

Amended Minutes
Board Meeting
The Ohio State University at Newark

May 18, 2017 -- 8:30 a.m. – 9:40 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. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2016, Board Meeting

The minutes of the March 16, 2017, Board meeting were amended to note that the Board continued to discuss Ohio College Opportunity Grant funding (OCOG) and that students at Ohio State's regional campuses are not eligible to receive OCOG grant funding.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as distributed.

4. Public Comments

Marcia Downes, Board Chair, 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 three COTC students were honored at the All-Ohio Academic Team Luncheon that was sponsored by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges at the statehouse in Columbus on April 20th.

Mr. Hinderer also reported that COTC held its annual Egg Drop event on April 28th with more than 400 students from 24 different Ohio high schools in attendance as they participated in this engineering design competition. Students on the winning team from Grove City received a trophy and each member of the team received a \$1,000 scholarship to COTC.

Mr. Hinderer reported that COTC Board member, Robby Robinson passed away in April of this year at the age of 93. Mr. Robinson was appointed by the Governor to the COTC Board and served from 1995 to 2007. He was instrumental in making associate degrees available to Coshocton residents and his tireless efforts resulted in Montgomery Hall which now sits in the heart of Roscoe Village in Coshocton.

Mr. Hinderer reported that at the Spring Commencement of COTC on May 5th, nearly 225 associate degrees and certificates were awarded. The ceremony included two keynote speakers who shared their inspirational stories regarding their lives and educational journeys and ultimate academic success.

6. 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. He noted that in April a Faculty Assembly Forum was held with a focus on inclusive teaching in order to address the needs of the campus' diverse student body. He also reported that discussions have been underway regarding the revision of Ohio State's general education curriculum, with a recent visit to our campus by the regional campuses' representative on the GE committee in Columbus. Dr. Sanders also noted that this would be his last meeting in the capacity of the current Chair of the Faculty Assembly and that next year's chair, Dr. Asuman Turkman, will serve as Chair of Faculty Assembly in 2017-2018.

7. Financial Report

David Brillhart distributed and reviewed the Ohio State Newark's Financial Report for fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 (report dated April 30, 2017). He noted that overall revenue for this reporting cycle is 99.0 percent (which includes state subsidy, student fees, investment income, and other operating revenue). He also noted that enrollment and fees are pacing well to projections; and that expenses are pacing very well to budget. He noted that we are expecting to have a healthy bottom line for the current fiscal year and that he anticipates that we will close out the year with a surplus.

With regard to the state budget for the next fiscal year, he noted that the House has submitted their budget and that the Senate is now working on their version of the budget. The budget will go to Conference Committee in mid-June and we may not have a final budget until June 30th.

8. Board Committee Reports

- ***Board Nominating Committee.*** Marcia Downes, Chair of the Board, reported that two current members of the Board will have completed their terms of appointment to the Board on June 30, 2017 and that the Executive Committee of the Board (which serves as the Nominating Committee of the Board) will be reviewing nominations for two new Board members in advance of the June 15th, 2017 meeting of the Board. She requested that Board members forward their nominations to her or to Dean Bill MacDonald prior to the end of May for their consideration. Nominations will be discussed at the June 2017 Board meeting and then forwarded to the Provost in Columbus for his consideration for appointment to the Board for a three-year term from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. Chair Downes also thanked Krysten Chadwick, student representative to the Board, for her two years of Board service and her contributions to the Board which were invaluable as the Board seeks to have the student perspective in its deliberations. Ms. Chadwick will be graduating this spring with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, and she will be pursuing a graduate degree in Occupational Therapy in the fall of 2017 at the Columbus campus of The Ohio State University. Members of the Board congratulated Ms. Chadwick on her achievements and wished her every success in her future studies and career. Dean MacDonald noted that a new student representative will be appointed to serve on the Board for the 2017-2018 academic year.

- ***Student Life Committee.*** Holly Mason, Director of Student Life, provided an update on Student Life activities during the 2016-2017 academic year. She noted that overall participation by students in campus events increased by 10 percent this year and that overall student involvement in student organizations and leadership roles increased by 37 percent this year. In addition, she noted that 14 of our student organizations this year addressed issues related to diversity and inclusion, which reflects the increase in the diversity of our students. With the renovations at Adena, it was noted that we have seen an increase in usage from an average of 80 people per day to an average of over 300 people per day. There have been requests for additional hours of access and Student Life is working on increasing the number of hours that Adena is open. Ms. Mason also reported that this year's "Operation Feed" was a huge success and that our campus almost doubled our contribution over last year and that we raised over \$800.00. She also noted that the Student Leadership Awards were a huge success this year with high participation rates and many awards were made. She noted that the Kilpatrick family was in attendance at the Awards ceremony to bestow the Kilpatrick Leadership Award, which is the highest Ohio State Newark student leadership award.
- ***Enrollment Committee.*** Diane Kanney, Director of Enrollment, distributed an enrollment report and reported that the Admissions Office held 8 Buckeye Visit Days on campus this year with approximately 807 students in attendance. She noted that this is a 43 percent increase in attendance over last year. She also reported that we held two (2) Admitted Students Open House receptions this year with 345 students in attendance, which is a 23% increase over last year. Ms. Kanney reported that interest by students in all of the regional campuses of Ohio State continues to be strong and that our goal at Ohio State Newark is to enroll 1,472 first-year students in the fall of 2017. She also reported that the Office of Admissions has been working with current students who are involved in the Telecounseling initiative which connects our current students with prospective students during telephone calls during the evening hours. This student-to-student initiative has reached approximately 6,000 prospective students with 9 student callers during the fall semester and 5 student callers in the spring. Ms. Kanney also noted that the Office of Admissions collaborated with "A Call to College" event this spring semester and that many high schools in the County organize campus visits.

