

**Access and Communications Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, April 20, 2006**

The April meeting of the Access and Communications Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents was held on the campus of Bowling Green State University. The following Board of Regents Members were in attendance:

Members of the committee:

Donna M. Alvarado, Committee Chair
Anthony D. Houston
Jim Patterson
Walt Reiling

Other Regents in attendance:

Edmund J. Adams
Bruce R. Beeghly
Jerry Tatar
Jim Tuschman

The meeting was called to order by Regent Alvarado and the minutes of the March 9, 2006 Access Committee were approved without objection.

Major items for discussion:

Access Accountability Measures

Jon Tafel, Darrell Glenn, and Jocelyn Frasier updated the committee on their work with the Student Access and Success Coordination Council of Ohio (SASCO) on the development of student access accountability measures. The measures are intended to provide data to serve as a statewide benchmark that will allow providers to evaluate the success of access initiatives. Some of these measures include high school graduation rates, college entrance exam completion, and persistence and completion rates for college students.

Regent Alvarado questioned who would be held accountable for meeting access improvement goals. Darrell Glenn responded that first the accountability measures are needed to help establish how schools are currently performing before anyone can be held accountable for improvements.

Chancellor Chu suggested that the data be disaggregated by gender and that the educational objectives of students should be considered when defining success.

Regent Alvarado suggested that the committee, SASCO, and Regents' staff continue the dialogue about how to set access goals based on these metrics and hold institutions accountable for meeting them.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Proposal

Deborah Gavlik provided an overview of a proposed program to use some of Ohio's unused federal TANF funds for higher education purposes. She explained that at the urging of several legislators, Regents' staff has developed and submitted a proposal to

the Governor's office to use up to \$60 million of TANF money to fund vouchers for at-risk students with financial barriers. The vouchers could be used for a range of goods and services including tuition assistance, transportation, daycare, books, tutoring, and counseling.

Regent Tatar asked how the money would be distributed and warned of the extensive reporting requirements associated with using federal TANF money.

Regent Alvarado suggested that if the project is funded, a control group should be used to help quantify the impact of the new benefit. The committee agreed on the need to develop a process to measure results of the program.

HB 66 Mandate Regarding Articulation and Transfer: Career Technical to Higher Education

Jon Tafel informed the committee of the work that is being done to meet the legislative mandate to implement articulation and transfer agreements for agreed upon coursework from career technical schools to higher education institutions.

Directions for Government Relations

Deborah Gavlik and Ryan Scribner talked with the committee about their work with the General Assembly and gave a tour of the new Legislative Services website. The committee provided them with several ideas for additional tools to be incorporated into the website.

Amending Ohio Administrative Code

The committee voted to recommend a resolution to amend rule 3333-1-01 for full Board consideration. The change in administrative code is needed to conform the Board of Regents' methods for appointments to what is required in Section 3333.03 of the Revised Code.

Trustees Conference Update

Kris Frost updated the committee on the progress of plans for the upcoming Trustees Conference. Regent Adams thanked her for her efforts.