

Minutes
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS
September 22, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Edmund J. Adams.

The roll was called by Regent Bruce R. Beeghly. Those present were:

Edmund J. Adams	Gerald M. Miller
Donna M. Alvarado	J. Gilbert Reese
Bruce R. Beeghly	Jerome F. Tatar
Jeanette G. Brown	James M. Tuschman
Anthony D. Houston	

Regent Beeghly stated “the record reflects that notice of this meeting was given in accordance with provisions of the Board of Regents’ Ohio Administrative Code § 3333-1-14, which rule was adopted in accordance with section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code.”

Consideration of matters related to the agenda (items may be amended, added to or deleted from the agenda at the discretion of the board.)

The Chancellor noted that two items were added to the September consent agenda and will be addressed in the following committee reports.

Approval of minutes of the July 14, 2005 meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents.

A motion was made by Regent Tuschman to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2005 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Miller and passed unanimously.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS

Access Committee – Regent Alvarado – President Georgia Nugent of Kenyon College joined the committee for a few minutes to speak about Kenyon and its initiatives. She noted that student satisfaction surveys reveal Kenyon students rate the college high in its student expectations such as: reading, writing, and class preparation. At the same time, faculty members consider the quality of students a major factor in their job satisfaction. Kenyon is well-known for literature as evidenced by the Kenyon Review. Kenyon’s innovations include merging library services with information technology and “Food for Thought” a program whereby Kenyon’s food services purchases food from the surrounding farming community. This program has helped the college become a better neighbor to its community.

The committee engaged in a round table discussion regarding the importance of higher education in Ohio with guests David Sheffler, Immediate Past Chair of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Partner with Plante & Moran; Brian Perera, Finance Director, Ohio Senate; and Associate Vice Chancellor Deborah Gavlik. Deborah gave a brief synopsis of the American Council on Education's Solutions Initiative. The Council's research showed that to justify public support for higher education, citizens must acknowledge that the item, in this case higher education, is a basic societal need, it is personally relevant, accountable and efficient. Public skepticism exists over higher education. To connect the public, higher education needs to be seen as a public investment that benefits all of society, not just the privileged few.

David Sheffler presented a report titled "Benchmarking Ohio's Economic Competitiveness." He noted that while Ohio is strong in terms of infrastructure and innovative resources, it needs to overcome average rankings in many other key areas. Ohio's human resources are geared to serve traditional manufacturing. Higher education attainment is low and there is a net out-migration of freshman students. To revitalize Ohio's economic competitiveness, the following policies are recommended: identifying and nurturing innovation-based production activities, developing "Anchors of Excellence", and expanding support for entrepreneurship and innovation.

Brian Perera, Finance Director, Ohio Senate, noted that higher education's portion of Ohio's budget has been shrinking. The shrinkage is driven by spending priorities such as Medicaid, K-12, and corrections. Mr. Perera noted that the tax expenditure limitation initiative slated for the November 2006 ballot, if passed by Ohio voters, could seriously hurt higher education. He also shared the negative perceptions held by members of the General Assembly about higher education. Negative issues which impact the public's view of higher education are administrative salary & benefits, level of new construction, duplication of programs, aircraft on campuses, and tuition increases up to the cap.

Bill Shriver, Chair of the Educator Standards Board and a teacher in the Mount Vernon City School District updated the committee on teaching standards development. The standards include three levels of performance: proficient, accomplished, and distinguished. The Board of Regents will continue to collaborate with the Educator Standards Board and the State Board of Education on the revision and implementation of these standards.

The committee recommended Board approval consideration of a resolution to acknowledge the addition of Warren County to the territory of the Montgomery County Community College district. This item was added to the September consent agenda as Item No. 3.7.

Finally, Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel shared the good news that Ohio was recently awarded a \$20 million Gear Up grant to help prepare students for college.

Resources & System Efficiency Committee - Regent Beeghly – The committee was briefed by Neal McNally, Assistant Director for Finance & Government Relations, on the Fall Survey of Student Charges. For the 2005-2006 academic year, combined tuition and fees for in-state undergraduates rose by an average of 6% at universities and by 5% at two-year colleges. Every campus is in compliance with the 6% tuition cap established by House Bill 66. Several two-year campuses kept fee increases well below the 6% cap and campuses should be commended.

