

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee (PERT)  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Minutes of the Meeting of April 20, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Tuschman at 11:28 a.m. Regents present were:

PERT Committee members

James M. Tuschman, Chair  
Anthony D. Houston, Vice Chair  
Bruce R. Beeghly  
Walt Reiling

Other Regents in attendance

Edmund J. Adams  
Donna M. Alvarado  
Jim Patterson

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Jamie Abel, Assistant Director, Communications  
David Barber, Consultant, Academic & Access Programs  
Bret Crow, Assistant Director, Communications  
Roderick Chu, Chancellor  
Shane DeGarmo, Administrator, Academic Affairs & Economic Advancement  
Kristina Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations  
Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access  
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance & Governmental Relations  
Katie Hensel, Administrator, HEFC  
Cathy Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development  
Patty Klein, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor  
Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement

**Opening Remarks**

Regent Tuschman began the meeting by providing an update on the merger between the University of Toledo and Medical University of Ohio. The merge, which will become effective July 1, 2006, is the first merger of two public institutions in the state.

**Minutes of the March 9 Meeting**

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the March 9 meeting.

**April Board Agenda Items**

- Cincinnati Christian University, Institutional Reauthorization
- University of Findlay, Institutional Reauthorization
- Capella University (MN), Master of Science in Human Services
- Lourdes College, Master of Science in Nursing
- Ursuline College, Master of Arts in Historic Preservation

- Bowling Green State University-Firelands College, Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education
- Kent State University-Geauga Campus, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing
- Northwest State Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Education Paraprofessional
- Washington State Community College, Associate of Applied Science in American Sign Language Interpretation
- University of Toledo, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Bowling Green State University, Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural and International Education
- Kent State University, Doctor of Philosophy in Translation Studies

There were no further discussions about these items (reviewed at the March 9 PERT Committee meeting). Items 3.1 to 3.12 were moved to the board consent agenda.

### **Items Proposed for the May 18 Board Meeting**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement, briefed the committee on institutional reauthorization proposals from Heidelberg and Marietta colleges. There were no serious concerns raised in either review. Staff recommended that both institutions be reauthorized to December 31, 2016.

Vice Chancellor Walters also briefed the committee on Ursuline College's Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program proposal. There were concerns raised in the review resulting in a recommendation for provisional authorization. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 2008 to determine continued authorization.

Cathy Hill, Administrator for Workforce Development, briefed the committee on Cincinnati State Technical and Community College's Associate of Applied Science degree in Industrial Design Technology program. The proposed program combines elements of the college's mechanical engineering and graphic design programs. There were no serious concerns raised in the review.

Vice Chancellor Walters briefed the committee on Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) proposals from Ohio State University (OSU) and the University of Dayton. OSU's proposed DPT will replace its existing Master of Physical Therapy as the entry-level degree for practice in physical therapy. Dayton's proposed DPT program transitions a Master of Physical Therapy program currently offered in the Dayton area by Andrews University to the doctoral level to meet national standards for the profession.

The Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study recommended that both programs be approved on a provisional basis for four-years. At the end of the provisional period, OSU will submit a report to the Regents addressing the effectiveness of the program in meeting its stated goals and Dayton will submit a report demonstrating that appropriate DPT faculty have been appointed to the program.

There was no further discussion about these items. The committee recommended that they be considered for approval at the May board meeting.

## **Reports**

Shane DeGarmo, Administrator for Academic Affairs & Economic Advancement, briefed the committee on an institution name change. On March 23, 2006, the board of trustees of Circleville Bible College voted to change the name of the institution to Ohio Christian University. The rationale for the name change includes: greater opportunity for ministry partnerships; expansion of service and off-site delivery beyond the Circleville area; and addition of graduate and online programs. The college plans to implement the name change this fall; the mission of the institution will remain the same.

The report on Ohio Eminent Scholars was tabled for the May PERT Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.