

Minutes
Board Meeting
The Ohio State University at Newark

January 18, 2018; 8:30 – 9:10 a.m.

The John Gilbert Reese Center, Executive Conference Room (Room 255)

1. Call to Order

Board Chair, Dr. Sharad Thakkar, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room of The John Gilbert Reese Center.

2. Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2017 Board Meeting

The minutes of the November 16, 2017, Board meeting were approved as distributed

3. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as distributed with the exception of topics omitted due to absences.

4. Public Comments

Dr. Thakkar stated that he attended the Par Excellence Academy Annual Breakfast on Martin Luther King Day, Monday January 15, hosted by Ohio State Newark and COTC. The program was excellent and very well attended. Dr. Thakkar also stated that Michael Stamatikos will be giving a presentation entitled “Cosmic Messengers” today, Thursday January 18, from 7-8pm in the auditorium of Founders Hall. The program is presented in conjunction with The Works and is free and open to the public.

5. Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) Board Report

John Hinderer, Chair of the COTC Board, stated that COTC President Bonnie Coe, has announced her plans to retire at the end of 2018. She is COTC’s first and only president. Rob Montagnese is chair of the presidential search committee with executive support from Dr. Jackie Parrill. The committee’s goal is to have a new president selected in the fall and have that person ready to start in January 2019. Mr. Hinderer also reported that the Licking County Chamber Groundhog Breakfast is Friday, February 2. COTC is the corporate sponsor this year, and it will be held on the Newark Campus in Adena Hall.

Marcia Downes requested data on matriculation for the College Credit Plus program at COTC. She stated that when parents understand that the program is offered at no cost, they will see the value.

6. Faculty Assembly Report

Asuman Turkmen, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, reported that a listening session was conducted by the General Education (GE) Curriculum Committee from the Columbus Campus. The GE curriculum is being reviewed and updated, and the session allowed faculty the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback. Dr. Turkmen also reported that the faculty assembly is having an election for open assembly officers, which are Vice president, secretary, ombudsperson, and faculty representative. Lastly, Dr. Turkmen reported that the assembly is seeking topics for the April faculty forum.

7. Dean's/Director's Report

Dean Bill MacDonald commented on Dr. Coe's retirement, stating that working with Bonnie has been a great experience. She is a good colleague and a good friend who has looked out for the benefit of Ohio State Newark. She received the Helping Hand Award from the Par Excellence academy at the Martin Luther King annual breakfast earlier in the week. She does not wish to have public attention, but she has asked that people write personal notes for her read after she retires.

- ***SciDome Update.*** Dean MacDonald stated that Neil deGrasse Tyson is not an option for a keynote speaker or a video production for the SciDome grand opening, as his fee is cost prohibitive. Dr. MacDonald asked Marcia Downes to give a construction update. Ms. Downes reported that construction is on schedule, and she invited board members to stop in and see it. The Dome installation will begin on February 19 and it will take three weeks to complete. Carpet and chairs will be installed during the second week of March. In April, Spitz, the dome builder, will train director Mike Stamatikos, staff, and interns from Ohio State on how to use the system. There will be a second training for volunteers. In May there will be focus groups for testing, which will include groups of OSU Science students, pre-schoolers and their parents, and fourth graders. On May 16 at 5pm there will be a showing for both COTC and Ohio State Newark boards and all of the construction workers who worked on the project. Evaluations and feedback will be gathered throughout the process. Dr. Stamatikos will be leading all of the events and presentations. He is working with Ohio State Newark on Earthworks data.

The navigation exhibit will start with the Mound Builders and how they used lunar alignments and will go all the way to industry today and how the aerospace industry uses the North Star. There are three local companies that support the aerospace station: Boeing, Kaiser Aluminum, and Contour Forming. These industries will be represented in the space and Ms. Downes asked for other suggestions. The Works is an industry museum and the desire is to wrap industry connections into it. That exhibit will open in early May and the team will be taking feedback to make changes all the way up until the SciDome grand opening on June 8. Ms. Downes expressed her desire to have groups of potential science related students come down to The Works during recruiting and have an OSU Student Day and allow Dr. Stamatikos to engage these students. The facility can and should be used to Ohio State Newark's advantage for recruiting science students.

