

Minutes  
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS  
April 21, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- 1) The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Edmund J. Adams.
- 2) The roll was called by Regent Bruce R. Beeghly. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	Anthony D. Houston
Donna M. Alvarado	Thomas W. Noe
Bruce R. Beeghly	J. Gilbert Reese
Jeanette G. Brown	

Regent Beeghly stated “the record reflects that notice of this meeting was given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents’ Administrative Rule 3333-1-14, which rule was adopted in accordance with section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code.”

3) 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 were made to the agenda.

- 4) Approval of minutes of the March 10, 2005 meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents.

A motion was made by Regent Noe to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2005 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Alvarado and passed unanimously.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

**Access Committee** - Regent Alvarado – Associate Vice Chancellor Deborah Gavlik gave an overview of the budget bill recently passed by the Ohio House of Representatives. She detailed ten key provisions in the bill related to higher education. The committee discussed the provisions and agreed on recommended responses to provide General Assembly members.

Associate Vice Chancellor Gavlik shared the higher education testimony schedule for the upcoming hearings in the Senate Finance and Education committees. Those presenting testimony will represent a cross section of the higher-ed community. Their testimony will focus on productivity and efficiency, return on educational investment, access and student success, and economic development through research and workforce development.

Vice Chancellor Kris Frost gave the committee an overview of the upcoming Statewide Trustee Conference scheduled for May 16 and 17, 2005.

She announced that Governor Taft and The Honorable Jon Husted, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives will be speaking. It was suggested that institutions encourage their trustees to register for the conference met.

**Resources & System Efficiency Committee** - Regent Beeghly - Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick provided an update on the Ohio Instructional Grant and Ohio College Opportunity Grant. A \$15-17 million shortfall in the OIG program is expected in the current fiscal year. The Office of Budget and Management has been notified and is helping to identify resources. Some of the shortfall can be met through the transfer of lapsed funds from State Grants & Scholarship programs. Additional funds may be available through lapses in the debt service line item. Regents' staff will attempt to ease the burden on campuses by giving priority to institutions experiencing the greatest cash-flow problems. The Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) will go into effect in FY 2007. As a result, the program needs to be operational by next January. The Board of Regents has secured funding to hire the staff required to implement OCOG. The program will be phased in over 4 years.

Neal McNally, Assistant Director for Finance and Government Relations, provided a preliminary analysis of the effects of Success Challenge on student success. This analysis examined some of the degree outcomes related to the Success Challenge program, which promotes bachelor's degree attainment for at-risk students, as well as timely degree completion for the general student population of resident undergraduates. For both categories of students, there has been an increase in the number of degrees granted over the past 5 years, and a higher proportion of the base population in each category has attained degrees. The intended effect of Success Challenge is occurring.

The committee reviewed campus compliance with the Senate Bill 6 financial reporting requirements. Rio Grande Community College President Barry Dorsey and Central State University general counsel Andrew Hughey briefed the Committee on the chronology of events that resulted in each campus's failure to submit audited financial statements in a timely manner. Regents' staff will continue to monitor the progress. The committee also asked that representatives from both institutions attend the May committee meeting for a follow-up status report.

Mr. James Plummer, Associate Vice President for Finance for the University of Cincinnati, briefed the committee on a request to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$41.9 million for the purpose of financing capital projects at the University's main campus. Of this request, \$26.9 million will fund for additional costs associated with the MainStreet Project. Mr. Plummer noted that much of the additional costs for this project resulted from contractor claim settlements associated with the state-mandated use of multiple prime contractors.

Other items considered included the release and distribution of the FY 2005 Student Support Services and Police and Fire appropriations, as well as a Joint Use Agreement between Cleveland State University and the Cleveland Playhouse, and an amendment to an existing Joint Use Agreement between Cleveland State University and CAMP, Incorporated.

The March controlling board items were recommended for approval by the full board.

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of items 3.17 and 3.18 for the April consent agenda.

