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**OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING
AT RIO GRANDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE, Jan. 22**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Board of Regents will hold its January 2004 meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 22, at Rio Grande Community College/University of Rio Grande, 218 North College Ave., Rio Grande, OH 45674-3131.

The board will welcome a new regent, Anthony D. Houston. The Cleveland-area resident was appointed to the board Jan. 12 by Ohio Gov. Bob Taft to complete the unexpired term of Edwin J. Rigaud, of Cincinnati, who resigned.

Additionally, officials from the college will be making a presentation, "Rio Grande: Making a difference for Southern Ohio." The presentation will feature Barry M. Dorsey, college president; Herman L. Koby, chairman of the college's board of trustees; Jayne Burger, an educator with Gallia County Local Schools; Thomas Tope, president and chairman of Holzer Consolidated Health Systems; John Pelletier, vice president and general manager of WRYV Radio and president of the Gallia County Area Chamber of Commerce; and Rio Grande students Alicia Halley, Marcia Smoot and Xiao Sun.

Among items recommended for board action are a revision of Ohio's Articulation and Transfer Policy, following a presentation by Jonathan Tafel, vice chancellor for educational linkages and access for the Ohio Board of Regents. Other items to be considered are: distribution of federal funds under the Improving Teacher Quality state grants program, consideration of a name change for Muskingum Area Technical College to Zane State College, and consideration of higher education capital recommendations for FY 2005-FY2006.

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 Conference Room C of the Student Center Annex at the college.

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., March 11, 2004, at Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, OH. There will be no February meeting.