

Minutes
Board Meeting
The Ohio State University at Newark

January 19, 2017 -- 8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

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

1. Call to Order and Welcome of Guests

Board Chair, Marcia Downes, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room of The John Gilbert Reese Center and welcomed student guest presenters to the meeting (Beth Beattey, Steven Foley and Hunter Spittler).

2. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2016, Board Meeting

The minutes of the November 17, 2016, Board meeting were approved as distributed.

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, provided a report on current programs and events at COTC. He noted that the College recently bestowed its “Legends of Loyalty Awards” on four recipients who were recognized for their service to the College at an event on December 6th, 2016. He noted that this is the highest and most prestigious award given by the College, and that it was established in 2011 during the College’s 40th anniversary. Recipients of the award included: John Alford (posthumously) for his decades of involvement with the Newark campus; Barry Riley, a COTC trustee for 25 years and chair of the COTC Board’s Audit and Finance Committee; Steve Riley, a 32-year employee of COTC in the facilities department; and Scott Wilson, a 26-year faculty member at COTC. Recipients of the award receive a \$1,000 scholarship to a COTC student in the recipient’s name, an engraved award and their names are added to a perpetual plaque in the Office of the President. Mr. Hinderer also reported that the College will dedicate a permanent memorial on campus near Adena Hall to honor alumni and current students of the Institute for Public Services and Safety who are killed in the line of duty, and the memorial will be named after Officer Thomas Cottrell, Jr., the Danville, Ohio police officer who was killed in the line of duty last January and was a COTC alumnus. In addition, at the December Basic Police Academy graduation ceremony, COTC awarded two students with the Officer Thomas W. Cottrell

Jr. Award for Character and Dedication to Public Service. These \$1,000 awards are designed to help the graduating cadets with equipment purchases and other expenses associated with beginning their careers in law enforcement. In closing, Mr. Hinderer noted that COTC was awarded the 2016 Business of the Year award this month during the Knox County Chamber annual awards dinner in Mount Vernon.

6. Faculty Assembly Report

Dr. Paul Sanders, Chair of Faculty Assembly, reported that faculty at the regional campuses have been meeting with Dr. Jennifer Cowley, Vice Provost for the Regional Campuses, in an effort to review and analyze salaries of faculty on the regional campuses. He noted that a meeting was held in December and that he is able to report that the trends related to faculty salaries at the regional campuses are positive, especially for tenured and tenure-track faculty at Ohio State Newark. He also noted that next month a faculty development event will be held that addresses teaching and students with special needs in the classroom. He also noted that the Faculty Assembly will hold their annual Faculty Forum on April 21st, and that Dr. Elizabeth Weiser, Associate Professor of English at Ohio State Newark, has been appointed to serve as the campus' liaison to President Drake's newly-established Institute for Teaching and Learning at the Columbus campus.

7. Board Committee Reports

- ***Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee.***
 - ***Report from Director of Student Life.*** Holly Mason, Director of Student Life, reported that the Office of Student Life staff have been attending federally-mandated sessions for training on Title IX legislation which focuses on prevention related to sexual violence on college and university campuses and that the training is now complete. She also reported that the results of Ohio State's campus climate survey indicate that students on the Newark campus feel safe and informed regarding university policies and programs. She also reported that her office is participating in a grant application in the amount of \$20,000 that would address issues related to suicide prevention among students. She also reported that the campus' new meditation room opened in Warner 209 on January 9th. She noted that this year the campus' Career Fair which will be held on April 4th includes a partnership with Ohio Means Jobs.
 - ***Report on Student Leadership Conference.*** During the fall of 2016 semester, several Ohio State Newark students gave a presentation on the importance of mentoring future student leaders at a statewide student life conference. The three students who presented at the conference provided a power point presentation of their work for the Board. The students included: Beth Beattey, President,

Student Government, Ohio State Newark/COTC; Steven Foley, President, Habitat for Humanity, Ohio State Newark/COTC; and Hunter Spittler, President, Campus Activities Board, Ohio State Newark/COTC. The students traced the path of the development of their leadership abilities to key staff, faculty and student mentors they experienced and their conference presentation focused on identifying and supporting mentors as a path to the development of student leadership. The presentation was highly regarded at the statewide conference and Board members congratulated the students on their efforts to highlight the importance of mentoring for leadership development and for sharing their experiences with students and staff throughout the state.