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee** – Regent Houston – Dr. Harry Andrist, Director of Research & Graduate Programs, briefed the committee on the Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Capital Grants proposal. The universities represented by each of the following recently funded Ohio Eminent Scholar Endowed Chairs will receive Capital Grants to purchase scientific instrumentation and refurbish laboratory space. These include Health Psychology at Ohio State University (\$150,000); Advanced Data Management and Analysis at Wright State University (\$250,000); and Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine at Case Western Reserve University (\$500,000).

Jack Connell, Assistant Director for Academic & Access Programs, briefed the committee on proposals from Ashland University and Kettering College of Medical Arts. Ashland's proposed Master of American History and Government degree program was designed to meet the needs of social studies teachers and is a spin-off of a highly successful summer certificate program offered by Ashland University through its Ashford Institute.

Kettering College's proposed Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in Biology, is a spin-off of the currently authorized Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and was designed as a feeder program to their Master in Physician Assistant Studies degree program.

Cathy Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development, briefed the committee on proposals from Owens, Terra, and Washington Community College. Owens' proposed Associate of Applied Business in Information Systems degree program was developed in response to the growing demand for trained information systems technicians in Northwest Ohio.

Terra Community College's proposed Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology degree program was developed in response to the growing need for trained certified personnel to work in various health care facilities.

Washington Community College's proposed Associate of Applied Science in Health and Wellness degree program was developed in cooperation with regional health care employers to address the immediate and growing need for trained health care professionals.

Dr. Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access, briefed the committee on a proposal from the University of Akron. The university's proposed Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy Technology degree program was developed in response to the need for graduates with the baccalaureate degree and from support from the respiratory care field.

Dr. Harry Andrist briefed the committee on proposals from Bowling Green State University, Ohio State University, and University of Cincinnati. Bowling Green proposed two programs today: Master of Arts in Art Education and Doctor of Musical Arts. The master's level program will permit art educators to re-enter the studio to improve their artistic capabilities. The doctoral level program is a terminal degree program based on master's level applied study in music composition or performance. It is important to note the university will not receive any additional state share of instruction as a result of mounting this new program.

Ohio State University's proposed Master of Arts in East Asian Studies degree program will offer concentrated training and knowledge in East Asian language and culture and is intended to be an interdisciplinary, terminal Master of Arts degree for practicing professionals.

The University of Cincinnati's proposed Master of Teaching Science degree program was developed to prepare middle and high school teachers who are likely to teach more than one content area of science.

The institutions met Regents' minimum degree program standards for their respective proposals.

Kathryn Kelley, Director of Government Relations at the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC), and David Barber, consultant for the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR), briefed the committee on the Third Frontier Network Congressional Briefing held on March 14, 2005, in Washington, DC. Presentations by Ohio college and university faculty, research center directors, and one Ohio undergraduate student to Ohio Congressional Chiefs of Staff explained the benefits of the Third Frontier Network.

OBR and OSC congressional funding requests made for fiscal year 2006 include monies to extend the TFN in Appalachian Ohio, connect hospitals to the TFN, create a school of computational science, and to support the Pediatric Cancer project, Summer Institute and Young Women's Summer Institute, and Springfield Computer Center.

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of Items 3.1-3.16 for the April consent agenda.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Regent Beeghly to approve Agenda Items 3.1 –3.18 for the April consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Regent Noe and unanimously passed.

- 3.1 Capella University, Master of Science in Organization & Management
- 3.2 Capella University, Master of Business Administration
- 3.3 Capella University, Master of Science in Information Technology
- 3.4 Capella University, Bachelor of Science in Business
- 3.5 Capella University, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- 3.6 Kettering College of Medical Arts, Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree program

- 3.7 North Central State College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Advanced Integrated Manufacturing System Technologies
- 3.8 Ohio Northern University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- 3.9 Owens State Community College – Toledo and Findlay Campuses, Associate of Applied Science degree in Advanced Integrated Manufacturing System Technologies
- 3.10 Owens State Community College – Toledo & Findlay Campuses, Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Medical Management
- 3.11 Owens State Community College – Toledo Campus, Associate of Applied Science degree in Public Safety Communications
- 3.12 Owens State Community College – Toledo and Findlay Campuses, Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Management and Planning
- 3.13 Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Advanced Integrated Manufacturing System Technologies
- 3.14 Wilmington College, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.15 Youngstown State University, Bachelor of General Studies degree
- 3.16 Approval for Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Capital Grants
- 3.17 Consideration of release and distribution of \$3,790,393 in remaining FY 2005 Family Practice appropriations and \$1,871,407 remaining Primary Care Residency appropriations from Amended Substitute House Bill 95 of the 125<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 3.18 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period March 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005

RESOLUTION 2005-86  
Agenda Item 3.1

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following program be granted authorization through December 31, 2013, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2006 and 2007.

