

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of September 22, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Tuschman at 10:57 a.m. Regents present were:

PERT Committee members

James Tuschman, Chair
Anthony Houston, Vice Chair
Bruce R. Beeghly
J. Gilbert Reese

Other Regents in attendance

Edmund J. Adams
Donna Alvarado
Jeanette G. Brown
Gerald M. Miller
Jerome F. Tatar

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Harry Andrist, Director, Research & Graduate Programs
David Barber, Consultant
Bret Crow, Assistant Director, Communications
Roderick Chu, Chancellor
Jack Connell, Assistant Director, Academic & Access Programs
Shane DeGarmo, Administrator, Program Approval & Tuition Reciprocity
Kristina Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance & Governmental Relations
Darrell Glenn, Director, Performance Reporting
Cathy Hill, Administrator, Workforce Development
Rich Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance
Char Rogge, Administrator, Research & Graduate Programs
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 July 14 meeting.

September 22 Board Agenda Items

- John Carroll University, Institutional Reauthorization
- Muskingum College, Institutional Reauthorization
- Kent State University-Tuscarawas Campus, Associate of Applied Science degree in Veterinary Technology

There were no further discussions about the items proposed at the July 14, 2005 committee meeting. Items 3.1 to 3.3 were moved to the board consent agenda.

Items Proposed for the October 21 Board Meeting

- Fielding Graduate University (CA), Institutional Reauthorization
- Malone College, Institutional Reauthorization
- Jefferson Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Interpreting for the Deaf
- Kent State University-Ashtabula Campus, Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assisting
- Northwest State Community College, Associate of Individualized Study
- Owens Community College-Toledo & Findlay campuses, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting
- Southern State Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care
- University of Akron-Wayne College, Associate of Applied Science in Paraprofessional Education
- Ohio University, Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies
- University of Cincinnati, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
- Wright State University-Lake Campus, Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership, Extension of approval to fall 2006
- University of Toledo, Master of Social Work

Dr. Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement, briefed the committee on the proposals submitted for consideration for October board action. He noted that Fielding Graduate University's Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology degree program is an excellent doctoral program that is offered in a non-traditional format.

In addition, Dr. Walter's spoke about the University of Toledo's proposed Master of Social Work degree program. Initially discussed at the July 14 PERT Committee meeting, Dr. Walters addressed the Committee's earlier concerns about unnecessary program duplication. Recruitment for the program will involve Ohio students who are primarily residents of the Toledo metropolitan area. Regents' staff will conduct periodic audits to ensure that the Ohio students in the program are mostly from the Toledo metropolitan area. Due to his previous service at the university, Regent Tuschman abstained from the discussion and voting of this item.

All of the institutions met Regents' minimum standards for their respective proposals. There were no serious concerns raised in the reviews.

Presentations:

Update on the monitoring plan for Union Institute & University's Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program

John Muffo, Administrator, Special Projects, Ohio Board of Regents, updated the committee on the monitoring plan for Union Institute & University's Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program. The plan focuses on improving and monitoring processes in the admissions, advisement and examination of students and review of student work products.

Collaboration of Ohio Colleges for Library Information Services

Daniel Temple and Christopher Baird of Kenyon College briefed the committee on a collaboration between Kenyon and Denison colleges. The two institutions are working on a new initiative that would allow the two colleges to share library resources and improve internal processes, thus providing better library services to faculty and students and becoming more efficient in providing those services. The presenters spoke at length of the extraordinary benefits that OhioLINK, a Regents' initiative, brings to colleges like Kenyon.

A review of the consultant study of the proposal to establish a new community college in Lawrence County

Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development and Ryan Scribner, Legislative Liaison of the Ohio Board of Regents briefed the committee on the consultant study of the proposal to establish a new community college in Lawrence County. The consultants' noted in their findings that the community college proposal was not viable and there is untapped collaboration potential among organizations serving the county. The consultants recommend that the College Tech Prep initiative in the area be improved, that an educational alliance be developed, and that the Ohio Board of Regents continue to work with county representatives.

Regents' staff agreed with the consultants' findings and recommendations and the Committee members encouraged staff to continue working on this initiative.

Reports:

Due to time constraints, the computational science report was tabled for the October committee meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.