

Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
October 21, 2004

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Edmund J. Adams.

The roll was called by Regent J. Gilbert Reese. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	Anthony D. Houston
Donna M. Alvarado	J. Gilbert Reese
Bruce R. Beeghly	James M. Tuschman
Jeanette G. Brown	

Regent Reese stated "the record reflects that notice of this meeting was given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents' Administrative Rule 3333-1-14, which rule was adopted in accordance with section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code."

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO THE AGENDA (ITEMS MAY BE AMENDED, ADDED TO OR DELETED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD.)

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of minutes of the September 23, 2004 meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents.

A motion was made by Regent Tuschman to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2004 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Reese and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Access Committee - Regent Alvarado – Dr. Darrell Glenn, Director Performance Reporting, provided a brief summary of the High School Transitions report as follows:

-59% of high school graduates in 2002 went directly to college following graduation. The real participation rate is probably closer to 80% for the total number of high school graduates who eventually enroll.

-Preparation rates are not good. 40% of students needed remediation. Only 71% of enrolling students have met minimum college prep standards.

-Rates of remediation closely follow rates of preparation. Example: 53% remediation rate for students without minimum college prep core in high school.

Regent Alvarado suggested recommending to the Joint Council inclusion of this data on district reports to track remediation rates back to specific school districts.

The committee was briefed on a proposed resolution regarding the creation of new state institutions of higher education. Associate Vice Chancellor Deborah Gavlik explained that numerous communities see the benefit of establishing new community colleges to meet the needs of their underserved citizens. Vice Chancellor Garry Walters explained the time necessary to complete program approval for new college credit programs and that approximately 5 years are needed to accomplish regional accreditation under North Central Accreditation. Communities that are interested in new college credits may not appreciate the resources available from existing institutions of higher education in their area. Communities should be urged to form local groups to determine the community's needs. Ohio has successful models of collaboration such as Lorain and Coshocton counties.

Regent Reese explained the history behind Coshocton program and its initial success with enrollments. He also noted the initial difficulty of getting the existing local institution to participate and moved that the resolution be amended to include language that the Regents staff will work to encourage cooperation/participation of existing institutions with underserved areas.

The committee recommended approval of item 3.17 for the October consent agenda.

Resources & System Efficiency Committee - Regent Adams - The Committee extensively discussed the proposed higher education operating budget recommendations for the FY 2006-2007 biennium. It was suggested that the Regents recommend two budgets, both of which were developed in collaboration with the Higher Education Funding Commission and two statewide consultations, the State Share of Instruction and Student Financial Aid.

The first budget is a 'flat' budget that prioritizes higher education programs but does not request additional aggregate funding above FY 2005 levels. This budget was required by the Office of Budget & Management. To remain flat funding a number of programs must be reduced in order to symbolically support small additions to the State Share of Instruction and the need-based OIG program.

Regent Beeghly made a motion to amend the flat budget to recommend that reductions for the Central State and Shawnee State supplements, Ohio Aerospace Institute, Cooperative Extension, Urban University Programs, Rural University Programs, and the Firefighters Hazardous Materials program be reduced to 7.5% in each FY 2006 and 2007 instead of 15% in FY 2006, with funds taken equally from the SSI and OIG to fund these smaller reductions.

Central State University President John Garland appealed to the Committee to exempt Central State's supplement from any cuts. He noted Central State's unique and historical mission to the state. President Garland's remarks were duly noted by the Committee.

The second budget recommended is an initiative budget, which is sensitive to the fiscal realities of the state, yet responsive to Ohio's future needs. It focuses on making a limited number of strategic investments and is consistent with Regents' goals and the Governor's Commission on Higher Education & the Economy recommendations.

Regent Beeghly moved to amend the initiative budget to provide no increases to the special supplements for Central State University and Shawnee State University. Regent Brown seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

The Committee also reviewed items that the Board will be asked to act on in November: (1) FY2005-2007 operating budget recommendations as amended with Regent Beeghly's amendments; (2) a request from the University of Akron to pledge student fees in support of a \$36 million bond issuance; and (3) the September 2004 Controlling Board items.

Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick briefed the committee on two issues regarding the capital budget:

(1) Proposal to revise administrative procedures for determining the reasonable value of community projects. This proposal would ensure that joint-use agreements provide meaningful and relevant benefits to colleges and universities that are party to such agreements.

(2) Proposal recommending that the Regents' capital policy is incorporated into state statute and administrative rule. This proposal would solidify our capital funding policy in state law and give the Regents the authority to require campuses to follow this incentive-based policy.

The Committee reviewed the release and distribution of FY 2005 State Share of Instruction (SSI) funds. The SSI calculation has been finalized with updated enrollments and capacity data recently reported by campuses. Regents' staff and campus staff are presently conducting a comprehensive review of the FY 2005 calculation, to ensure complete accuracy prior to Board action in November.

The Fall 2004 Preliminary Headcount Report was discussed by Vice Chancellor Petrick. It reflects flat enrollments for academic year 2004 with a modest 52-student increase above last fall's level.

The Committee also reviewed two proposed fee pledges:

Matt Filipic, Vice President of Business and Fiscal Affairs, Wright State University, presented on a request to issue \$48 million in general obligation receipts bonds to finance several capital-related projects on campus. Wright State does not presently plan to raise student fees to support this debt issuance, but rather plans to use auxiliary revenues and general receipts. However, Wright State does reserve the right to raise student fees should the need arise.

Dale McGirr, Senior Vice President for Finance, University of Cincinnati, presented the University of Cincinnati's request to issue \$7.5 million in bonds to

provide interim financing for three capital projects that UC expects to ultimately be funded with state capital appropriations. Mr. McGirr also noted the marked improvement in UC's financial ratios for FY 2004. According to an analysis of UC's preliminary financial statements for FY 2004, UC's Senate Bill 6 composite score is expected to increase to 3.6, a marked improvement from UC's FY 2003 composite score of 2.8.

Three proposed joint-use agreements were shared with the committee: University of Akron and the Case-Barlow Farm for \$100,000, University of Akron and the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens for \$500,000, Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals for \$500,000.

Dr. Darrell Glenn updated the group on the Performance Report development process. Five statewide consultations were convened to draft the 2004 report, which is scheduled for release in January 2005. Draft copies will be available for Regents' review in early December.

Dr. Glenn also briefed the Committee on the Productivity Report that arose from the recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education & the Economy. This report will highlight the efficiencies achieved by the state's public colleges and universities and their efforts to restrain tuition growth. These data will be collected through a survey of campuses developed with input from campus representatives. This survey shall be complete by early January 2005.

The committee reviewed the September 2004 Controlling Board items and recommended approval of items 3.14 through 3.16 for the October consent agenda, with Item 3.14 having been modified per Regent Beeghly's amendments.

Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee – Regent Beeghly – The Committee reviewed the following degree programs for the November 2004 consent agenda:

- Jefferson Community College, Associate of Individualized Study
- Shawnee State University, Bachelor of Science in Digital Simulation and Gaming Engineering Technology
- University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and Youngstown State University; master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
- Medical College of Ohio, Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)

Associate Vice Chancellor Jane Fullerton presented Shawnee State University's Bachelor of Science in Digital Simulation and Gaming Engineering Technology degree program. The innovative program pairs computer science and art. It is estimated that only five similar programs exist nationwide.

Dr. Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs spoke about the collaborative Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. The two-year program is a collaborative effort between Cleveland State University, Kent State University, the University of Akron and Youngstown State University. Students enrolled in the program will be able to take courses from each institution.

Dr. Andrist also presented the Medical College of Ohio's Occupational Therapy Doctorate degree program. Provisional approval for four years is recommended at this time and the institution must submit progress reports at the end of the second and fourth years that will address the general effectiveness of the program, as well as the ability of its graduates to find employment in the state of Ohio.

Dr. Michael A. Lieberman, Dean, Instructional and Research Computing and Paul Foster, Applications Analyst, Instructional and Research Computing of the University of Cincinnati gave a brief presentation on Blackboard hosting at the University of Cincinnati. Through the Third Frontier Network, institutions across the state can now share course management systems. Currently, the University of Cincinnati provides Blackboard services to Marion Technical College and Edison Community College, allowing both institutions to provide distance education courses to its students.

