

**Program Effectiveness, Research & Technology Committee
Ohio Board of Regents
Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by Regent Beeghly at 11:00 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

Ohio Board of Regents staff:

Jamie Abel, Assistant Director, Communications
Harry Andrist, Director, Research & Graduate Programs
David Barber, Consultant, Academic & Access Programs
Roderick Chu, Chancellor
Bret Crow, Assistant Director, Communications
Kristina Frost, Vice Chancellor for Operations
Jane Fullerton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access
Deborah Gavlik, Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations
Rich Petrick, Vice Chancellor for Finance
Jonathan Tafel, Vice Chancellor for Educational Linkages & Access
Michael Taggart, Director, Workforce Development
Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement
Shaun Yoder, Legislative Liaison

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The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the June 17 meeting.

Information item for the Committee

Notre Dame College requested a degree title change from the Associate of Science in Nursing to Associate of Science in Health Sciences to comply with a request prompted by the Ohio Board of Nursing. The program was initially proposed at the June 17, 2004 Program Effective, Research & Technology Committee meeting. Regents' staff found no substantive concerns with the proposed change.

July 15 Board Agenda Items

- Approval for Ohio Eminent Scholars Program Award
- University of Phoenix, Master of Management; Master of Management/Human Resource Management
- Art Academy of Cincinnati, Institutional Reauthorization
- DeVry University, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Informatics
- Notre Dame College, Associate of Science in Health Sciences
- Tiffin University, Associate of Arts in Paraprofessional Education
- Lakeland Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Nuclear Engineering Technology
- Lakeland Community College, Associate of Technical Study degree (Type B) in Culinary Arts Technology
- University of Akron Community and Technical College, Associate of Applied Science in Geographic and Land Information Systems
- University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Educational Professional
- Ohio University, Master of Public Health
- University of Cincinnati, Educational Specialist in School Psychology
- University of Dayton, Master of Financial Mathematics
- Ohio State University, Doctor of Audiology
- Ohio State University, Doctor of Philosophy in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
- Ohio University, Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Biology

Approval was requested for an Ohio Eminent Scholars Program award to Case Western Reserve University for its new Wright Center of Innovation in Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine. This will be Ohio's 49th Eminent Scholar, and it is anticipated that this new senior scholar will help Cleveland and Ohio achieve national and international visibility in this important and rapidly developing biomedical area. Dr. Harry Andrist said a few words about the work of the Case Center, its new spin-off company called Arteriocyte, and its four new adult stem cell therapies that are in clinical trials.

Regents' staff spoke briefly about the University of Phoenix's request to offer the Master of Management and Master of Management/Human Resource Management degree programs at sites in Ohio. Reviews of the programs indicated that the university met Regents' minimum standards for graduate programs but that additional information was needed before full authorization could be granted. As a result, staff recommends provisional authorization at this time, with a follow-up review to be conducted in three years to determine full approval.

Items 3.1-3.16 were moved to the board consent agenda.

Items Proposed for the September 23 Board Meeting

- Antioch University, Institutional Reauthorization
- Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Institutional Reauthorization
- Tri-State Bible College, Institutional Reauthorization

Regents' staff spoke briefly about the proposals from each institution. There were no serious concerns raised in the review process and the institutions met Regents' standards for institutional reauthorization.

Committee Reports

Warren County Pilot Project

Dr. Garrison Walters and Michael Taggart reported that conditions have been met, and needed additional information has been provided, to support the change from provisional to final approval for the pilot program in Warren County. It should be noted that there is a very detailed and specific Ohio Revised Code requirement for a formal community college plan from Warren County, if the pilot program is successful.

Belmont Technical College and Ohio University

Dr. Walters reported on the recent discussions with Belmont Technical College and Ohio University. The two institutions will continue to explore possible academic and administrative collaborations as they develop a shared vision for higher education delivery in that region of the state. The continuation of discussions should be the subject for a forthcoming staff report at the September meeting.

Research

Dr. Walters and Dr. Andrist described a new initiative recently under development in collaboration with staff members in the Department of Development and the Governor's office relating to the alignment of all of Ohio's science and technology programs. This approach is focused on customer needs, available mechanisms, and programmatic resources that, after appropriate analysis, should provide new administrative efficiencies and insights.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.