

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of October 16, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Beeghly at 11:08 a.m. Regents present were:

Donna M. Alvarado
Bruce R. Beeghly, Committee Chair
Jeanette G. Brown
Thomas W. Noe
Ralph E. Schey

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Harry Andrist	Jane Fullerton	Rich Petrick
Roderick Chu	Deborah Gavlik	Jonathan Tafel
Jack Connell	Darrell Glenn	Michael Taggart
Shane DeGarmo	Catherine Hill	Garrison Walters
Kristina Frost	Jay Johnson	Shaun Yoder

Minutes of the September 18, 2003 Meeting

Minutes of the September 18 meeting were unanimously approved by the Committee.

Committee Reports

Degree Approval

Mr. Jay Johnson, Assistant Director, HEI, updated the Committee on the October 2 consultation to discuss inactive programs. The consultation, composed of university provosts, chief financial officers, chief academic officers, and OBR and HEI staff, examined the number and kinds of inactive programs. A subcommittee was formed with the following charge: 1) to create common definitions for the Academic Program File; 2) to review the program review processes at each institution; and 3) to submit suggestions for review at the state level to improve accountability. Three program definitions were suggested for the Academic Program File: active programs, inactive programs, and suspended enrollment programs. Programs identified as suspended enrollment programs are those that no longer admit students into the program. Subsequent updates will be made to the Committee.

Mr. Jack Connell, Assistant Director of Academic and Access Programs, and Ms. Catherine Hill, Administrator for Workforce Development, updated the Committee on the "Survey to Assess Program Viability of Recently Approved Programs." The following institutions submitted surveys: Cuyahoga Community College, DeVry University, Franklin University, Lorain County Community College, Lourdes College, Muskingum Area Technical College, Ohio University Southern, and Ursuline College. Initial results were shared with the Committee. At the request of the Committee, the staff of the Ohio Board of Regents will revisit the survey to include questions that address cost, quality, and duplication.

Workforce Development

Mr. Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development, informed the Committee about his participation in a U.S. Department of Labor advisory committee developing strategies to provide Internet based tools and resources to assist citizens in making better career decisions.

Research

Dr. Harry Andrist, Director of Graduate and Research Programs, updated the Committee on the Third Frontier Project and Wright Centers of Innovation. Eminent Scholars proposals are currently being reviewed and an update will be provided at the November 13 Committee meeting.

October 16, 2003 Board Agenda Items

- Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Master of Science in Management
- Bryant & Stratton College, Bachelor of Business Administration
- College of Mount Saint Joseph, Associate of Arts Degree–Inclusive Early Childhood Education
- Muskingum Area Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Educational Paraprofessional Technology
- University of Akron-Community and Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Medical Services

Regent Beeghly moved for these items to be added to the full Board consent agenda. Regent Brown seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

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- Cleveland Institute of Art, Institutional Reauthorization
- Myers University, Master of Financial Planning
- Myers University, Master of Management
- Hocking Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Educational Paraprofessional

There were no serious concerns raised during the review process of these programs. The institutions met Regents' standards for their respective proposals.

Information Item for the Committee

University of Cincinnati, Interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience

Dr. Harry Andrist, Director of Graduate and Research Programs, Ohio Board of Regents

Dr. Andrist briefed the Committee on the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's desire to convert its sixteen-year old Interdisciplinary Studies Program in Neuroscience into an interdisciplinary doctoral degree program entitled, Doctor of

Philosophy in Neuroscience. The justification for creating this interdisciplinary Ph.D. degree program is threefold:

1. Neuroscience is rapidly developing into a distinct, separate discipline within the biomedical sciences. This change is being propelled by recent major advances in both clinical and basic neuroscience research.
2. Since it is currently a doctoral level Interdisciplinary Studies Program at the University of Cincinnati, there will be no additional faculty or infrastructure needed after it is converted into an interdisciplinary doctoral program.
3. The currency of the degree will be significantly enhanced as a separately identified interdisciplinary Ph.D. program since, according to University of Cincinnati College of Medicine faculty, prospective employers will understand that graduates of the new Ph.D. Program in Neuroscience will be able to carry out basic neuroscience research using molecular, cellular, and genetic approaches focused ultimately on the eradication of human disease states.

Administrative responsibility for the new interdisciplinary doctoral program will reside in the College of Medicine with its Department of Cell Biology, Neurobiology, and Anatomy. Since 1999, the enrollment in this program has averaged twenty-eight students in each academic year with seven new doctoral students being admitted each fall. It is anticipated that these student numbers will remain constant in the near term.

The Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study has reviewed the written documentation provided by the University of Cincinnati in support of this interdisciplinary doctoral degree program and subsequently voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Ph.D. in Neuroscience to the Ohio Board of Regents.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.