Ms. Kanney also reported that we now have a waiting list of over 300 students who are seeking on-campus housing, even with the new residence hall coming online in the fall of 2017.

- ***Facilities Committee.*** Dr. Sharad Thakkar, Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Facilities Committee, introduced Brian Boehmer, Superintendent of Facilities. Mr. Boehmer presented an overview of the Facilities' projects recently completed, currently underway, and planned for the future on the Newark campus (see report attached). He noted that the new Residence Hall is 75-80 percent complete and so far is on time and on budget and that we anticipate a July 30, 2017 completion rate. He also reported on the study being undertaken for solar panels at the new Facilities Operations Building and the renovation of a space on campus for a new bee research Lab for Professor Karen Goodell due to the campus' departure from the Baker House facility. He also noted that renovations are underway for space for research labs in Founders Hall for Professor Andy Roberts' spider lab, for Chemistry, for Earth

Sciences, and for Anthropology faculty. He noted that the campus continues to have a great need for a new STEM building and Dean MacDonald noted that he continues to work with the Columbus campus to determine if any funds would be available to contribute to a STEM building project and other avenues of funding are being considered, although no definite plan regarding financing of a new STEM building has been developed. Mr. Boehmer also noted that the Ohio State Newark Executive Leadership Suite renovation has been completed and that Dean MacDonald and his staff moved into the new location at the end of April. He also reported on campus security upgrades, campus roof projects and other campus upgrades – such as boiler replacement in Lefevre Hall and flooring replacements in Reese, Founders, and the Warner Center. He noted other active projects such as campus infrastructure improvements, Rotary Park Expansion, the campus’ recycling initiative, and other projects. With regard to pending capital projects, Mr. Boehmer noted the following: Founders Hall renovations, the establishment of a Camlin-Tammen reserve parking area; the COTC Leadership Suite remodel; and campus electric service upgrades. He also reported on campus projects with the community, such as the Sharon Valley Road roundabout project, as well as the Coshocton SR 16 interchange project which involves ODOT and COTC.

Board Chair, Marcia Downes, expressed her appreciation to Mr. Boehmer for his presentation and his leadership on the many facilities and operations projects underway and planned for the Newark campus.

9. Dean’s/ Director’s Report

- **Graduation Celebration.** Dean MacDonald reported the April Graduation Celebration at Ohio State Newark had the largest turnout ever and that we may have to consider moving the event to Adena for next year. The formal Commencement ceremony and conferral of degrees takes place in Columbus, but at the Newark Graduation Celebration we recognized approximately 547 students who will be receiving Associate of Arts degrees for 2016-2017; and 134 students who will be receiving their BA/BS degrees for 2016-2017. We also recognized 1 graduate student who will receive the MA degree.
- **Campus Visits.** Dean MacDonald noted that this spring the Newark campus hosted a number of campus visits from senior leadership in Columbus, including President Michael Drake and Provost Bruce McPheron. We also hosted a meeting on campus with the new Vice Provost of University Libraries; as well as a reaccreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and by the leadership team of Ohio State’s University Innovation Alliance (UIA). The UIA is a national consortium of Big Ten institutions, including Ohio State, which is focusing on the use of predictive analytics/data to target students at-risk of dropping out or failing in their classes. The UIA team met with the Dean and the Dean’s Cabinet members, as well as Advising Staff and faculty members.
- **New Residence Hall Update.** Dean MacDonald added to Brian Boehmer’s earlier remarks on the new residence hall project by reporting that ‘hard hat’ tours will be held very soon and that we have set August 25th as the date for the ceremonial opening of the new residence hall. Dean MacDonald asked Board members to hold the date for this event and noted that invitations will be sent out in June with confirmation of date and time of the event. He noted that a VIP luncheon will be included and that Board members and their guests will receive a formal invitation to this event.

- ***Ohio State Newark/The Works SciDome Partnership.*** Dean MacDonald announced that the groundbreaking for the new SciDome will be held on June 2nd at The Works, following by a VIP dinner/picnic and events for families and other community members. The groundbreaking will take place at 5:45 p.m. Board Chair, Marcia Downes, reported that development efforts are underway to start an endowed professorship in astrophysics at Ohio State Newark and that her team is working with the Development Office at Ohio State Newark on this initiative.
- ***Departure of Cheri Russo, Director of Marketing and Public Relations.*** Dean MacDonald announced that Cheri Russo, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for both COTC and Ohio State Newark will be leaving in June to begin a new position at the Columbus campus of The Ohio State University. Dean MacDonald and Board members wished her success and thanked her for her work and contributions and success in marketing and public relations at Ohio State Newark.

10. OCOG Report

Kathy Lloyd, Board Secretary, provided an update on her efforts to address the issue of Ohio State's regional campuses' students not being eligible to receive Ohio College Opportunity Grants (OCOG). She noted that she has been in contact with the Ohio Department of Education and according to Ms. Lloyd, the agency rule was implemented without statutory authority by looking at sector averages and determining that regional campus students would receive grant aid in the form of Pell Grants in amounts that would be enough to cover sector average tuition costs if regional campuses are lumped together with community colleges as an alleged sector. She noted that a sector average approach was used, rather than an approach that would look at individual student needs as the statute would require. She also noted that time is of the essence before the next allocation of OCOG funds occurs. She reported that she will continue to work on this issue and update the Board on her efforts related to making OCOG grants available to Ohio State's regional campus students.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.