supercomputer Center, OARnet, the Ohio Learning Network, and Hayes Fund.

As a follow-up, Chairman Noe and I were in Washington earlier this week to meet directly with members of our delegation. While the federal government may be in no better financial position than Ohio right now, especially in the midst of a war, the far-sighted leaders and staff with whom we met supported the need to make strategic investments in Ohio's and the nation's future. They understood that a relatively small federal investment now will enable Ohio to become a leader for years to come in research, medical education, science education, and innovation-based economic development.

### **MIAMI TUITION PLAN**

Miami University unveiled a new tuition plan last week to make Miami more affordable to all students, to keep more top students in-state, and to achieve greater diversity. Under the proposal, Miami would adopt a single tuition price for all of its students with automatic scholarship discounts for all of its Ohio students, and further variable scholarship discounts for its Ohio students based on their financial need, scholastic ability, majors in subjects key to Ohio's economic future, like science and engineering.

Each "Ohio Resident Scholarship" amount would equal or exceed the annual per-student funding the state provides in core support and will be renewed until the student's graduation, for up to six years. Each discretionary "Ohio Leader Scholarship" would be contingent upon satisfactory academic progress.

Most Ohio students would not pay any more under the plan than they are paying now. Some students from upper-income families would pay more while students from middle-income families would pay less. Miami would be able to offer more scholarship money to keep top Ohio students in-state who previously chose private universities in other states over Miami because of a lower net cost. Students from low-income families would still be eligible for

additional university, state and federal financial aid.

President James C. Garland will present the plan to the Miami board of trustees April 23. If approved by the board of trustees, the new tuition plan would take effect in the fall of 2004.

### **GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMY**

In the midst of all this financial activity, we are moving ahead with other important initiatives. Regents staff is preparing a document to brief the soon-to-be named members of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy. The briefing provides information on the structural, demographic, funding, and assessment aspects of Ohio's higher education system.

We look forward to the opportunity to bring focused attention to the vital connection between Higher Education and the economic future of our state, and to secure the insights and input of business leaders to create an improved economic destiny for Ohio.

### **ECS CENTER FOR TEACHING QUALITY**

Governor Taft's recently completed Commission on Teaching Success, which Regent Brown so ably co-chaired and Chairman Noe so ably served, provided me with important insights to contribute to a national board to which I have recently been appointed.

The Education Commission of the States asked me to serve on the national Advisory Board of its Center for Teaching Quality. I was pleased to see that Wyoming's former governor, Jim Geringer, has demonstrated his continuing commitment to the crucial issue of teaching quality by agreeing to chair this Board. The Center is an initiative born out of Governor Geringer's year as chairman of ECS.

From the description of the work of ECS and other states related to teaching quality presented in our Advisory Board meeting in Denver late last month, it was clear that carrying out the recommendations of our Governor's Commission on Teaching Success based on teaching standards will put Ohio among the nation's leaders in the arena of teaching quality.

While I am certainly personally honored to have been asked to participate in a growing list of impressive national education boards, I continue to be very selective in my acceptance of these posts, and for those I accept, I endeavor to bring back as many ideas as I contribute. I am pleased, though, that these many calls reflect a growing national recognition of Ohio's leadership and innovation on higher education issues.

### **KUDOS**

On to noting the appointments and accomplishments of Ohio's campuses.

Welcome to John R. Snyder, the new dean and director of The Ohio State University Lima campus. Dr. Snyder comes to OSU-Lima after serving for seven years as the dean of the School of Allied Health Professions at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. Dr. Snyder succeeds Violet I. Meek who will retire June 30 after 12 years as dean and director. Dr. Snyder's tenure begins July 1.

In light of recent proposal in the House's budget deliberations to close one of Ohio's five public law schools, it was nice to receive some good news about one of those schools.

The University of Toledo's college of law missed by one spot inclusion in the nation's top 100 law schools, according to the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings, which hit newsstands Monday. UT's law school has made steady improvements in the last few years, from a 2000 ranking in the fourth of four tiers of law schools, to maintaining its current spot in the third tier, barely missing elevation to the second tier this year. The school worked to be more selective in their admissions in recent years as demonstrated by improvement in indicators such as the median LSAT score for full-time entering students.

As you know, Vice Chairman Adams argued against closing a law school in his testimony before the House Finance and Appropriations Committee. He advocated reducing law school enrollment and raising admissions standards to improve the quality of law students and the likelihood that those students would pass the bar. Both the University of Toledo and University of Akron have found success by enacting these measures.

### **TAHLMAN KRUMM, JR.**

I will close with a very happy kudo.

On Sunday in Seattle, our own Tally Krumm received the Distinguished Service Award in Trusteeship from the Association for Governing Boards. An award never met a more fitting recipient. Established in 1980, this prestigious national award is made each year to a board member from a public institution and a board member from an independent institution and recognizes extraordinary contributions to higher education. The award was announced nationally in the New York Times; Tally's co-recipient is Bill Weyerhaeuser, a notable name in the paper business and chair of the University of Puget Sound.

As you well know, the word "distinguished" aptly describes Tally, but so do the words "statesman" and "giant" and "leader" and "team player." In his acceptance remarks, Tally characteristically received the award not as recognition of an "I" but of "We", his fellow Regents, the Regents' staff and the Ohio's colleges and universities.

The recognition is accompanied by a beautiful piece of Steuben crystal for Tally and a \$25,000 grant to the Ohio Board of Regents and Dr. Krumm to be used as you mutually decide. We will be discussing an appropriate use of

these discretionary funds that are especially important in this time of state funding cutbacks.

As part of the awards dinner, ECS commissioned an 8 minute video that retraced Tally's career from a newspaper reporter to Regent. I propose to close our meeting today after the presentations with a showing of that video.

## **CONCLUSION**

Chairman Noe, that concludes my report for this month.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **"Budget Update"**

Rich Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance  
Ohio Board of Regents

### **"Increasing College Access in Ohio"**

Shane Hollett  
Executive Director  
Ohio College Access Network (OCAN)

Jon L. Tafel, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor, Educational Linkages & Access  
Ohio Board of Regents

Tom Rudd, Director  
Student Financial Access  
Ohio Board of Regents

Leslie J. Sawyer, Director  
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**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, May 22, 2003, at the Ohio Board of Regents, 30 East Broad Street – 36th Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 1:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary

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Date

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