

**Initiatives Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of September 19, 2002**

The Meeting was called to order by Regent Tahlman Krumm. Regents present were:

Regent Edward Adams
Regent Donna Alvarado
Regent Bruce Beeghly
Regent Jenny Brown
Regent Thomas Noe
Regent Edward Rigaud
Regent Gilbert Reese
Regent Ralph Schey

Ohio Board of Regents Staff:

Eric Almonte, Assistant Director, Access Initiatives
Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs
Roderick Chu, Chancellor
Jack Connell, Administrator, Degree Programs
Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor
Cathy Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development
Tom Rudd, Director, Student Financial Access
Leslie Sawyer, Director, Access Initiatives
Janet Schilk, Associate Director, K-16 Initiatives
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development
Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor

Minutes of the July 10, 2002 Meeting

Minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

September 19, 2002 Board Agenda Items

- Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Awards
- Columbus State Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Real Estate Appraisal
- The Ohio State University, Master of Occupational Therapy
- The Ohio State University, Doctor of Philosophy in Women's Studies
- Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio: Provisional Reauthorization

Staff provided background information on these agenda items at the previous Board meeting. The Union Institute action is an addition from last month's items. Staff responded to questions regarding this action item. Regent Brown moved to amend the Board agenda by addition of the Union Institute action. Regent Adams seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Tentative October Agenda Items – 2002

- Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Ashland Community College, Ashland Technical College, Morehead State University-Ashland campus, Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University.
- DeVry University, Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications Management
- Bexley Hall Seminary, Rochester, New York, Master of Divinity Degree Program at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio
- Columbus State Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Geographic Information Systems Technology
- Columbus State Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Recording Arts and Technology
- University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Associate of Applied Business degree in Interactive Multimedia
- University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Visual Communications
- Kent State University, Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies
- Kent State University, Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology

Staff presented the tentative agenda items regarding the proposed degree programs for October, 2002. Regent Brown moved for acceptance of the items. Regent Reese seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Information for the Committee

The following items were brought forward for informational purposes.

- Case Western University, Master of Science in Clinical Research
- Kent State University, Master of Arts in Translation
- Miami University, Master of Computer Science
- The University of Akron, Doctor of Philosophy in polymer Engineering
- University of Cincinnati, Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling
- University of Cincinnati, Master of Business Administration at WPAFB
- Bowling Green State University, Master of Education in Classroom Technology in Defiance, Ohio

No formal action of the Committee was required on these items as degree authority has been granted to these programs previously. Vice Chancellor Walters stated that RACGS had approved all the graduate programs.

Reports:

- ***K-16 Initiatives***

Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel and Dr. Janet Schilk made a presentation to the Committee regarding the rebuilding of the mathematics and science education infrastructure across the state.

Dr. Schilk gave an update on the initiatives on-going under the direction of the Joint Council of the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Department of Education. The positive outcomes of the Narrowing Achievement Gaps Conference held September 4-6 were reviewed with the Committee. The Committee was informed of the ongoing work of the Blue Ribbon Panel for Ohio's Leadership Plan in Mathematics and Science Student Learning. The Governor's MathRules! Initiative was discussed as well as the strong support structures that are already in place in the state for mathematics and science educators at all levels.

Dr. Tafel briefed the Committee on the work of the newly created University Centers of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Education. These Centers will create a regional network connecting state-assisted and private, two- and four-year colleges and universities with school districts and other learning communities in a collaborative structure. Dr. Tafel also announced Ohio's intention to participate in the next NSF Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant competition. This grant will focus on strengthening the infrastructure in mathematics and science and increasing collaboration across the PK-16 continuum.

- ***Degree Approval***

Vice Chancellor Garry Walters and Dr. Harry Andrist discussed the awarding of Professional Doctorates. Three such degree programs have been created in Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and Audiology. The clinically-based doctoral degree programs are being driven by the appropriate professional organizations. These organizations argue that the expanding knowledge-base of their professions is requiring a higher level of training. Outside observers believe, by contrast, that the principal motivation is a desire to be able to receive insurance payments directly rather than through a physician's office, and note that the years of education required does not increase for the doctorate vs. the master's.

Three issues were reviewed with the Committee:

1. the appropriate title for the proposed curriculum,
2. the funding of clinically-based doctoral degrees, and
3. the number of such programs supported across Ohio

Additional time is required to study national trends as well as workforce analysis and student demand for the programs before definitive answers can be made regarding the number of programs in Ohio. RACGS will conduct a needs-based analysis with assistance from a panel of leaders in this area to provide a national perspective.

- ***Workforce Development***

Vice Chancellor Walters and Dr. Michael Taggart updated the Committee on several on-going initiatives. Dr. Taggart informed the Committee that with money from the Governor's Workforce Policy Board several vocational programs and two-year campuses are working together to provide more unified delivery of services. These partnerships are based in the ability of the individual participants to achieve their goals as they increase service and benefit to the local community. Dr. Taggart also reported another collaborative effort between two-year institutions and vocational programs. The Ohio Manufacturers Association is addressing safety issues using a CD of best practices to meet OSHA regulations. Two-year institutions and vocational programs are working together to facilitate this process and provide technical assistance for upcoming needs.

Dr. Taggart completed his report by announcing that Ohio will participate in a National Governor's Association taskforce on the 21st Century Knowledge Economy. Six states have agreed to work together to draft the next generation of policy in this area.

- ***Research***

Vice Chancellor Walters provided an update regarding the development of activities around the Third Frontier initiative and its alignment with other efforts to stimulate research development. Dr. Walters also updated the Committee regarding ongoing work of the Research Officers Council and the Governor's Broadband Strategy.

- ***Access Initiatives***

No full report at this time. Vice Chancellor Tafel stated that a comprehensive plan is being developed involving Ohio College Access Network (OCAN) and the Lumina Foundation. A full presentation will be made at an upcoming Committee meeting.