

**Resources & System Efficiency Committee**  
**Ohio Board of Regents**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of October 16, 2003**

The meeting of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents was held at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. In attendance were the following:

Ohio Board of Regents members:

Members of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee

J. Gilbert Reese, Committee Vice-Chair  
Donna Alvarado  
Bruce R. Beeghly

Other Regents in attendance

Jeanette Brown  
Thomas Noe  
Gerald Miller  
Ralph Schey

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Harry Andrist, Director, Research & Graduate Programs  
Roderick Chu, Chancellor  
Jack Connell, Assistant Director, Degree Programs & Tuition Reciprocity  
Kris Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations  
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor, Government Relations  
Darrell Glenn, Director, Performance Reporting  
Cathy Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development  
Jay Johnson, Assistant Director, HEI System  
Richard Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance  
William Wagner, Administrator, Performance Reporting

Guests:

Chris Baldwin, Owens State Community College  
Tony Barnes, University of Akron  
Linda Carr, University of Toledo  
Larry Christman, Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio  
Larry Corrigan, Ohio University  
Jeff Cramer, Stark State College of Technology / Ohio Faculty Senate  
Jerry Gifford, CAMP, Inc.  
Willie Houston, Jr., Central State University  
Joe Jackson, Clark State Community College  
John Kotowski, Ohio University  
John McGrath, Stark State College of Technology  
Cindy McQuade, Inter-University Council  
Pat Myers, Kent State University  
Denise Price, Two-Year College Faculty Senate – Lorain County Comm. College  
Dwayne Wilson, Tecumseh YMCA  
Sonali B. Wilson, Cleveland State University

The meeting was called to order by Regent Reese. The minutes of the September 2003 Committee meeting were approved without objection. Regent Noe requested that in the future, voting members of the committee be identified in the minutes.

## **Reports and Updates**

Jay Johnson provided a report on 2003 preliminary fall headcounts at Ohio's public colleges and universities. Headcount enrollments are up 1.8% over fall 2002, with the largest increases occurring at the 2-year campuses. A smaller increase in fall headcounts at university main campuses reflects enrollment caps in place at five institutions. Actual headcounts are typically higher than the preliminary headcount figures. If this pattern holds true, 2003 fall enrollment could be the highest in Ohio's history. Mr. Johnson noted that headcount enrollments do not reflect the number of credit hours taken by students – a part-time student counts the same as a full-time student. One campus representative noted that attempts to obtain approval from the State Architect's Office for construction of new parking facilities to accommodate the influx of students were being met with resistance. Vice-Chancellor Rich Petrick stated that this matter would be investigated.

Vice-Chancellor Petrick provided an update on the capital budget process, noting that about half of the capital requests received so far have been reviewed. Recommendations for the space shortage component will be made available soon. Regents staff are working on a capacity study to determine classroom, laboratory, office, and residence hall needs. A study of distance traveled to school is also being conducted which supports the notion that proximity to college is a critical factor in one's decision whether or not to attend college. Given the state's level of capital funding combined with the issue of deferred maintenance, campuses are becoming increasingly concerned about health, safety, and security issues. To make matter worse, many campuses have been forced due to low levels of state support to deplete reserve funds that might otherwise have been used to address some of their facilities needs. Chancellor Chu stated that campus concerns about aging facilities and the potential for injury need to be made more public.

Dr. Darrell Glenn updated the committee on the 2003 Performance Report. A draft summary of the report in its enhanced format was distributed. Regent Brown requested that we substitute the term "remedial" for "developmental" in several of the reports.

Vice-Chancellor Petrick noted that while there were no new developments in terms of progress toward complying with HB 95 legislative mandates, everything remains on schedule. Regent Brown inquired about any distance learning agreements on articulation. Vice-Chancellor Petrick replied that he would check into this.

## **October consent agenda items**

John Kotowski briefed the Committee on Ohio University's request to pledge student fees to support a \$6.59 million bond issuance to be used to finance three new capital projects, including the University Center which will connect the lower and upper campuses. Following its completion in September 2006, Ohio University intends to implement a new student fee to help service the debt associated with the University Center project. Rich Petrick emphasized that the budget bill explicitly states that such

fees are exempt from legislative fee caps. Regent Brown asked if the university had conducted an analysis of savings gained through the more efficient use of coal as compared to other forms of electricity generation. Along the same lines, Vice-Chancellor Petrick noted that POM expenditures have been declining statewide, as institutions find more efficient methods of operating and maintaining their facilities.

September Controlling Board items were noted. A motion to approve all action items was approved and carried out by the Committee.

### **October review agenda items**

The first item on the review agenda was consideration of the release and distribution of the FY 2004 State Share of Instruction and Success Challenge allocations. The FY 2004 State Share distribution increased slightly over the FY 2003 distribution. Campuses have been asked to review their allocations prior to action being taken at the next Committee meeting. Campuses are also required to submit plans detailing how Success Challenge funds will be used to serve "at-risk" students and increase their likelihood of graduating in a timely manner. Also under review were requests by the University of Cincinnati to approve a pledge of student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$94.5 million to finance capital projects, and a request by Columbus State Community College to approve a pledge of student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$17.1 million to build a new bookstore/retail complex. In light of the University of Cincinnati's bond ratings outlook being downgraded by Moody's, Regent Noe requested that the University project its viability and net income ratios out to FY 2003.

Joe Jackson made a presentation in support of a \$50,000 Joint Use Agreement between Clark State Community College and Tecumseh YMCA, with the funds to be used for land purchase and construction of the Clark Health and Education Center; and a \$100,000 Joint Use Agreement between Clark State Community College and Champaign Family YMCA, with the funds to be used for construction of an addition to the Champaign Health and Education Center.

Sonali Wilson and Jerry Gifford made a presentation in support of a \$500,000 Joint Use Agreement between Cleveland State University and CAMP Inc., a non-profit organization that provides engineering, business, and training services to manufacturing and technology-based companies seeking to become more productive. The funds will be used to renovate the Advanced Manufacturing facility located on the campus of Cleveland State University.

**Regent Reese adjourned the meeting.**