

**Performance Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of September 20, 2001**

The meeting of the Performance Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents was held at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio. In attendance were the following:

Ohio Board of Regents members:

Edmund Adams, Committee Chair
Gerald M. Miller
Thomas W. Noe
J. Gilbert Reese

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Roderick Chu, Chancellor
Kristina Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations
Deborah Gavlik, Director, Budget & Resource Planning
Richard Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance
Robert Sheehan, Associate Vice Chancellor, Performance Reporting & Analysis
William Wagner, Financial Analyst

Guests:

Christa Adams, Owens Community College
Bob Burke, Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio
John Buttelerwerth, Ohio Faculty Senate
Larry Christman, Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio
Phillip J. Closius, University of Toledo
Chuck Mann, Owens Community College
Pat Meyers, Kent State University
Jan Neiger, Attorney General's Office
Sally Perz, University of Toledo
Elizabeth Ross, Executive Assistant to the Governor for Education
Sarah Williams, Inter-University Council

The meeting was called to order by Regent Adams. The minutes of the July 2001 Committee meeting were approved without objection.

Status Report of Governor's Requested Annual Performance Report

Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan provided an update on the annual Performance Report for 2001, noting that this year's report will contain three new chapters as well as renewed emphasis on the executive summary. In addition, Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan noted that a final statewide consultation is scheduled for October 15, 2001 and the report should be available on the web after November 15, 2001. Regent Adams suggested that comments from the Regents be provided by no later than October 15th. Regent Adams also suggested that the Regents read the report for purposes of drawing conclusions as well as uncovering additional questions. Regent Noe inquired about the availability of licensure passage rates for professions other than law. Associate Vice Chancellor Sheehan responded that such information was not available for the current report, but that an effort was being made to gather

passage rates for other professions and the results would be included in the 2002 report.

Report from the University of Toledo's Law School

Philip J. Closius, Dean of the College of Law at the University of Toledo, gave a presentation on steps taken by the University of Toledo to ensure the quality of law school graduates. During the late nineties, UT's College of Law applications were down significantly and bar passage rates were declining. In March 1999 US News and World Report ranked the UT College of Law 136th out of 174 colleges, a 4th tier ranking. The College of Law embarked on a strategic plan designed to achieve prompt results. Elements of the plan included a reduction in total head count from 524 to 430, elimination of faculty slots, redirecting of funds to scholarships, and participation in other University enrollment initiatives. In addition, the College of Law implemented a mandatory attendance policy, bar style exams, and increased support for bar exam preparation. Primary goals were to increase applications by 45%, increase LSAT median scores by 4 points, rank among the top three colleges statewide in first-time bar passage rates, and reach 2nd tier status in the US News and World Report rankings. As a result of its efforts, from 1999 to 2001 the College of Law has increased applications by 55%, increased the median LSAT scores of full-time students by two points, raised LSAT scores at the 25th percentile, and increased minority enrollment. In March 2001, UT's College of Law was ranked 103rd out of 174 colleges by US News and World Report, a dramatic improvement over two years. The University is seeking transformational funding of \$1,026,887 from the Board of Regents in order to fully implement its strategic plan over the next three years.

Regent Adams adjourned the meeting.