8. Dean's/ Director's Report

- ***Congratulations to COTC on 45th Anniversary.*** Dean MacDonald expressed his congratulations to COTC on its 45th anniversary and noted the excellent partnership that COTC and Ohio State Newark have established together for the last 45 years, and commented that he looks forward to the next 45 years as we work together to provide access and quality educational programs to the students in our community and region.
- ***Waiver of Application Fee for COTC Students.*** Dean MacDonald reported that Ohio State Newark recently announced that we will be waiving the application fee for COTC graduates who are interested in pursuing a four-year degree following the completion of their students at COTC. He noted that waiving the application fee will remove one more financial hurdle that students face as they pursue their education and the new waiver is another example of the special relationship that has been established between Ohio State Newark and COTC.
- ***State Share of Instruction (SSI) Update.*** Dean MacDonald reported that Ohio State Newark received state share of instruction (SSI) funding this year of approximately \$800,000 over what had been projected as a result of the campus' significant increase in the number of associate degrees awarded to students who complete the requirements of the associate degree as they pursue their baccalaureate degrees.
- ***Exploration of Possible New Science Building.*** Dean MacDonald reported that the campus is currently exploring various possibilities regarding the construction of a new science building at Newark. He is working with others on forecasting regarding the campus' needs, and consulting with Dr. Jennifer Cowley, Vice Provost for the Regional Campuses, who will discuss the proposal with the Provost.

- ***Sci-Dome Project Update.*** (Note: Chair of the Board, Marcia Downes, excused herself from this discussion due to a conflict of interest and left the room during this discussion.) Dean MacDonald reported that Ohio State Newark has submitted a proposal to the Columbus campus for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be approved that would form a partnership with Ohio State Newark and The Works. The MOU would include Ohio State Newark providing projection equipment for the new Sci-Dome to be constructed at The Works and also provide a faculty member (physics professor) from Ohio State Newark to serve as the director of the Sci-Dome. The MOU is currently under review for approval by the Columbus campus. Dean MacDonald noted that an update will be provided at the next Board meeting in March.
- ***New Residence Hall Update.*** Dean MacDonald reported that we continue to be on track for the fall 2017 opening of our new residence hall. The target date for the completion of the new facility is the end of July 2017.
- ***Draft Strategic Plan for Ohio State Newark.*** Dean MacDonald noted that the strategic plan for Ohio State Newark that was developed with broad faculty, student, staff and Board input will be finalized once the university-wide strategic plan is completed in order to ensure alignment of the campus plan with the university plan. A draft strategic plan will be shared with the campus' Strategic Planning Advisory Committee in the spring of this year.

9. Other Business

- ***OCOG Discussion.*** Board Secretary, Kathy Lloyd, and Board member Chris Meyer raised the issue of OCOG grants and the fact that students attending Ohio's regional campuses are ineligible for these state grants. Mr. Meyer asked if a statutory change would be required to change this so that the state's regional campus students would be eligible for this much-needed grant aid. Ms. Lloyd reported that she has undertaken research and it appears that state statute does not govern this policy and that a decision could be made at the Ohio Department of Education to reinstate eligibility of OCOG grants for the state's regional campus students. Dean MacDonald noted that the governmental affairs leadership at Ohio State in Columbus is aware of the issue of the ineligibility for these grants by our students at the regional campuses and that he has had discussions with them about this issue. He noted that Dr. Jennifer Cowley, Vice Provost for the Regional Campuses will be at our March Board meeting and that he would ask her to address this issue with Board members at that time.

- ***Concealed Carry Law Discussion.*** Board member, Chris Meyer, inquired regarding the new Concealed Carry Law for Ohio's public colleges and universities, particularly the issue of co-located campuses and policies related to the new law. Dean MacDonald noted that the office of general counsel at Ohio State is currently reviewing the matter, as is the state's office of the Attorney General.

10. Adjournment

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

*Respectfully submitted by
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