- ***Search for New Development Director Going Forward.*** Dean MacDonald gave an update on the Development Office. He announced that Kim Manno has passed the Certified Fund Raising Executive Exam and congratulated her on this accomplishment. He also announced that the search for a development director is going forward and he will work on an updated position description and charter with Bonnie Coe and Steve Bergfeld, Vice President of Development for Ohio State. The Ohio State Office of Development has recently formed a team to work with each of the regional campuses to provide more resources. The director position will be on the Newark campus, and Steve Bergfeld is completely supportive of that. Dean MacDonald also reported that Kim Manno is bringing back the outreach lunches. If board members wish to suggest community members who should be invited, please contact Kim.

- ***Transportation Options for Students.*** Dean MacDonald reported that the topic of transportation options for students is on the minds of student government. Dr. Coe and Dean MacDonald will meet soon with representatives at Denison to talk about potentially establishing a relationship with a private company for transportation options. Ohio State Newark, COTC and Denison have been working with the Licking County Transportation Authority for some time and have not made progress on a solution. The interests served will be local transportation for residential students to get around Newark as well as transportation between Newark and the Columbus campus. Denison's needs are for a route between its campus and Columbus. The priority is to get students to internships and getting employees from Franklin County out to Licking County to work. Denison has experienced increased turnover due to transportation issues. The "Big Red Bus" runs local routes during the week but it is costly and lacking for students. The notion of partnering is to save money and provide good service for students.
- ***Other.*** Dean MacDonald announced that Board Member Diane DeLawder (absent) recently retired as director for A Call to College but is now serving as chair for that board. She was recently featured in Ohio State Newark's Progress Report for winning a Distinguished Alumni Award.

Mr. Dan DeLawder has been recommended for reappointment to the board for The Works, and it is customary for Ohio State Newark's board to vote for this reappointment. A motion was made and seconded in favor of Dan DeLawder's reappointment to the board for The Works. The motion was unanimously approved with one abstention.

Marcia Downes asked David Brillhart for an update on the funding for the STEM building and the status with the State of Ohio. David reported that efforts to obtain funding from the state for the project have not been successful. Instead, a line of credit is being requested from the Columbus Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$8.5M. The entire project is contingent on that request. Once this funding is secured, the rest of the funding is in place. David is waiting daily for word on that request.

Dean MacDonald stated that there is strong interest at the Columbus campus across colleges to invest in regional campuses in some way and is optimistic that there could be some additional investment beyond the loan. He stated that could be pushed along more quickly because of the conversation about modifying the campus change criteria, which is the standard used to determine a student's eligibility to transfer from a regional campus to main campus. Currently the requirement is a 2.0 GPA and completion of 30 semester hours. With the focus on student success outlined in the university's strategic plan, the consensus is that the GPA should be 2.5. Students with less than 2.5 tend not to do as well once they have changed campuses. In seeking ways to best serve those students, it is believed that if they spend another year at their campus of origin, they would do better. If that happens, Ohio State Newark would have an enrollment increase because students would remain at this campus longer before transferring. If tuition grants for Pell eligible students are extended to regional campuses, an additional increase in enrollment would be likely. These increases in enrollment would add pressure to the campus' ability to serve the number of students, especially

with respect to science courses. This would support the argument that a STEM building is essential for Ohio State Newark to continue serving the enrollment volume.

There was a question about when the GPA requirement would be increased to 2.5. Dean MacDonald stated that it could coincide with the revision of the General Educational curriculum, which will not happen before the 2019-2020 academic year. It would likely take effect after that.

There was a question about how students can be supported in this process. Dean MacDonald stated that having the STEM building is the first priority. He also stated that if funding from external sources can be acquired ahead of the STEM building, there will be other student success programs already in place when the enrollment begins to increase. These programs include peer led team instruction in science courses, especially biology and chemistry. Right now there is not a pool of advanced students because they move on to Columbus campus after their first year. If they stayed for the second year they could become peer mentors for the first-year students. Another initiative is to bring faculty from Columbus to the Newark campus to visit with students. Dean MacDonald stated that freshman research seminars are a great way for students to get connected with faculty early on. These relationships, especially in the sciences and with underrepresented minority students, are crucial to student success. Freshman research seminars have never been done at Newark. Another learning community principle is through the University Exploration (EXP) courses that build community among students with a common major.

8. Other Business

Dr. Thakkar stated that committee reports will be shared at the next meeting.

9. Next Board Meeting – March 15, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the Reese Board Room

- *Upcoming Board Meeting Dates for 2018 at 8:30 a.m.*
 - May 17, 2018
 - June 21, 2018

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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