

Initiatives Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of July 20, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Regent Gerald Gordon.
Board members present were:

Gerald H. Gordon, Regent, Initiatives Committee Chair
Tahlmann Krumm, Jr., Regent and Chairman of the Board
Thomas W. Noe, Regent
Stephen A. Perry, Regent
J. Gilbert Reese, Regent

Regents' staff present at the meeting were:

Garry Walters, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Access Programs
Jon Tafel, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic and Access Programs
Harry Andrist, Director, Research and Graduate Programs
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development
Leslie Sawyer, Associate Director, Access Initiatives
Jack Connell, Consultant, Academic and Access Programs
Earl Mackey, Vice Chancellor, External Relations
Shannon Lee, Administrator, External Relations
Rod Chu, Chancellor

Guests present at the meeting were:

Sharon Brehm, Provost, Ohio University
Larry Christman, Ohio Association of Independent Colleges
and Universities
Roy Church, President, Lorain County Community College
Terry Thomas, Ohio Association of Community Colleges

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Initiatives Committee meeting of June 22, 2000 were reviewed and approved.

July 20, 2000 Agenda Items

Previously reviewed by the Committee:

- Urbana University, Off-Site Program Approval: Bellefontaine, Columbus, London Marysville, Springfield:
 - Bachelor of Science in Business Management
 - Bachelor of Science in Human Services Leadership
 - Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Leadership
 - Associate of Arts in Management
- Dayton:
 - Bachelor of Science in Human Justice Leadership
 - Associate of Arts in Management Services Leadership

Bachelor of Science in Criminal

Piqua:

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Bachelor of Science in Human Services Leadership

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Leadership

- Keller Graduate School of Management
 - Master of Accounting and Financial Management
 - Master of Business Administration
 - Master of Human Resource Management
 - Master of Information Systems Management
 - Master of Project Management
 - Master of Telecommunications Management

- Lorain County Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Sports and Fitness Management
- Lorain County Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology
- Owens Community College, Associate of Applied Business in E-Business Technology
- Owens Community College, Associate of Applied Business in Networking and Information Systems Support
- Central Ohio Technical College, Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology
- Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Paramedic Technology
- Terra Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Music Technology
- Ohio University-Southern Campus, Associate of Applied Science in Computer Technology
- Cleveland State University, Master of Science in Nursing
- University of Cincinnati, Viability Review of the Biological Sciences Ph.D. Program
- Review of Doctoral Engineering

Tentative Board Agenda Items – September 2000

- Distribution of Federal Funds under the Eisenhower Professional Development Program 2000
- University of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois, Bachelor of Science in Health Arts
- Permanent Charter for Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
- Belmont Technical College, Associate of Applied Science in Information Services
- Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Integrative Medical Massage Therapy
- Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology
- The Ohio State University, Master of Physical Therapy

Dr. Garry Walters briefly described the presentation on The Ohio Plan for Technology and Economic Development that he, Dr. Sharon Brehm, and Dr. Harry Andrist have planned for the public Board meeting later that afternoon.

Dr. Jon Tafel talked about the K-16 initiatives that he and his Academic and Access colleagues are presently working on in collaboration with staff members at the Ohio Department of Education. He showed the Committee his new flow diagrams with embedded goal charts that are intended both to be made public documents and to foster accountability. The objective is to implement Regents' goals through this mechanism. Dr. Walters emphasized the linkages and interdependencies of the K-16 initiatives while stressing that the flow diagrams represent actions, not plans or studies in progress. Regent Perry noted that a rigorous tracking system was needed in order to make a real difference in the total quality management sense. He also praised Dr. Tafel's "*outstanding efforts*" in this regard.

Regent Gordon introduced the agenda items for the meeting by making note of the significant number of out-of-state programs coming into the State of Ohio to provide higher education services to Ohio's citizens.

Dr. Garry Walters described the process whereby recommendations are made for the distribution of federal funds under the Eisenhower Professional Development Program 2000.

Director Taggart described the request to grant the permanent charter for Cincinnati State Technical and Community College to replace its former technical college designation. He indicated that the College has made significant progress in realigning its programs to fit in better with the demands of the market place.

