

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of October 21, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Beeghly at 11:43 a.m. Regents present were:

PERT Committee members

Bruce R. Beeghly, Chair
Jeanette G. Brown, Vice Chair
Edmund J. Adams
Anthony D. Houston

Other Regents in attendance

Donna M. Alvarado
J. Gilbert Reese
James M. Tuschman

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Jamie Abel, Assistant Director, Communications
Harry Andrist, Director, Research & Graduate Programs
David Barber, Consultant, Academic & Access Programs
Roderick Chu, Chancellor
Jack Connell, Assistant Director, Academic & Access Programs
Bret Crow, Assistant Director, Communications
Shane DeGarmo, Administrator, Program Approval & Tuition Reciprocity
Kristina Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations
Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations
Darrell Glenn, Director, Performance Reporting and Analysis
Neal McNally, Assistant Director, Budget and Resource Planning
James Nargang, Assistant Director, Capital Development
Rich Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance
Ryan Scribner, Legislative Liaison
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development
Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement

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The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the September 23 meeting.

October 21 Board Agenda Items

- Capital University, Institutional Reauthorization
- Nyack College, Master of Professional Studies
- Walsh University, Master of Arts in Theology
- DeVry University, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering Technology

- DeVry University, Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology
- Central Ohio Technical College, Associate of Applied Science Degree Program in Law Enforcement
- Jefferson Community College, Associate of Arts Degree in Educational Paraprofessional
- Ohio University-Southern Campus, Associate of Individualized Study Degree
- University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Associate of Applied Science Degree program in Respiratory Care
- University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiologic Technology
- Washington State Community College, Associate of Arts in Fine Arts
- Ohio University, Bachelor of Technical and Applied Studies, pilot at Ohio University Southern
- University of Akron, Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, Networking Option

Items 3.1-3.13 was moved to the board consent agenda.

Items Proposed for the November 10 Board Meeting

- 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)

Dr. Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages and Access spoke briefly about Shawnee State University's Bachelor of Science in Digital Simulation and Gaming Engineering Technology degree program. The program is a broad-based degree, providing students a primary mixture of computer science, computer programming, and 2D/3D graphics programming, with additional classes in arts, design, math, physics, and other support classes. Graduates of this program will be able to work as game/simulation programmers, designers, and architects. It is estimated that only five programs of this nature exist nationwide.

Dr. Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs, spoke briefly about the collaborative Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (MFA) degree program. The two-year program is a collaborative effort between Cleveland State University, Kent State University, the University of Akron and Youngstown State University. The proposed program is distinctly different from other MFA degree programs through its collaborative regional design as well as its unique curriculum that draws upon the strengths of all four northeast Ohio universities. In addition to the customary MFA program offerings that provide courses in poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction, this program will offer courses in literary translation, playwriting, and professional writing. The program is designed to encourage synthetic, integrated thinking. Students enrolled in the program will have the option to take courses from each institution.

Dr. Andrist also spoke briefly about the Medical College of Ohio's (MCO) Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) degree program. At the national level, the OTD degree will replace the master's degree program (MOT) as the entry-level degree for practice in occupational therapy. Accordingly, the existing MCO master's degree program will be phased out as the new OTD program is mounted. At steady state, the MCO program will have a total enrollment of sixty graduate students. The program of study includes 93 semester hours of course work over eight consecutive terms plus an individual research project. Clinical and community-based fieldwork begins in the first semester.

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. After review and discussion of the report with representatives of the university, the Board of Regents will consider one of three possible actions:

1. Full approval of the program either with, or without, modifications;
2. Continuation of the provisional status of the program for a finite period, not to exceed five years; or
3. Withdrawal of program approval.

Presentation: "Blackboard Hosting at UC"

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 possibility of 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 meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.