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**OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING  
AT SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY, March 11**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – The Ohio Board of Regents will hold its March 2004 meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thurs., March 11, at Shawnee State University, 940 Second St., Portsmouth, OH 45662-4344.

Representatives of the university will be making a presentation, “Shawnee State University: An Excellent Choice Among Ohio’s Public Universities.” The presentation will feature Dr. Rita Rice Morris, university president; Eric Marit, a student member of the university’s board of trustees; and Ellen Newberry, president of the Student Government Association at Shawnee.

A focal point of the March meeting will be a briefing on the status of the higher education budget following announcements from the Governor’s office expected earlier in the week. Among items recommended for board consideration are: approval to create the Warren County Community College District and a request by Ohio University to pledge student fees in support of a bond issuance (see attached agenda for a detailed agenda).

Media and the public are encouraged to attend the board meeting, as well as the 9 a.m.-noon committee meetings, all being held in the University Center’s Micklethwaite Banquet Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor).

The Ohio Board of Regents is the coordinating body for higher education in the state. Created in 1963 by the General Assembly, the 11-member public board has a direct, non-governing relationship with all of Ohio’s colleges and universities.

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**Note:** A board meeting agenda and committee meeting schedule are attached. The next monthly meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents is scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m., April 22, 2004, at the Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Rootstown, Ohio.