Director Taggart talked about the Associate of Applied Science degree program in Information Sciences at Belmont Technical College as an important offering and the first of its kind.

The Associate of Applied Science in Integrative Medical Massage Therapy was described by Director Taggart as a program designed to take advantage of a growing area in the higher education market.

The Cuyahoga Community College Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology was characterized by Director Taggart as a significant new offering that will provide important new opportunities for college students in northeast Ohio.

Dr. Harry Andrist described the Master of Physical Therapy degree program proposed by The Ohio State University. The program adheres closely to national standards in the discipline for the preparation of degree candidates for professional certification in Physical Therapy and will provide an entry-level post-baccalaureate professional degree to replace entirely the current undergraduate degree program in the same area. The anticipated implementation date is Summer Quarter of 2001. The national standards in Physical Therapy are slated to change in January of 2002 to limit the scope of professional accreditation strictly to post-baccalaureate educational programs.

Mr. Jack Connell introduced a representative of the University of St. Francis located in Joliet, Illinois who described the details of their Bachelor of Science in Health Arts degree program proposed for delivery within the State of Ohio. Regent Gordon asked how the University of St. Francis had found a sufficiently large enough group of students for this program in Ohio. It was noted that the program is an evening program for health professionals currently working in the hospitals where the courses will be offered. The number of working health professionals in Ohio signed up to begin this program in the fall currently exceeds eighty! The curriculum involves twenty-eight semester hours with many courses provided on-line over the internet. The Committee was told that the University of St. Francis now has a physical presence in seventeen states and offers on-line courses in thirty-four states. The University earned full North Central accreditation in 1999. The sites currently planned for the delivery of this program in Ohio are in Toledo, Dayton, Columbus, and Cincinnati.

Reports

- **Access Initiatives:** Ms. Leslie Sawyer reported that staff in the Access Initiatives area recently met with our External Affairs staff and representatives from OCAN and the Ohio GEAR UP program regarding the Regents' statewide marketing campaign as well as the identification of activities to increase collaboration on access initiatives. Staff are in the process of reviewing the current implementation of the Student Achievement in Research and Scholarship (STARS) program to develop a plan for enhancing the program's effectiveness. The plan will include moving the program to a performance-based funding model with a formal evaluation process and outcome measures. Ms. Sawyer provided an update on the collaboration with the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission to enhance access and success for students with disabilities on Ohio campuses by assuring adequate provision of auxiliary aids and services. As a part of the process of developing an interagency agreement with Rehabilitation Services, Ms. Sawyer has surveyed all the campuses in the State of Ohio to obtain information on current local models of collaboration in providing auxiliary services as well as challenges that hinder successful local partnerships. Ms. Sawyer explained that the interagency agreement would address patterns, trends, and critical issues that are uncovered through the survey results.
- **Workforce Development:** Mr. Michael Taggart gave an overview of current activities related to workforce development. He described the assessment survey designed to measure how well the two-year campuses cater to the needs of the market and what additional services might be in demand. Director Taggart talked about the on-line directory of EnterpriseOhio.org set up to allow the two-year institutions to serve industry in better ways as well as earmarked training grant fund through Jobs Challenge designed to facilitate the linkage of companies with two-year campuses.
- **Research:** Dr. Harry Andrist described the process whereby individual institutional awards are made within the Research Challenge program. This program represents the Regents' first true challenge program in that the size of the awards now being approved for individual campuses in FY 2001 are

dependent upon the external research funding secured by each institution in the last biennium. Dr. Andrist also described the status of the Regents' Incentive Fund Grant and Ohio Eminent Scholars competitions.

- K-16 Initiatives: Dr. Jon Tafel reported on several activities of the K-16 Initiatives group, including the Governing Committee on Student Success, Academic Standards, Assessment, and Accountability. He described the continuing evolution of standards for Ohio curricula including the work of the Joint Council on mathematics and English standards. He said draft standards are anticipated later this fall. In passing he noted that, currently, twenty-seven per cent of Ohio high school students require some form of academic remediation!