Capella University  
Master of Science in Organization & Management

RESOLUTION 2005-87  
Agenda Item 3.2

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following program be granted authorization through December 31, 2013, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2006 and 2007.

Capella University  
Master of Business Administration

RESOLUTION 2005-88  
Agenda Item 3.3

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following program be granted provisional authorization through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2006 and 2007. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Capella University  
Master of Science in Organization & Management

RESOLUTION 2005-89  
Agenda Item 3.4

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following program be granted provisional authorization through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2006 and 2007. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Capella University  
Bachelor of Science in Business

RESOLUTION 2005-90  
Agenda Item 3.5

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following program be granted provisional authorization through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2006 and 2007. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Capella University  
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

RESOLUTION 2005-91  
Agenda Item 3.6

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following program be granted provisional authorization through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2006 and 2007. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Kettering College of Medical Arts  
Master of Physician Assistant Studies

Note: This proposed graduate professional program was driven by accreditation agency mandates. While Regents' staff supports the transition of the program to the graduate level to meet state and national professional standards, the Regents do not consider the addition of this program establishes the College as a graduate institution.

RESOLUTION 2005-92  
Agenda Item 3.7

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

North Central State College  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Advanced Integrated Manufacturing  
Systems Technologies

RESOLUTION 2005-93  
Agenda Item 3.8

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following program be granted provisional authorization through December 31, 2008, with yearly progress reports to be submitted by December 31, 2006 and 2007. A follow-up reviewed will be performed prior to December 31, 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Ohio Northern University  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

RESOLUTION 2005-94  
Agenda Item 3.9

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Owens State Community College - Toledo and Findlay Campuses  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Advanced Integrated Manufacturing  
Systems Technologies

RESOLUTION 2005-95  
Agenda Item 3.10

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Owens State Community College – Toledo & Findlay Campuses  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Medical Management

RESOLUTION 2005-96  
Agenda Item 3.11

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Owens State Community College - Toledo Campus  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Public Safety Communications

RESOLUTION 2005-97  
Agenda Item 3.12

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Owens State Community College - Toledo and Findlay Campuses  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Management and Planning

RESOLUTION 2005-98  
Agenda Item 3.13

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Cuyahoga Community College  
Associate of Applied Science degree in Advanced Integrated Manufacturing  
Systems Technologies

RESOLUTION 2005-99  
Agenda Item 3.14

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following institution be granted institutional reauthorization through December 31, 2014.

Wilmington College  
Institutional Reauthorization

RESOLUTION 2005-100  
Agenda Item 3.15

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Youngstown State University  
Bachelor of General Studies

RESOLUTION 2005-101  
Agenda Item 3.16

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Ohio and the General Assembly of Ohio have supported the establishment of the Ohio Eminent Scholars Program; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly appropriated general revenue funds to be used by the Board of Regents “to establish an Ohio Eminent Scholars Program, the purpose of which is to invest educational resources to address problems that are of vital statewide significance while fostering the growth in eminence of Ohio’s academic programs...”; and

WHEREAS, “Ohio Eminent Scholars endowed chairs will allow Ohio universities to recruit senior faculty members from outside Ohio who are nationally and internationally recognized scholars in areas of science and technology that provide the basic research platforms on which our technology and commercialization efforts are built...”; and

WHEREAS, the Review Panel convened by The National Academies, or in earlier review cycles, the Ohio Eminent Scholars Final Review Committee, following a careful and thorough review of the proposals, submitted its funding recommendations to the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents previously approved Ohio Eminent Scholars Program endowment awards on the list attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of Ohio within House Bill 16 (the FY 2005-06 Capital Appropriations Bill) have provided an additional \$0.9 million in Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Capital Grants (CAP-064) to support the previously approved Ohio Eminent Scholars awards;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Capital Grants be made to the university programs on the list attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents expresses its gratitude to the Governor and the General Assembly for their vision in furthering the enhancement of research excellence as well as for enabling faculty and students at Ohio’s universities to address problems related to technology commercialization and economic growth, which are of vital statewide significance.