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of Items 3.1 – 3.13 for the October consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Brown to approve Agenda Items 3.1 –3.17 for the October consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Regent Tuschman and unanimously passed.

- 3.1 Capital University, Columbus, Ohio; Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.2 Central Ohio Technical College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement Technology
- 3.3 DeVry University, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois; Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology degree program, to be Delivered at campuses in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio
- 3.4 DeVry University, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois; Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering Technology degree program, to be delivered at campuses in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio
- 3.5 Jefferson Community College, Associate of Arts in Educational Paraprofessional
- 3.6 Nyack College, New York; Master of Professional Studies degree program to be delivered to the Nyack College Miami Valley campus in Dayton, Ohio
- 3.7 Walsh University, North Canton, Ohio; Master of Arts in Theology in Lay Ecclesial Leadership degree program
- 3.8 Ohio University Southern Campus, Associate of Individualized Study
- 3.9 University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Care
- 3.10 University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiologic Technology
- 3.11 Washington State Community College, Associate of Arts in Fine Arts
- 3.12 Ohio University, Bachelor of Technical and Applied Studies, Pilot as Ohio University Southern
- 3.13 University of Akron, Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, Networking Option
- 3.14 Consideration of the Higher Education Operating Budget Recommendations for the FY2005-FY2007 Operating Biennium

- 3.15 Consideration of a request by the University of Akron to pledge Student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$36,000,000 To be used to finance construction of a new student residence hall
- 3.16 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period of September 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004
- 3.17 Regents' statement on providing service to underserved areas of the State and the creation of new institutions of higher education

RESOLUTION 2005-32
Agenda Item 3.1

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following institution be granted Institutional Reauthorization through December 31, 2014.

Capital University, Columbus, Ohio
Institutional Reauthorization

RESOLUTION 2005-33
Agenda Item 3.2

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Central Ohio Technical College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement Technology

RESOLUTION 2005-34
Agenda Item 3.3

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program be approved through December 31, 2013. Progress reports will be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31 2004, 2005, and 2006.

DeVry University, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois
Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology
To be delivered at campuses in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2005-35
Agenda Item 3.4

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program be granted provisional authorization through December 31, 2007. Progress reports will be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31 2004, 2005, and 2006.

DeVry University, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois
Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering Technology
To be delivered at campuses in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2005-36
Agenda Item 3.5

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee the following new degree program is approved for a three-year time period, with continued approval based on an update provided by the college on the status of this program.

Jefferson Community College
Associate of Arts in Educational Paraprofessional

RESOLUTION 2005-37
Agenda Item 3.6

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program be granted Provisional Authorization through December 31, 2007. Progress reports will be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Nyack College, Nyack, New York
Master of Professional Studies
To be delivered at Nyack College Miami Valley Campus, Dayton, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2005-38
Agenda Item 3.7

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program be

granted Provisional Authorization through December 31, 2007. Progress reports will be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31 2004, 2005, and 2006.

RESOLUTION 2005-39
Agenda Item 3.8

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee the following new degree program is approved:

Ohio University Southern Campus
Associate of Individualized Study

RESOLUTION 2005-40
Agenda Item 3.9

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee the following new degree program is approved:

Ohio University Southern Campus
Associate of Individualized Study

RESOLUTION 2005-41
Agenda Item 3.10

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee the following new degree program is approved:

University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College
Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiologic Technology

RESOLUTION 2005-42
Agenda Item 3.11

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Washington State Community College
Associate of Arts in Fine Arts

RESOLUTION 2005-43
Agenda Item 3.12

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved on a site and time specific basis for implementation at the Southern Campus of Ohio University until 2007, with a comprehensive program review completed for the Ohio Board of Regents at that time and prior to re-approval:

Ohio University
Bachelor of Technical and Applied Studies

RESOLUTION 2005-44
Agenda Item 3.13

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

University of Akron
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, Networking Option

