

**Initiatives Committee  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Minutes of the Meeting of October 19, 2000**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Regent Jerry Gordon.  
Regents present were:

Jerry Gordon  
Thomas Noe  
Steve Perry  
Gib Reese

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Rod Chu, Chancellor  
Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Access Programs  
Jonathan Tafel, Associate Vice Chancellor  
Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs  
Jane Fullerton, Director, Educational Initiatives and Grant Development  
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development  
Jack Connell, Administrator, Academic and Access Programs  
Robert Johnson, Administrator, Jobs Challenge Program, Academic and Access Programs  
Sandra Spann, Administrator, Workforce Development, Academic and Access Programs

Guests:

John Buttelerwerth, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College  
Carol Cartwright, President, Kent State University  
Luis Proenza, President, University of Akron  
Mary Dee, University of Akron  
Amy Mast, University of Akron  
Don Diglaw, Wayne Dalton

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Initiatives Committee meeting from September 21, 2000 were reviewed and approved.

**Presentation**

Michael Taggart and Robert Johnson presented an overview of the work of the EnterpriseOhio Network and how it was supported through the Jobs Challenge Program. The Committee was introduced to Mr. Don Diglaw, Plant Manager of Wayne Dalton, the largest producer of garage doors in the world. The Wayne-Dalton plant employs 50 individuals and has benefited from employee training and a job profiling system through partnership with the University of Akron-Wayne Campus. Amy Mast, Director of Training and Special Programs in the

Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, University of Akron-Wayne College, and Mary Dee, Center for Workforce Development and Training for the University of Akron, joined with Mr. Diglaw in describing the benefits of the job training initiatives enjoyed by partners with the EnterpriseOhio campuses. Specifically, Mr. Diglaw described the efficiency benefits realized by the company in moving from 17 job categories to a more flexible array of 3 or 4 jobs. The fewer job categories provided the opportunity to cross train employees for a broader range of jobs. The guests engaged in a period of question and answer with Regents Gordon, Perry, Noe and Reese on issues related to EnterpriseOhio and Jobs Training. Regent Gordon noted the economic impact of a better trained workforce, both for the individual (as in the case of Mr. Diglaw) and for the community. Chancellor Chu also commented on the work of the Workforce Policy Board to envision an Ohio workforce created to specification. Chancellor Chu noted the special role of the community college/two year campus in such efforts and spoke of the importance of the IT Guarantee in ensuring a trained workforce for employers.

### **October 19, 2000 agenda items**

- ◆ Ursuline College, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
- ◆ Owens Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Wide Area Networking Technology
- ◆ Owens Community College, Associate of Applied Science in CAD Technology
- ◆ Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- ◆ Stark State College of Technology, Associate of Applied Science in Computer Networking and Telecommunications Engineering Technology
- ◆ Southern State Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Computer Technology
- ◆ Cleveland State University, Bachelor of Computer Engineering
- ◆ Cleveland State University, Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies
- ◆ University of Toledo, Bachelor of Arts in Astronomy
- ◆ University of Toledo, Bachelor of Arts in Physics
- ◆ University of Toledo, Bachelor of Arts in Law and Social Thought
- ◆ University of Toledo, Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies
- ◆ Wright State University, Bachelor of Arts in African and African American Studies
- ◆ Cleveland State University, Master of Physical Therapy
- ◆ Case Western Reserve University, Executive Doctor of Management

### **November 2000 - proposed agenda items**

Antioch University, Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution  
Wittenberg University, Master of Arts in Education

Staff responded to questions regarding the proposed programs.

## **Information for Committee**

Two institutional name changes were noted for the committee:

- ◆ From Northwestern College to University of Northwestern Ohio
- ◆ From Cedarville College to Cedarville University

A graduate degree title change was noted for the committee:

- ◆ The Ohio State University: Amalgamation of four current Ph.D. programs into the Integrated Biomedical Science Ph.D. program.

## **Reports**

- ◆ K-16 Initiatives: Associate Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel reported on the progress of the K-16 staff in working with the Ohio Department of Education on the development of draft Academic Content Standards. Draft Academic Content Standards in mathematics and English language arts have been developed and are being distributed broadly throughout the educational community for comment. Copies of the draft standards are available on the Regents' web site.
- ◆ Degree Approval: Garry Walters reported that at some point in the future the committee will be responding to a request from Kent State University to approve a bachelors degree in technology for its regional campuses. Vice Chancellor Walters indicated that, in general, a bachelor' degree in technology provides a unique opportunity to serve community and business needs for a trained workforce. Staff will be recommending some changes to the review and approval process in order to be more flexible and more quickly responsive to such requests for technology related undergraduate degrees.
- ◆ Workforce Development: Michael Taggart stated that the achievements noted in the presentation by the Director of Training and Special Programs in the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, University of Akron-Wayne College and the Manager of the Wayne-Dalton plant exemplified how the EnterpriseOhio Network Campuses are supporting the competitiveness of companies across Ohio. The Jobs Challenge Program is seen as a key resource for that effort.
- ◆ Research: Dr. Harry Andrist reported on progress regarding The Ohio Plan and some highly significant endorsements for this economic development breakthrough initiative: In recent days, The Ohio Plan has received a major endorsement from the Technology Action Board, which is chaired by Frank Samuel, the Science and Technology Advisor to the Governor, during their meeting with Governor Bob Taft. The Ohio Plan also has been endorsed by the Ohio Business Roundtable in Columbus and NORTECH in Cleveland. In addition, Mary Anne Fox, currently the Chancellor of North Carolina State University and formerly the Vice President for Research and the holder of an

endowed chair in chemistry at the University of Texas, has agreed to come to Ohio to tell executive and legislative leaders about how the economic development rebirth of Austin, Texas was initiated some ten years ago with relevance to the current situation in the State of Ohio. Dr. Andrist also talked about the work of the Advocacy Task Force, co-chaired by Bill Napier of Ohio State University and Alan Geiger of Ohio University. The Advocacy Task Force is focused on outreach and ways to market The Ohio Plan for acceptance by Ohio's executive and legislative leadership. Vice Chancellor Walters noted that speaking opportunities are being arranged around Ohio in order to talk about The Ohio Plan. Dr Walters invited the Initiatives Committee members and guests to suggest interested parties that might welcome a discussion regarding The Ohio Plan.

- ◆ Access Initiatives: Garry Walters reported that Leslie Sawyer was not able to attend the meeting due to other commitments. He also indicated that Ohio's GEAR UP initiative is continuing to serve as a model for other states and that Ms. Sawyer is making frequent presentations on the GEAR UP initiative.