**OHIO EMINENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM CAPITAL GRANTS**

April 21, 2005

<b>University</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>OES Award</b>	<b>Capital Grant</b>
Ohio State University	Health Psychology	\$742,857 (Approved: 7-19-01)	<b>\$150,000</b> (Total = \$400,000; \$250,000 approved on 7-19-01)
Wright State University	Advanced Data Management and Analysis	\$731,250 (Approved: 11-13-03)	<b>\$250,000</b>
Case Western Reserve University	Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine	\$731,250 (Approved: 7-15-04)	<b>\$500,000</b>

RESOLUTION 2005-102  
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. 95 of the 125<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; 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, the Family Practice appropriation was created to support education and training of medical students and residents in family practice; and

WHEREAS, the Primary Care Residency appropriation was created to support education and training of medical students and residents in primary care; and

WHEREAS, a portion of these funds were released by the Board in June 2004 and distributed to campuses for cash flow purposes in August 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Family Practice and Primary Care appropriations are distributed in accordance to formulas that recognize the number of graduates of Ohio medical colleges who are currently physicians in family practice medicine or who have entered primary care residencies; and

WHEREAS, these formulas have been updated to reflect graduation data for the 2003 and 2004 academic years.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the remaining FY 2005 appropriations for Family Practice and Primary Care Residencies, as described in the attached tables and made a part hereof, be approved for distribution.

RESOLUTION 2005-103  
Agenda Item 3.18

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the request for release of capital improvements funds received in the period March 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

## **CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS TO THE BOARD**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Thank you, Chairman Adams.

### **CAMPUS TRAGEDIES**

Before getting into the normal matters of my report, I want to let the families of those students who perished in two recent campus tragedies know that our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

A fire on April 10 at an off-campus house near Miami University claimed the lives of three students: Julia Turnbull of Milford, Kathryn Welling of Bronxville, New York, and Stephen Smith of Bethesda, Maryland.

A day later, a plane crash in Brown County claimed the lives of flight instructor Michael Moreland of Anderson Township and University of Cincinnati student pilot Jonathon Miles of Delhi Township.

It's difficult for college students to grasp – especially at this point in their lives – the concept of their own mortality. In this Spring season of hope and rebirth, these two tragic events have brought this harsh reality to their fellow students, families, friends and us all.

### **FY06-07 BUDGET**

Another reality is our biennial state operating budget process. On April 12, the House voted 53-46 to send the FY 2006-FY2007 budget bill, House Bill 66, on to the Senate. While there are several provisions in the House version with which we are concerned, we have been pleased throughout the process with the cordial reception we have received.

The higher education community spoke with one voice before the House on the 3 strategic needs of our state: the need to create a robust business climate to attract new jobs here; the need to educate the workers we need to fill the jobs we are trying to attract; and the need to invest in creating innovative ideas that fuel the creation of new economic opportunity

The crucial need for Ohioans to embrace this strategy was highlighted in a front-page headline in today's Columbus Dispatch: "Exodus may be in Ohio's future." And other media coverage around the state.

Economists Ned Hill urged that "Ohio must focus on ensuring that the projections don't become reality." The state must invest more in education for long-term growth and come up with tax incentives to keep companies, he said. "If we stop investing in ourselves, we are going to make that projection a foregone conclusion," he said.

All segments of Ohio's higher education community are united in our focus on these strategic imperatives in our working our state's policy makers, as we will hear in the presentation on Return on Educational Investment – ROEI - following my remarks.