RESOLUTION 2005-45
Agenda Item 3.14

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 3333.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Board of Regents is required to review the appropriation requests of state colleges and universities and to submit to the Office of Budget and Management and to the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of the House of Representatives and of the Senate its recommendations in regard to the biennial higher education appropriations for the state; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the critical importance of higher education for the state's future economic prosperity, Governor Taft convened the Commission on Higher Education and the Economy in FY 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Commission met during FY 2004 and made nine major recommendations designed to make Ohio more competitive in the knowledge economy, promote access and opportunity for all students, and deliver results for public investments; and

WHEREAS, to provide technical assistance and substantive policy recommendations for the budget request, the Board of Regents reconvened the Higher Education Funding Commission, the State Share of Instruction consultation, and the State Student Financial Aid consultation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has received and considered the recommendations of the Chancellor for the state higher education operating

appropriation for the 2005 - 2007 biennium, which reflect the recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education and the Economy, the Funding Commission, the State Share of Instruction consultation, and the State Student Financial Aid consultation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board concurs in the higher education operating appropriation recommendations of the Chancellor for the fiscal biennium 2005 – 2007 as set forth in the materials attached to and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Chancellor is hereby authorized to transmit such recommendations with appropriate supporting documentation to the Office of Budget and Management and to the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of the House of Representatives and of the Senate in accordance with established state budgetary procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Chancellor is authorized to work in close cooperation with the Director of the Office of Budget and Management and subsequently with appropriate legislative officers and committees in presenting the operating appropriation needs of the higher education system during the 2005 – 2007 biennium, reporting periodically to the Board on progress, and to actively seek support toward the achievement of the purposes and objectives encompassed within the recommendations now before the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board recognizes that these recommendations will need to be revised to reflect changes in debt service and capital component lines not yet available, and may need to be revised for other line items or programs for which estimates of costs have significantly changed. All such revisions will be reported to the Board.

RESOLUTION 2005-46
Agenda Item 3.15

WHEREAS, §89.11 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly requires that any new pledge of student fees to secure bonds or notes of a state college or university must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the University of Akron proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$36,000,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of a new student residence hall; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined that the proposed project is essential to fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the University's Board of Trustees is expected to consider a resolution authorizing this bond issuance at its September 2004 meeting; and

WHEREAS, this proposal complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3345.11 and §3345.12;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Contingent upon the approval of the University of Akron Board of Trustees, and upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by the University of Akron in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$36,000,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-47
Agenda Item 3.16

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the request for release of capital improvements funds received in the period September 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

RESOLUTION 2005-48
Agenda Item 3.17

WHEREAS, citizens of Ohio increasingly appreciate the fact that their economic future depends on their access to and success in higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents recognizes the importance of serving citizens in all areas of the state and is deeply committed to the goal of increasing access to affordable, quality higher education for all Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents is committed to working with communities to design creative and cost-effective strategies to meet this goal, including such innovative ideas as consortia of existing institutions of higher education, increased use of distance learning opportunities, and the creation of county higher education advancement boards; and

WHEREAS, more and more citizens in underserved areas of the state are petitioning state leaders to create new community colleges, but are generally unaware of the resources and time needed to become an accredited community college, and are unaware of the array of existing educational resources already available throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, state operating and capital funding for higher education has been flat or reduced in the past four years, and state resources are not available for the construction of new facilities and creation of new institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents is committed to using the state's resources in an effective and efficient manner to serve communities without further weakening funding to existing institutions of higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Regents strongly supports the goal of providing more Ohio citizens access to higher education through creative and cost-effective strategies that maximize the use of existing institutions of higher education and other educational providers, and the Board of Regents is committed to working with communities on such ventures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that until such alternative strategies are exhausted, the Board is opposed to the creation of new institutions of higher education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Regents and its staff will make active efforts to contact institutions and citizens of underserved areas of the state to facilitate access to higher education in these communities.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS TO THE BOARD

INTRODUCTION

Thank you, Chairman Adams.