Vice Chancellor Petrick briefed the Committee on the Higher Education Funding Study Council and its very ambitious schedule. This Council's meetings so far have been educational, with Regents' staff presenting topics such as student financial aid, the State Share of Instruction formula, and the Challenges. The Council will continue educational meetings through October and then develop recommendations to modify Ohio higher education funding. This Council will consider recommendations made by the State Share of Instruction Consultation. The SSI consultation will meet over the next several months to review and recommend changes to the SSI formula and the performance challenges.

Vice Chancellor Rich Petrick briefed the Committee on the capital budget process. The estimated cost of deferred maintenance at non-auxiliary buildings at Ohio's public campuses is \$5 billion. Since FY 1995, state capital support has declined by 26%, and on a per student basis capital funding has declined by 34%. The Board of Regents must submit its capital recommendations for FY 2007-2008 to OBM by November 30, 2005. The Committee will discuss this issue at next month's meeting.

Vice Chancellor Petrick also briefed the Committee on a potential shortfall in Ohio Instructional Grant obligations for FY 2006. The \$17 million shortfall that was experienced last year is structural and is expected to repeat in FY 2006. Regents' staff has been working closely with OBM to resolve the deficit within the next couple of months.

Jim Plummer from the University of Cincinnati briefed the Committee on UC's request to pledge student fees in support of a \$30.3 million bond issue, the proceeds of which would be used for on-campus capital projects and improvements. The Committee requested that the University provide the Board with copies of UC's master capital plan and its plan for managing its growing debt obligations.

Roy Palmer from Hocking Technical College briefed the Committee on the College's request to pledge student fees in support of a \$3 million bond issue to finance the expansion and renovation of the College's hospitality training center. Mr. Palmer requested this item be placed on the September consent agenda for consideration by the full Board. This timing would allow Hocking College to obtain its bond issuance sooner and expedite construction. The Committee recommended adding this item to the September consent agenda as Resolution 3.8 for action by the full Board.

The Committee also reviewed three joint-use agreements. The first is a \$164,400 agreement between the University of Toledo and CAMP, Inc.; the second, a \$250,000 agreement between North Central State College and the Mansfield/Richland Incubator, Inc.; the third agreement is between Kent State University and the Columbiana County Port Authority for \$875,000.

The Controlling Board items for July and August were recommended for approval by the full board.

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of items 3.4 through 3.6 and 3.8 for the September consent agenda.

Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee – Regent Tuschman – The committee was briefed by Dr. Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement, on the proposals submitted for consideration for October board action. He noted that Fielding Graduate University's Ph.D. program is a quality doctoral program that is offered in a non-traditional format.

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

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.

Daniel Temple and Christopher Baird of Kenyon College briefed the committee on collaboration between Kenyon and Denison colleges. The two institutions are working on an initiative which allows the two colleges to share library resources and improve internal processes, providing better library services to faculty and students and becoming more efficient in providing those services.

Michael Taggart and Ryan Scribner of the Ohio Board of Regents shared the consultant study of the Lawrence County's proposal to establish a new community college. The consultants noted that: 1) the community college proposal was not viable; 2) there is untapped collaboration potential in the area; and 3) improvement in a College Tech Prep initiative is needed. The consultants recommend all items to the board. They urged the Ohio Board of Regents continue to work with county representatives. Regents' staff agreed with the findings and the Committee members agreed that staff should continue working with the Lawrence County interests.

The report on computational science was tabled for the October PERT Committee meeting.

The committee reviewed and recommended approval of items 3.1 through 3.3 for the September consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Regent Brown to approve Agenda Items 3.1 –3.8 for the September consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Regent Reese and unanimously passed.

