

**Minutes**  
**Board Meeting**  
**The Ohio State University at Newark**

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June 15, 2017 -- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair of the Board, Dr. Sharad Thakkar, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2016, Board Meeting**

The minutes of the May 18, 2017, Board meeting were amended based on revisions made by Board Secretary, Kathy Lloyd, to the OCOG discussion item.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved as distributed.

**4. Public Comments**

Dr. Sharad Thakkar, Vice Chair of the Board, invited public comments. No public comments were presented.

**5. COTC Board Report**

John Hinderer, Chair of the Board of the Central Ohio Technical College, reported that the Licking County Senior Living Expo was held on May 25<sup>th</sup> in the Reese Center and was presented in partnership with the Licking County Aging Program, the Licking County Task Force on Aging, and the Lifelong Learning Institute at COTC. It was a highly successful event with high attendance and a great resource for seniors in our region.

Mr. Hinderer also reported that Senator Sherrod Brown will hold a Summer Manufacturing Institute on COTC's Coshocton Campus during the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> for students entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The goal of the Institute is to introduce students to manufacturing careers using curriculum-based and hands-on activities along with direct interactions with local manufacturers. Tours will also be provided at some of the local companies, including AEP, Jones Metal, Annin Flagmakers and many others. The camp is offered at no cost thanks to the sponsorship of the U.S. Senate and Senator Brown, COTC, the Coshocton Port Authority and Ohio Means Jobs.

Mr. Hinderer reported that COTC will be hosting another group of 15 students from Italy this summer from July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup>, thanks to the sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. Reese. He noted that Holly Mason, Director of Student Life, has developed a full itinerary for the guests while here and that all students and chaperones will be staying with host families in the area. He also noted that Mr. and Mrs. Reese will personally host the group this year on August 5<sup>th</sup> with a farewell picnic.

## 6. Faculty Assembly Report

Dean Bill MacDonald announced that the new Chair of Faculty Assembly is Dr. Asuman Turkmen and that she is travelling at this time and will make her first report to the Board at the September 2017 meeting.

## 7. Budget Update

David Brillhart reported that the Ohio Senate released its version of the state budget this week and the next step is for a vote on the Senate floor and then the Senate version of the budget bill will move into conference committee, with the House Version and Senate Version to be reconciled and then sent to the Governor by June 30, 2017. He noted that the textbook allowance initiative was removed from the Governor's budget by both the House and Senate. He noted that the Governor's version of the budget imposed a tuition freeze on colleges and universities, however the House version of the budget allows for an increase in tuition if a guarantee of four years of no tuition increase is offered to students. The Senate version did not include this increase but allows for a \$10 per credit hour increase in the first year of the biennium and a 2 % increase in the second year of the biennium or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. He noted that a \$10 per credit hour increase would be approximately 3.3% tuition increase in tuition for Ohio State Newark. The conference committee proceedings will determine the state budget that is ultimately sent to the Governor by June 30<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Brillhart noted that he will provide a full budget report at the September 2017 Board meeting. Mr. Brillhart also reported that the College Credit Plus program continues to be a significant issue for the state and for K-12 and the higher education community and that many details of the program continue to be worked out.

## 8. Report of the Executive Committee of the Board

- ***Conflict of Interest Disclosure.*** Dr. Sharad Thakkar, Vice Chair of the Board, advised Board members of the “Conflict of Interest Disclosure” for Board members as noted in the By-Laws of Regional Campus Boards of The Ohio State University, Section E). Voluntary disclosure should be made each year by August 1<sup>st</sup> if a Board member has a conflict of interest to report. Disclosure reports should be sent to Provost Bruce McPheron at [mcpheron.24@osu.edu](mailto:mcpheron.24@osu.edu) with a copy to his assistant, Joan Lieb at [lieb.31@osu.edu](mailto:lieb.31@osu.edu).
- ***Resolution in Recognition of Board Service of Lisa Whittaker and Resolution in Recognition of Board Service of Dr. Tom Mills.*** Dr. Sharad Thakkar, Vice Chair of the Board, read resolutions on behalf of the Board in recognition of the Board service of both Lisa Whittaker and Dr. Tom Mills. He noted that original copies of the resolutions will be sent to Ms. Whittaker and Dr. Mills.
- ***Reappointment of Board Member.*** Dr. Sharad Thakkar, Vice Chair of the Board, reported that the recommendation was made to Provost Bruce McPheron to reappoint Board Member Marcia Downes for an additional three-year term from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020.
- ***Nomination of New Board Members.*** Dr. Sharad Thakkar, Vice Chair of the Board, reported that two new Board members were nominated to serve on the Board and that these nominations have been forwarded to Provost Bruce McPheron. The two nominees include: Mr. Matthew R. Miller, Executive Vice President of Park National Corporation; and Dr. Talya Greathouse, Physician and Chief of Staff of Licking Memorial Hospital.

- **Nomination of New Student Board Member.** Dr. Thakkar noted that the new student Board member who has been nominated to the Provost is Mr. Joshua Flickinger, a second year student at Ohio State Newark.
- **Election of Board Officers for 2017-2018.** Dr. Thakkar led the discussion and voting on the election of the new Board officers for 2017-2018 and the election included the following: Dr. Sharad Thakkar, Chair of the Board; Kathy Lloyd, Vice Chair of the Board; and Todd Ware, Secretary of the Board. The term of appointment of the Board officers is July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- **Appointment of Ohio State Newark Board Liaison to COTC Board for 2017-2018.** Chris Meyer agreed to continue to serve as the Ohio State Newark Board liaison to the COTC Board for 2017-2018.

## 9. Dean's/Director's Report

- **SciDome Update.** Dean Bill MacDonald provided an update on the SciDome Groundbreaking Ceremony that was held on June 2nd at The Works and noted that one year from now, we will have an opening ceremony for the new SciDome in Newark.
- **New Residence Hall Update.** Dr. MacDonald also provided an update on the new residence hall and noted that students will be moving in to the new facility on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and classes begin on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. He noted that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new residence hall will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> with tours of the residence hall and a special VIP luncheon and that Board members will be invited to attend (11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Tours; 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. Invited Guests Luncheon).
- **Fall Convocation/First Year Students.** Dean MacDonald reported that the Fall 2017 Convocation for first year students, faculty, staff and Board members who are available will be held on August 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Adena Gymnasium.
- **Board Appreciation Dinner.** Dean MacDonald also noted that he will be organizing a dinner for Board members in the early fall semester to express his appreciation for their service to Ohio State University Newark. Details to follow later this summer.

## 10. Board Meeting Dates for 2017-2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Reese Board Room (Room 255):

- September 21, 2017
- November 16, 2017
- January 18, 2018
- March 15, 2018
- May 17, 2018
- June 21, 2018

## 11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by*

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