OHIO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

I note with sadness that two employees of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic medicine were killed when the plane they were traveling in crashed on final approach in Kirksville, Missouri on Tuesday evening. Bridget Wagner, assistant dean of the college's Northeast Ohio Center for Osteopathic Research and Education program, and Kathleen Gebard, CORE administrator for the Southwest Ohio program, were en route to a conference on humanism in medicine. Our thoughts and prayers go to their families and friends and the entire Ohio University community.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Thank you President Zimpher for your warm and enthusiastic welcome to the Queen City. It's a pleasure to be here to see for ourselves the wonderful energy you have infused into every nook and cranny at UC.

I could cite many examples of your impact on UC in only one year on the job, but the one that I find the most impressive is your community-mindedness. After all, if Ohio hopes to achieve Governor Taft's vision of Ohio being the best

place to live, work and raise a family, it is Ohio's communities that will have to become great places to live, work and raise a family in the 21st century.

From the desire for community connections outlined in the UC|21 academic master plan to create a "front door" to UC resources for the community and develop meaningful partnerships. To the multi-million dollar investments in neighborhoods near the campus to launch major redevelopment projects. To the informal conversations among UC, Xavier and Northern Kentucky University about how these institutions can bring together leaders from education, government, business and non-profit groups to solve community problems, it's clear that UC could also stand for University Community.

We watched from afar your accomplishments in bringing the Milwaukee community together. We are thrilled to see the same kind of vision coming true in Ohio.

Thanks to you, your trustees, senior staff and especially your students from the College of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning and the College Conservatory of Music for joining the Regents and their staff last evening for dinner. Please join me here to accept a token of our appreciation for hosting our meetings here on your campus, and our thanks to your assistants, Ginny Steiner, Marianne Kunnen-Jones and Donna Christos for their hard work in making our meeting here so pleasant and successful.

The Cincinnati community is truly blessed to have you as president and the University of Cincinnati has become such a vital partner in its redevelopment and growth.

P-16

Several speaking engagements recently have allowed me to introduce the concept of community to advance the state to many stops along the P-16 pipeline.

I KNOW I CAN

I had the pleasure of participating in a college access discussion Monday in Columbus hosted by Teckie Shackelford of I Know I Can and Gene Harris of the Columbus City Schools. We discussed the fact that communities like Columbus must decide what's important to them, and then act on it. No one will do that for them. It will take a community's understanding and commitment to improving students' educational achievement for that to occur.

We also discussed the need to engage every stakeholder in a community to improve college access. It will take more than educators talking to each other. Business and civic leaders must also be deeply engaged in setting the goals within each of Ohio's communities.

CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

On the flip side, I talked to a business group last week. Senator Kirk Schuring convened about 80 business people for Canton Chamber of Commerce Day at the Statehouse. Unfortunately, here too the view of community was limited: No educators to be found in the group. I hit them with the same message: The future of every community in Ohio is in the hands of the people in those communities. There is nothing a president or a governor or a development director or a chancellor can do to create sustainable, new jobs in a community unless the members of that community get out of their silos and away from protecting their organizations turf, and come together to decide what they must do to build their community's future.

Both of these groups received my challenge very warmly and invited me to continue the discussion in future meetings with broader constituencies in their communities.

WAYNE WHITE/OACHE

The community theme was somber at the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education's annual conference. OACHE's executive director, Wayne White, passed away just one week before. In my statement to the press I said that higher education, Appalachian Ohio and the entire state lost a tireless, inspirational advocate for increased participation of Appalachian kids in higher education.

In my address at the conference, I thanked Wayne and OACHE for their leadership in addressing this critical issue. I also challenged OACHE to not only focus on access but also success. I urged OACHE to embrace the opportunity that the current millennial generation presents of attracting them to a place – Appalachia – that shares their values.

OHIO COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS

On Friday, I substituted for the governor as a keynote speaker at the 54th annual conference in Akron of the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

I addressed familiar themes: the need to better educate every Ohioan through a lifetime of continuous learning; the need to focus on success not just access; and the need to radically change our sorting and filtering system of P-16 education. I also spoke of the need for an attitude change about math – even among teachers – that not understanding math is no big deal. I explained that the Regents understand the crucial importance of math competence and have been working with the State Board of Education via the Joint Council to develop a statewide framework for math and science initiatives through the Ohio Resource Center and Ohio Centers of Excellence.