- 3.1 Kent State University – Tuscarawas Campus, Associate of Applied Science degree in Veterinary Technology
- 3.2 John Carroll University, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.3 Muskingum College, Institutional Reauthorization
- 3.4 Consideration of the modification of legislative limitations on fee increases for Cleveland State University to permit the University to levy a special fee for student access to Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority services
- 3.5 Consideration of a request by the University of Cincinnati to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$30,300,000, to be used to finance the Zimmer Garden and the Human Resources System Replacement projects on campus
- 3.6 Requests to the Controlling Board for the period July 1, 2005 through August 30, 2005
- 3.7 Warren County Community College District
- 3.8 Consideration of a request by Hocking College to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance not to exceed \$3,000,000, to be used to finance the renovation and expansion of the hospitality training center on campus

RESOLUTION 2005-24
Agenda Item 3.1

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Kent State University -Tuscarawas Campus
Associate of Applied Science degree in Veterinary Technology

RESOLUTION 2005-25
Agenda Item 3.2

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following institution be granted institutional reauthorization through December 31, 2015:

John Carroll University
Institutional Reauthorization

RESOLUTION 2005-26
Agenda Item 3.3

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following institution be granted institutional reauthorization through December 31, 2015:

Muskingum College
Institutional Reauthorization

RESOLUTION 2005-27
Agenda Item 3.4

WHEREAS, Section 209.63.60 of Am. Sub. House Bill 66 permits the Board of Regents to modify the limitations on fee increase prescribed by this legislation, with the approval of the Controlling Board, to respond to exceptional circumstances as identified by the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, current year fee increases for resident undergraduate students attending Cleveland State University's downtown Cleveland main campus are within the 6% cap established for the University by Am. Sub. House Bill 66; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University has entered into an agreement with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) that allows main campus students to be assessed a \$25 fee per semester for unlimited free transit service; and

WHEREAS, this special fee is supported by a student body vote held in the Spring 2005 semester; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University is seeking Board of Regents' approval for its agreement with RTA, should the special fee need to be increased and should future legislative fee caps imposed by the General Assembly otherwise prohibit the University from levying this special fee.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that this proposal by Cleveland State University represents an exceptional circumstance that justifies an exception the legislative limitation on fee increases established in Am. Sub. H.B. 66.

RESOLUTION 2005-28
Agenda Item 3.5

WHEREAS, §209.64.69 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th General Assembly requires that any new pledge of student fees to secure bonds or notes of a state college or university must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the University of Cincinnati proposes to pledge student fees in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$30,300,000 for the purpose of financing the Zimmer Garden and Human Resources System Replacement projects at the University's main campus; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined that the proposed projects are essential to fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the University's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing this bond issuance at its meetings of May 24, 2005, and June 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS, this proposal complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3345.11 and §3345.12;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by the University of Cincinnati in support of general receipts obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$30,300,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-29
Agenda Item 3.6

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the request for release of capital improvements funds received in the period July 1, 2005 through August 30, 2005, shown on the sheets attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for approval by the Controlling Board.

RESOLUTION 2005-30
Agenda Item 3.7

WHEREAS, The Ohio Board of Regents recognized the creation of the Warren County Community College District in March 2004, pursuant to the

requirements of §89.17 Amended Substitute House Bill 66 enacted by the 125th Ohio General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of §89.16 Amended Substitute House Bill 66 enacted by the 125th Ohio General Assembly, the Warren County Community College operated a joint vocational-community college-university pilot program to further determine and to serve the higher education needs of Warren County resident; and

WHEREAS, through the pilot program, the Warren County Community College Board of Trustees determined that the higher education needs of Warren County residents can best be served by furthering community college partnership with Sinclair Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents sincerely appreciates the hard work and public service contributed by the members of the Warren County Community College District; and

WHEREAS, Sinclair Community College assures the Board of Regents and the higher education community that it will work with all higher education institutions (public, independent, two-year and four-year) to meet the needs of Warren County residents; and

WHEREAS, the territory of Warren county was added to the territory of the community college district of Montgomery county by Amended Substitute House Bill 66, enacted by the 126th General Assembly and effective on October 1, 2005

NOW, THEREFORE, The Ohio Board of Regents acknowledges the addition of Warren county to the territory of Montgomery county creating the Warren county Montgomery county community college district and replacing the former community college district of Montgomery county. The district shall be known as and operate under the name of the Sinclair community college district.