We are scheduled to present testimony on Tuesday before the Senate Finance and Education Committees and again on Thursday before the Senate Education Committee.

## **P-16 INITIATIVES**

We have had productive, cooperative with Governor Taft and State Superintendent Susan Zelman on the Governor's Partnership for Continued Learning. We agree on the need to continue to prepare all Ohioans from elementary and secondary education for success into and through their further postsecondary education throughout their lifetimes. We must work to create the winning workforce and winning economy that Ohio so desperately needs.

The state has invested mightily in K-12 education. In this budget, it is investing heavily in major tax reform to attract businesses and jobs. But these investments will all be for naught if we don't prepare Ohioans with the knowledge and skills they need to claim the jobs that are here and attract those yet to be created.

## **ARTS IN EDUCATION**

Cooperation was also the theme of the Spring Steering Committee meeting of the Education Commission of the States I attended in Little Rock, Arkansas on April 6 and 7. In conjunction with this meeting, ECS chair, Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, convened a meeting of his Commission on the Arts in Education.

As his chairman's initiative, Gov. Huckabee likened his leadership of this effort, as a conservative Republican, to President Nixon's leadership in building a relationship with China.

We learned of the compelling data that proves that students involved in the arts achieve better learning in other academic subjects. We saw this effect first-hand in our visit to an inner city elementary school in Little Rock in which, by integrating the arts into the academic curriculum, students are persisting much better in their studies and are demonstrating much higher academic achievement. Another proof came from inner city students from Hope, Arkansas who participate in an after-school African drum ensemble. Their grades have also dramatically improved.

In our deliberations on how we might get each state to require that arts education is not abandoned but rather integrated in to school curricula, one of our commission members observed that the arts are the only way we come together with our differences.

I asked Gov. Huckabee his opinion, given the tenor of the political rhetoric and strategy in the country, whether political forces would enable the vital role of arts in education if it led to coming together, of decreasing the widespread factionalization we suffer with in America.

Gov. Huckabee expressed great hope, observing at least among the political leaders he works with, that they are tired of all the polarization in the U.S. Ensuring that arts once again become an integral part of the education of our kids not only will improve the academic and social development of our kids, it may prove to be a vitally important way to bring our nation together. I am delighted to be a part of this very important initiative.

## **WORKFORCE**

On April 8, I attended a Midwestern Higher Education Compact planning meeting on a workforce policy initiative that's designed to create opportunities for Midwestern citizens to be prepared for and make seamless transitions from education to the workforce.

The 13-state collaborative effort will share information across the region "to build a competitive, winning 21st century workforce" and will lead to a regional policy summit in the fall.

State teams of legislators, governors, educators and business leaders will drive the effort. We will need to identify Ohio's team members.

This initiative follows a national virtual summit on workforce preparation sponsored by the U. S. Dept. of Education and hosted by 6 community colleges across the national on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Sinclair Community College was one of those institutions.

These conferences and a number of other meetings I have had with national business groups are indications of the considerable national and regional attention on improving the workforce. I am pleased that Ohio's leadership in this area is recognized and that we are part of these formative discussions and initiatives.

## **KUDOS**

Welcome to new Antioch College President Steven Lawry who will take over the Yellow Springs campus later this year. Dr. Lawry comes to Antioch from the Ford Foundation where he serves as director of the office of management services.

Welcome to the Rev. Robert Niehoff, the new president at John Carroll University. Rev. Niehoff, who currently serves as a vice president and associate provost at the University of San Francisco, will begin his duties at John Carroll in the fall.

Kudos to Ohio State University professor Lonnie Thompson who is one of two scientists to win the 2005 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement,

which has been described as being the equivalent to a Noble Prize in this field. The professor of geological sciences and senior research scientist with the Byrd Polar Research Center was recognized for “his pioneering work in the collection and analysis of valuable climatic information contained in tropical glacier ice cores from all over the world.” He receives a gold medallion and splits the \$200,000 cash prize.

**CONCLUSION**

Chairman Adams, that concludes my report for this month.

**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 Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at the Ohio Board of Regents in Columbus, Ohio @ 1:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Vice Chair

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