CHICAGO CONFERENCE

On October 4th and 5th, Regent Adams and I participated in an invitational conference in Chicago on integrating financial aid and finance policy in higher education. Ohio was one of 9 states represented. The conference presented another opportunity to strategize about common higher education issues among all states.

Among the interesting observations were those made by David Longanecker, Executive Director of Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). He feels that market forces do not work to control costs in higher education because higher education is an under priced commodity. Price increases negatively impact access for low income students. Longanecker feels we must find regulatory strategies for cost control. Notable is his feeling that non-growth states like Ohio might be the first to find the answer.

EDUCATION SECRETARY RILEY

I was pleased to be invited by President Rod McDavis of Ohio University for a special evening with former Education Secretary and Governor of Alabama, Richard Riley. Our dinner discussion and Secretary Riley's major address on education confirmed my conclusion that we in Ohio are at the forefront of considering the issues required to advance the promises of education to improve the quality of life for all our citizens.

SCHOOLNET COMMISSION

I'm pleased to report that Governor Taft has appointed me as an independent member of the SchoolNet Commission. In attending the first few meetings, I've been frustrated by the regulatory, command and control mindset of many in the K-12 world. I've been working to pry open those minds and deliver on the promise of using technology to improve the academic achievement of our kids in Ohio's elementary and secondary schools.

EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD

I also serve as an ex officio member of the Educator Standards Board, which held its first meeting on September 26. As recommended by the Governor's Commission on Teaching Success, the ESB has been working all summer to prepare its members to tackle the challenges of developing and recommending teaching standards to the State Board of Education.

Jon Tafel, Jane Fullerton and I have been deeply involved in this effort since the conclusion of the Governor's Commission to help ensure the Educator Standards Board achieves its statutory mandates and develops and reviews the efficacy of teaching standards to ensure they improve teachers' abilities to improve the achievement of all Ohio's children.

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING COMMISSION

On October 6 the Higher Education Funding Commission met to finalize its recommendations for your consideration in recommending the state's operating budget for the FY06-FY07 biennium.

Thanks to all Commission members including Regents Noe, Adams, Alvarado and Beeghly, presidents and business officers from the state's public colleges and universities, trustees of independent sector institutions, the executive directors of Ohio's higher education associations, Senators Steve Stivers and Ray Miller, Representatives Jimmy Stewart and Peter Ujvagi, Development Director Bruce Johnson and Budget Director Tom Johnson, representatives of State Superintendent Susan Zelman and our consultants for their hard work and contributions. In particular, my thanks go to Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick for his leadership, but especially Neal McNally, who produced the multitude of the spreadsheets, analysis, big papers, etc that confirmed the work of the commission.

While the work of the higher education community now moves to the Governor and General Assembly as they develop the FY06-FY07 operating budget bill, I expect the Funding Commission will reconvene early next year to continue the difficult work of considering longer-term reform efforts in our higher education funding practices.

KUDOS

To the University of Cincinnati's Dr. Elwood Jensen for being named one of three recipients of the 2004 Albert Lasker Award for Basic Medical Research. The prestigious honor, often referred to as "America's Nobel," recognizes Dr. Jensen's pioneering work in understanding estrogen that revolutionized the treatment of breast cancer.

To Ohio State University whose engineering students designed and built the battery-powered Buckeye Bullet. The Bullet broke the national electric car speed record over the weekend by scorching the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah at 315 miles per hour.

To Adreinne O'Neill, President of the Stark Education Partnership, who was honored for her efforts to make college more accessible to students. Ms. O'Neill received the fourth annual Thomas L. Conlan Award and \$1,000 from KnowledgeWorks Foundation.

CONCLUSION

Chairman Adams, that concludes my report for this month.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2004, at Limited Brands, Columbus, Ohio @ 1:30 p.m.

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Chair	Secretary
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