

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of September 23, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Beeghly at 11:15 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
Gerald M. Miller
Thomas W. Noe
J. Gilbert Reese
James M. Tuschman

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

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
Jocelyn Frasier, Assistant Director, Communications
Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations
Darrell Glenn, Director, Performance Reporting and Analysis
Catherine Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development
Neal McNally, Assistant Director, Budget and Resource Planning
James Nargang, Assistant Director, Capital Development
Rich Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development
Kirk Trickett, Webmaster
Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement
William Wagner, Research Analyst

Minutes of the July 15, 2004 Meeting

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the July 15 meeting.

September 23 Board Agenda Items

- Wilberforce University, Master of Science in Rehabilitative Counseling
- Antioch University, Institutional Reauthorization
- Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Institutional Reauthorization
- Tri-State Bible College, Institutional Reauthorization

Jack Connell spoke briefly about Wilberforce University's Master of Science Rehabilitative Counseling degree proposal. It is the university's first request for a graduate program and builds upon the institution's successful undergraduate program in rehabilitative counseling. Since this is the university's first graduate program request, provisional authorization is recommended for program start-up. The program will be reviewed prior to December 31, 2007 to determine full authorization.

Items 3.1-3.4 were moved to the board consent agenda.

Items Proposed for the October 21 Board Meeting

- 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

Cathy Hill spoke briefly about the collaborative Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care degree program between the University of Cincinnati Clermont College and Cincinnati State Community and Technical College. The two institutions will share faculty and classroom resources to provide instruction to students.

There were no serious concerns raised in the review process of the proposed programs and the institutions met Regents' standards for their respective requests.

Committee Reports

Dr. Garry Walters reported that he and Michael Taggart are participating with representatives of Ohio University and Belmont Technical College to design a pilot project that would test the market response to a joint degree offered jointly by Belmont Technical College and the Ohio University Eastern campus. An update will be provided at the November PERT Committee meeting.

Michael Taggart updated the committee on the Jobs Cabinet *Hire Smart Train Smart* initiative to be launched by the EnterpriseOhio Network's SkillsMAX Resource Center at Lorain County Community College. The initiative will demonstrate how business success is supported through the use of proven job profiling and skill assessment tools to make better informed hiring, training and promotion decisions.

Dr. Harry Andrist updated the committee on the Technology Commercialization Project. As follow-up to CHEE Recommendation 7, a working group chaired jointly by the Department of Development and Regents' staff met in July and August to "identify efficient mechanisms to assist Ohio businesses and entrepreneurs with turning university-based research into technology-driven products that expand employment opportunities in Ohio."

Chancellor Chu, Dr. Walters, and Dr. Stephen Kopp spoke briefly about a new learning productivity initiative that aims to increase institutional instruction productivity while improving student learning. The purpose of the proposal will be to increase basic levels of education of Ohio residents by developing critical thinking skills and transferable working skills through continuous education.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.