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REGENTS ELECT NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2007

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Donna M. Alvarado of Granville, Ohio, today (Nov. 16, 2006) was elected to serve as chair of the Ohio Board of Regents for 2007.

“I am deeply honored to serve our state as chair of the Ohio Board of Regents,” said Alvarado. “Together with my fellow Regents, I look forward to a strong partnership with the General Assembly, Governor-elect Ted Strickland, our colleagues at the State Board of Education and the leaders of Ohio’s colleges and universities.

“The imperative is clear. Ohio’s economic revival depends upon our collective ability to support the development of the full intellectual capacity of our people.”

Joining Alvarado in leadership positions will be Bruce R. Beeghly of Youngstown, as vice chair, and James M. Tuschman of Toledo, as board secretary. Alvarado replaces Edmund J. Adams of Cincinnati, chairman for 2005 and 2006.

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.

Regent Alvarado was appointed to the board in 2002. She serves as president of Aguila International, a leadership consulting firm. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on several corporate boards, including Park National Bank in Newark, Ohio. She is the chair of the Ohio Governor’s Workforce Policy Board. She was recently appointed to the board of directors for CSX Corporation, which owns companies providing rail, intermodal and rail-to-truck transload services that are among the nation’s leading transportation companies.

Alvarado served on the board of trustees of the Central Ohio Technical College in Newark, Ohio, for nine years and was elected chairperson of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

With bachelor’s and master’s degrees earned from The Ohio State University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude, Alvarado completed doctoral coursework in Latin American literature at the University of Oklahoma and a postgraduate certificate in financial management at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

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Regent Beeghly was appointed to the board in 2002. He serves as president of Altronic Inc., a designer and manufacturer of electronic products sold worldwide. Other manufacturing businesses in the corporate family operate in Texas and California.

Beeghly was elected to two terms on the board of education for Liberty Local Schools and served nine years on the board of trustees at Youngstown State University, acting as chairperson in 1998-2000. He is a past trustee of the Youngstown State University Foundation and also served as a member of the Regents Higher Education Funding Commission.

Beeghly received his bachelor's degree in engineering from California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.

Regent Tuschman was appointed to the board in 2004. He currently is *Of Counsel* for Barkan and Robon Ltd. He previously was a senior executive at OmniSource Corporation, Northern Ohio Group, from 1997-2001. He practiced with the law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick from 1966 through 1985 (partner in 1971) and then co-founded the law firm of Jacobson, Maynard, Tuschman & Kalur.

Tuschman served as a member of the board of trustees of The University of Toledo from 1995-2004 and was chairman from 2000-2002. He also was a member of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy and served as the co-chair of its subcommittee on governance, structure and finance.

Tuschman earned a bachelor's degree in business from Miami University and a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University College of Law.

Regent Adams was appointed to the board in 1999. He is *Of Counsel* to Frost Brown Todd LLC and is a former managing partner of its predecessor firm, Frost & Jacobs.

Adams served as a member of the 2003-04 Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy and co-chaired the commission's committee on Delivering Results. He is serving on the governor's Partnership for Continued Learning.

Adams received his degrees from Xavier University (A.B.) and the University of Notre Dame (L.L.B.) and is a former U.S. Army HAWK Missile Battery Commander.

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