

Minutes
Board Meeting
The Ohio State University at Newark

March 16, 2017 -- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

1. Call to Order

Board Chair, Marcia Downes, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Welcome of Special Guest

Board Chair, Marcia Downes, welcomed Dr. Jennifer Cowley, Vice Provost of the Regional Campuses, to the Board meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2017, Board Meeting

The minutes of the January 19, 2017, Board meeting were approved as distributed.

4. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as distributed.

5. Public Comments

Marcia Downes, Board Chair, invited public comments. No public comments were presented.

6. COTC Board Report

John Hinderer, Chair of the Board of the Central Ohio Technical College, reported on COTC's new "Celebratory #1 Advertising Campaign" which features current and past COTC students holding up foam fingers and pennants to revel publicly in the fact that the College was recently ranked #1 by Ohio PayScale which ranks the best community and career colleges by salary potential. COTC was ranked 19th nationally.

Mr. Hinderer also reported that Dr. Coe and Vicki Maple are currently in San Francisco accepting an award from the League for Innovations in the Community College which is honoring the Workforce Development Innovation Center at COTC with an "Innovation of the Year Award" during the annual national conference. The Workforce Development Innovation Center at COTC is being honored for "Leveraging the WDIC as a Solution Strategy Center."

Mr. Hinderer noted that the campus is currently hosting nearly 2,200 students (March 14-16) at the CareerXpress event which reaches out to 11th graders from Licking County high schools as well as nearly 200 leaders in business, industry and education. This is a great opportunity to showcase our campus and the many career pathways possible for students.

Mr. Hinderer reported that this year's GROW Licking County Investors' Breakfast was held on our campus on March 1st and brought together public sector, private sector, K-12 and higher education leaders to discuss economic development opportunities in Central Ohio.

7. Faculty Assembly Report

Dr. Paul Sanders, Chair of Faculty Assembly, provided a report on the activities of the Faculty Assembly during the spring 2017 semester.

8. Board Committee Reports

- ***Student Life Committee.*** Holly Mason, Director of Student Life, provided an update on Student Life activities during the spring 2017 semester.
- ***Academic Affairs Committee.*** Jamie White, Retention Coordinator, provided an update on the campus' "Senior Completion Grant Initiative." She reported that 55 percent of seniors at Ohio State Newark have unmet financial need with the median unmet need in the amount of \$6,623.00. Dr. Jennifer Cowley, Vice Provost of the Regional Campuses, was instrumental in identifying an external grant opportunity that provides \$50,000 in funding from fall 2016 to June 2018. Each regional campus receives \$12,500 from this grant. In the fall of 2016, 18 students at Ohio State Newark were eligible for the grant and 7 students received a grant. In the spring of 2017, 10 students were eligible and 7 students received a grant. Ms. White noted that all the students who received grant aid were retained and/or graduated, with the exception of one student who withdrew. Feedback from students who received grant aid indicated that these funds alleviated a significant financial burden and that they were able to work less hours at part time employment. As a result, all but one of the students was successfully retained through to graduation and/or persistence to graduation. Ms. White noted that there is a second phase of the Completion Grant program and that funds will be available to each regional campus of The Ohio State University from fall 2018 through June 2020.
- ***External Relations Committee.*** Matt Kelly, Director of Development at Ohio State Newark, provided a fundraising update, including an overview of gift and naming opportunities for the new residence hall that will open in the fall of 2017. Mr. Kelly reported on the Next Generation Challenge and current projects, which include the naming of spaces for the new residence hall (event center, outdoor patio, grand lounge, and nine student lounge areas). In addition, fundraising is underway to support endowed professorships, including an endowed professorship in astrophysics related to the SciDome partnership between Ohio State Newark and The Works. He also reported on the status of planning for a new STEM/Science building. (For additional information, please see attached outline of Mr. Kelly's presentation.)

9. Dean's/ Director's Report

- ***Legislative and Budget Update.*** Dean MacDonald reported that the current legislative version of the budget holds flat state share of instruction (state subsidy) and that the Governor's requirement that universities pay for students' textbooks has been replaced with a requirement that universities report textbook costs to the Chancellor and work to reduce textbook costs. In addition, he reported that the tuition freeze has been lifted for institutions that implement a four-year tuition guarantee. If the university were to adopt such a tuition-adjustment model, we would have the flexibility to leave our tuition unchanged or increase tuition up to 6 percent. The state Senate has not yet finalized its

version of the budget and we will not know the outcome until they do so, and the budget then goes on to Conference Committee of the House and Senate to reconcile the two versions of the budget. This means that our budget for next year is likely to remain tentative until sometime in July.

- ***Ohio State’s Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Reaccreditation Site Visit.*** Dean MacDonald reported that a site reviewer from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will be visiting the Ohio State Newark campus on March 24th to meet with administrators, faculty, staff and students as part of The Ohio State University’s reaccreditation process.
- ***Campus Visit by President Michael V. Drake.*** Dean MacDonald reported that President Michael V. Drake will be visiting the Newark campus on March 22nd and will hold an Open Forum for faculty and staff. He will also meet with students in the afternoon, take a tour of the campus, and Dean MacDonald will host a luncheon with Board members and President Drake at noon in the Reese Center.
- ***Ohio State Newark/The Works SciDome Partnership.*** Dean MacDonald noted that a joint press conference will be held on May 4th by The Works and Ohio State Newark to announce the new SciDome partnership; and that it will be held at 10:00 a.m. at The Works. He also noted that a community groundbreaking to celebrate the SciDome partnership will be held at The Works on June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. All Board members at Ohio State Newark are invited to attend a dinner following the groundbreaking ceremony (more information to follow).

10. Other Business - OCOG Grants

The Board had continued discussion regarding the issue of Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) funding and its availability for students attending the regional campuses of The Ohio State University.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.