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STATEWIDE CONFERENCE OF COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES TO FOCUS ON LIMITATIONS, OTHER CHALLENGES

COLUMBUS, Ohio – A statewide conference of Ohio’s college and university leaders will focus on challenges of how campus leaders will grapple with recently enacted state spending limitations and other topics facing Ohio higher education.

The conference begins this evening (June 5) with a 7:15 p.m. keynote address from nationally-known New York Times conservative op-ed columnist David Brooks. He will speak on the ties between higher education and the economy and examples that he’s observed in Ohio and around the nation.

Tomorrow (June 6), Dr. Frances Strickland – wife of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ted Strickland – will deliver remarks during a breakfast session, while Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell – Republican gubernatorial candidate – will share his thoughts during a luncheon session.

Also on Tuesday, panels of experts will direct discussions on coping with the recently enacted TEL legislation; solving the state’s need for additional math and science students, graduates and instructors; facing the mounting deferred maintenance problems on Ohio’s public campuses; learning about Colorado’s experiences under government spending restrictions; and charting a more prosperous course for Ohioans in the Knowledge Economy.

The conference is being held at The Columbus Renaissance Hotel. The conference is not open to the general public, but members of the media are invited to attend all sessions free of charge. For more information on the conference, please visit the Ohio Board of Regents website at: www.regents.state.oh.us/conference .

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: *The next monthly meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents is scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m., June 15 at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.*