



## Board of Regents

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

University System of Ohio

### **DIRECTIVE 2008-009**

May 29, 2008

#### Re: GOVERNANCE OF THE OHIO SUPERCOMPUTER CENTER

In 1987, the State of Ohio established the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC) as a statewide resource for Ohio's research universities and industry. The governance of OSC was established by resolution of the Board of Regents. With the exception of one resolution which made a slight change to the OSC Board in 1988, no subsequent guidance has been issued by the Board of Regents. Since that time, the practices of the OSC Board and its governance have deviated significantly from those two resolutions. In 2007, the OSC Board sought assistance from the Chancellor on this matter.

At the time the OSC was formed, all powers and duties rested with the Ohio Board of Regents. Effective May 15, 2007, House Bill 2 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly transferred all powers and duties held by the Ohio Board of Regents to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. House Bill 2 also provides that the Chancellor is the successor to, assumes all obligations of, and constitutes the continuation of the Ohio Board of Regents. In addition to transferring existing powers from the Board of Regents to the Chancellor, Section 4 of Sub. H.B. 2 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, as subsequently amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, mandated that the Chancellor report to the General Assembly and the Governor recommendations to accomplish the following: (A) make college more affordable and accessible for all Ohioans; (B) encourage Ohio graduates to remain in Ohio after earning their degrees; and (C) maximize higher education as a driver of the state's economy.

On March 31, 2008, pursuant to this charge from the General Assembly, the Chancellor delivered to the General Assembly and the Governor his recommendations, known as the Strategic Plan for Higher Education. The plan recognizes that a measure of the success of the University System of Ohio will be increases in the amount of federal research funding received by Ohio researchers. Supercomputing is essential to this goal

Based on a consideration of the original resolutions creating OSC and the importance of supercomputing to the success of the Strategic Plan and the economic welfare of the state of Ohio, and to establish an appropriate governance body for the Ohio Supercomputer Center, I hereby direct that Ohio Board of Regents Resolution 1988-34 and Resolution 1989-18 and any other resolutions of the Board of Regents regarding the governance of the Ohio Supercomputer Center be, and hereby are, superseded by the following:

The Ohio Supercomputer Center will continue to operate as a consortium in accordance with section 3333.04(V) of the Revised Code. The OSC shall have a governance committee representative of Ohio's research universities and private industry. The academic members of the governance committee will be

Vice Presidents for Research or an equivalent senior administrative official responsible for directing a university's research programs.

The committee will include five permanent members: the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, or his designee, who shall serve as chair, a representative from the Ohio Department of Development, and academic representatives from the University of Cincinnati, The Ohio State University, and Case Western Reserve University. There will be two additional academic members from other Ohio research universities. Except for one of the initial appointees, these two members shall rotate every two years. The first two rotating term members will be the University of Akron and Miami University with the University of Akron represented for one year and Miami University for two years. As these two institutions rotate off the governance committee they will be followed by representatives in order from the following list of institutions: Kent State University, Ohio University, Wright State University, the University of Dayton, University of Toledo, Cleveland State University, Youngstown State University, the University of Akron and Miami University. The governance committee will also include two voting members from private industry who will serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor.

This committee shall have as its duties the setting of broad policy guidelines for the OSC and the periodic review of its program and operation, with special attention to ensuring equitable access to the OSC by all appropriate users. The committee shall also be responsible for ensuring that OSC's resources are available to private industry in a manner that will promote economic development. The governance committee shall meet at least semiannually for this purpose.

The governance committee's role in overseeing the Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet) shall be limited to the periodic review of its program to determine the extent to which OARnet is meeting the needs of Ohio's academic research programs and of the Ohio Supercomputer Center. The committee will share the results of this review with the Chancellor.

Ohio State University (OSU) will continue to serve as fiscal agent to the OSC. OSC will remain a unit within and operated for the State of Ohio by OSU. OSU shall consult with the OSC Governing Board in its appointment of a Director of the Ohio Supercomputer Center, its development of the OSC budget and in the design of OSC programs.

This directive will take effect on May 29, 2008.



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