

**Initiatives Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of October 17, 2002**

The Meeting was called to order by Regent Noe. Regents present were:

Regent Donna Alvarado
Regent Thomas Noe
Regent Gilbert Reese
Regent Ralph Schey

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs
Jack Connell, Administrator, Degree Programs
Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Educational Linkages & Access
Leslie Sawyer, Director, Access Initiatives
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor, Educational Linkages & Access
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development
Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs & Economic Advancement
Tom Rudd, Director, Student Financial Access
Eric Almonte, Assistant Director, Access Initiatives

Minutes of the September 19, 2002 Meeting

Minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

October 17, 2002 Board Agenda Items

- Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Ashland Community College, Ashland Technical College, Morehead State University—Ashland campus, Ohio University—Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University
- DeVry University, Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications Management
- Bexley Hall Seminary, Rochester, New York, Master of Divinity Degree Program at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio
- Columbus State Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Geographic Information Systems Technology
- Columbus State Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Recording Arts and Technology
- University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Associate of Applied Business degree in Interactive Multimedia
- University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Visual Communications
- Kent State University, Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies

- Kent State University, Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology

Staff provided background information on these agenda items at the previous Initiatives Committee.

Tentative November, 2002 Agenda Items

- Pontifical College Josephinum, Institutional Reauthorization
- University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, Institutional Reauthorization for Ohio sites at Independence, Ohio and Troy, Ohio
- Marietta College, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
- Cleveland State University, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, Cardiovascular Perfusion Track
- The University of Toledo, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies
- Ohio University, Master of Communication Technology and Policy
- The University of Toledo, Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
- Case Western Reserve University, Ph. D. in Bioethics

Staff presented the tentative agenda items regarding the proposed degree programs for November 2002. Regent Noe moved for acceptance of the items. Regent Reese seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

- **K-16 Initiatives**

Information was provided on the 2nd Annual Quality of Teacher Education in Ohio report which provides information about Ohio's 51 teacher education programs. This report provides an extensive overview of teacher education programs at both public and private institutions. This work is responsive to federal legislation (Higher Education Authorization Act) by reporting on teacher quality and holding institutions accountable for the preparation of teachers

The report contains passage rates of students on the required examinations for new teachers (called Praxis) that reflects both teacher preparation in pedagogy and also in the specific content that will be delivered to students. The report provides a context for understanding some of the pipeline issues that the state is facing in providing teachers in key areas such as science and math. This highlights the importance of teacher education as an issue for not just education, but also arts/sciences and each institution, in its entirety.

NSF Grant to Improve Teaching and Learning

A proposal is being developed in response to an RFP from the National Science Foundation that will focus on improving teaching and learning of mathematics and science. A core element of the proposal will be regional Centers of Excellence in Mathematics and Science.

Articulation and Transfer Review of Policy

A subcommittee is being convened to review the transfer and articulation policy which has been in place for 12 years. There is a recognized need to examine this policy and see how to improve and to better understand its impact.

- **Access Initiatives**

Ohio College Access Network

Strong collaboration continues in support of increased access and student aspiration to attend college. A grant from the Lumina Foundation is supporting the dissemination of successful access strategies. Projects in Indiana and North Carolina with a similar focus are being reviewed.

Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education

A report was given on the annual conference for the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education. This Center focuses on the education needs in the 29 county Appalachian region. This year's conference was developed in collaboration with West Virginia. The conference focused on strategies to improve access and aspiration for college.

- **Research**

Vice Chancellor Walters reported that the Department of Development had invited OBR input to the development of the Request for Proposals being prepared to establish Wright Centers for Innovation. It was noted that this effort is part of the Third Frontier Project and is an opportunity to foster world class research in the areas of bioscience, information technology, power and propulsion, advanced materials, and instruments, controls and electronics. OBR has made several recommendations in response to the request.

- ***Degree Approval***

Jack Connell, Administrator, Degree Programs reviewed the requests received from Pontifical College Josephinum, the University of Phoenix, and Marietta College and responded to questions.

Associate Vice Chancellor Jane Fullerton reviewed the program approval request from Cleveland State University and explained the design of this program.

Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs reviewed the program approval requests received from the University of Toledo, Ohio University, and Case Western Reserve University.