RESOLUTION 2005-31

Agenda Item 3.8

WHEREAS, §209.64.69 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th General Assembly requires that any new pledge of student fees to secure bonds or notes of a state college or university must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Hocking College proposes to pledge student fees in support of bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the purpose of financing the expansion and renovation of the hospitality training center on campus; and

WHEREAS, the College has determined that the proposed project is essential to fulfilling institutional goals; and

WHEREAS, the College's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing this debt issuance at its meeting of June 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS, this proposal complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3357.112 and §3345.12;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the pledge of fees by Hocking College in support of bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 is hereby approved.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS TO THE BOARD

INTRODUCTION

Thank you, Chairman Adams.

KENYON COLLEGE

It's a pleasure to be here at Kenyon College. I can think of no better time to visit a picturesque campus than the first day of fall. In fact, I picked up a recently fallen Buckeye walking over to our meeting this morning – a sure sign of good luck.

Of course, with fall comes football. This year, the National Football League's New England Patriots hope to secure the mantle of "dynasty" with an unprecedented third consecutive Super Bowl victory.

But with all due respect to my Massachusetts born brother-in-law and his beloved Patriots, I believe Kenyon College has established a benchmark for what it takes to truly be regarded as a "dynasty" and we of Chinese extraction really know about dynasties!

This past season marked the 26th consecutive NCAA Division III championship for Kenyon's men's swimming and diving team. Congratulations on this annual display of excellence and remarkable string of victories

With the other reports of Kenyon College's displays of excellence in this mornings welcoming remarks by President Georgia Nugent and the presentation by Vice President Dan Temple to the PERT committee, its clear what a gem this campus is.

LARRY CHRISTMAN

Because we are meeting on the campus of one of Ohio's independent colleges this month, I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a colleague.

Larry Christman, president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio, who will retire October 31st after 22 years of service.

Larry, we know you aren't due to retire until the end of next month, so please don't feel like we're trying to push you out the door. Certainly not because of the charming, oracious way you've always interacted with the staff of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Seriously, we feel that this meeting in this lovely campus at one of AICUO's finest campuses is a most fitting time to honor your two decades of contributions to higher education in Ohio.

Let me talk about those two decades.

First of all, longevity is obviously one of your hallmarks. In 22 years, you have:

- a) Survived four chancellors and 36 members of the Board of Regents, which deserves a round of applause all to itself;
- b) Helped to enact the Ohio Student Choice Grant, the financial aid program for Ohio residents who attend independent institutions of higher education;
- c) Worked diligently to increase the membership of AICUO from 42 to 52 members;
- d) And seen 19 consecutive years of enrollment increases at Ohio's private institutions.

But longevity is only part of the story. We have appreciated the breadth and depth of knowledge you brought to the table.

As a former teacher, a former adjunct faculty member, a former legislator, and, more recently, your earned doctoral degree, your institutional knowledge of the inner workings of state government and of elementary and higher education policy have proven invaluable time and again.

We have appreciated your tenacity, your effectiveness and your willingness to speak your mind. We may not have agreed with you on every occasion, but there was no doubt which position you felt represented the best interests of your constituencies.

In your press release that announced your pending retirement, you noted that your work with the higher education community has been rewarding on many levels.

"Rewarding" is a term we all hope to use as we reflect on our own careers in higher education.

Larry, we wish you well as you embark on the next professional stage in your life. Please accept this resolution, which was signed by each of the current members of the Ohio Board of Regents that marks the highlights of your accomplishments as head of AICUO, with our respect and affection.

HURRICANE KATRINA

The fall colors and post-card views here in Knox County contrast sharply with that of the devastation experienced in the Gulf Coast region because of Hurricane Katrina. Kenyon College is just one of the many in Ohio's higher education community that has pitched in to help those affected recover from the impact of the hurricane.

In response to Hurricane Katrina, Kenyon College has:

1. mounted drives to send aid to those in need.
2. admitted, on a case-by-case basis, a number of displaced students.
3. and contacted alumni in the affected area to assess their safety.

Efforts like these have been repeated all across our Buckeye State. In a memo to all of the Ohio's college and university presidents, I commended their response as "nothing short of spectacular." As for the Ohio Board of Regents, we have been fielding calls to our college access hotline from displaced students since Sept. 6. As of last Friday, we had received 91 Katrina hotline calls. Of that total, 74 have been students indicating that they would be enrolling in an Ohio institution.

We also unveiled an enhanced hurricane assistance web page two weeks ago. The site has links to frequently asked questions, a list of campus liaisons, a searchable map of Ohio campuses and starting dates of Ohio colleges and universities.

GEAR UP

Assisting students, albeit in a different way, is the objective of a nearly \$20 million federal grant we received last month.

The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs grant will help students in eight Ohio communities prepare to enter and succeed in college.

Under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Jon Tafel, the Ohio Board of Regents, the Ohio College Access Network and the Ohio Department of Education will focus on advancing educational opportunities and increasing college participation rates in Adams, Allen, Ashtabula, Clark, Franklin, Lorain, Lucas and Muskingum counties.

Middle/junior high schools and senior high schools in these eight high-poverty rural and urban communities were identified because of low college participation and high remediation rates.

- a) Students will be exposed to a menu of proven college access "best practices," such as tutoring, enrichment programs, early awareness activities and college/financial aid advising, practices refined through

Ohio's successful 1999 GEAR UP state project as well as OCAN's access programs.

PARTNERSHIP FOR CONTINUED LEARNING

Efforts to prepare every student for success in the 21st Century global economy and plug the leaks of the P-16 pipeline is the focus of the governor's new Partnership for Continued Learning. The inaugural meeting took place last week.

We heard from Governor Taft about what he expects from this partnership. He sees the goals as:

1. better aligning high school graduation requirements with college and work readiness standards;
2. increasing the number of high school students who take a rigorous core curriculum;
3. creating incentives and other methods to hold schools accountable for graduating students who are college and/or work ready;
4. and creating incentives for colleges and universities to improve graduation rates.

In his remarks, Chairman Adams outlined the priorities of the Ohio Board of Regents for the coming year: a review of the funding formula and challenges, access activities, productivity and collaboration, coalition building and the capital budget.

The partnership's initial efforts will be on our work with the Achieve/American Diploma Project effort to ensure vigorous math and English standards that, if met, will ensure Ohio high school graduates are prepared to enter college or work without need for remediation.

WELCOME

Welcome to C. Todd Jones for his selection as the new president for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio, succeeding Larry Christman. Mr. Jones takes over on November 1st. He joins AICUO after serving as the U.S. Department of Education's associate deputy secretary for budget and strategic accountability.

And to OBR's newest staff, most of whom are connected to the new Ohio College Opportunity Grant. The OCOG staff includes programmers Jamie Clark and Neelima Savedekar and business analysts Prabha Ayyar, Dustin Phifer and Jeff Smith.

Other new OBR staff include: administrators Andy Fenner in IT/web development, John Muffo in special projects, Julie Rayner in human resources, Tom Schriener in articulation and transfer and Angela Ortiz, a business analyst for HEI.

KUDOS

To the City of Dublin and the Third Frontier Network for joining forces to unveil the Central Ohio Research Network last month, which links education and commerce for research and economic development. Dublin expanded its 100 miles of underground optical fiber to offer broadband throughout central Ohio and aid in connecting the state’s colleges and universities as part of the TFN.

To Columbus State Community College for placing first in Ohio in granting associate degrees, according to Community College Week magazine. About 1,500 students earned associate degrees from Columbus State in AY 2003-04, which ranked the college No. 37 in the country.

CONCLUSION

I’ll close my report on a very sad note. In the past, I’ve shared news of tragic deaths of president’s students, faculty and staff of Ohio’s campuses. Today, I note the passing of one of our own colleagues on the staff of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Erin Emerine of our Access staff, passed away on Tuesday morning.

Ironically, the last email I received from Erin was about her activities on our harridan Katrina student relief efforts that I just reported on.

Erin’s positive approach to her work was infectious and inspired us all. Erin’s passing has profoundly affected all of your staff. We miss her deeply and many of us will personally convey our sympathy to Erin’s sisters, Jennifer & Kimberly) Mom and Dad Janet & Dennis, and other relatives during the visitation hours tomorrow and funeral on Saturday in Tiffin.

I ask that we share a moment of silence as we remember Erin, grateful for her life and the all too brief time we got to share with her...Thank you.

Chairman Adams, that concludes my report for this month.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents will be held on Friday, October 21, 2005, at the Ohio Board of Regents office, Columbus, Ohio @ 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date