

**Ohio Board of Regents  
Condition Report Subcommittee Minutes  
The Columbus State Conference Center  
Center for Workforce Development  
315 Cleveland Avenue  
4th Floor, Room 415  
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

**November 5, 2015**

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chair Elizabeth P. Kessler called the November 5, 2015, Ohio Board of Regents (BOR) Special Meeting of the Condition Report Subcommittee to order. She welcomed the members and staff to the meeting. Chair Kessler stated, "the record reflects that notice of this meeting was given in accordance with provisions of the Ohio Board of Regents' Ohio Administrative Code §3333-1-14, which rule itself was adopted in accordance with Section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code and of the State Administrative Procedure Act." She called the roll and those present were:

- Thomas M. Humphries
- Elizabeth P. Kessler
- Virginia M. Lindseth

Chair Kessler declared there was a quorum of the Condition Report Subcommittee members present.

**II. Review of Stakeholder Input to the 8<sup>th</sup> Condition Report on Higher Education**

Chair Kessler began by recapping the Condition Report drafting process to date and said that the subcommittee had recommended to the full board a draft report for review and approval. She said that this report was submitted to the Governor's office to obtain feedback on and they have now received that feedback. She said that they are substantively in line with the original draft of the report, however, it is suggested that it be more succinct, organized and more easily digestible to the diverse audience for which it is intended. She said the subcommittee does not have to accept the suggested changes as this is the BOR's report. She said this is the reason for the meeting to see if the suggested changes are constructive and appropriate.

Chair Kessler wanted clarification about when a full board vote would be necessary for approval of the redraft of the Condition Report. Charles See, Assistant Deputy Chancellor for External Relations for ODHE said that if there are no substantive changes and since the changes are only organizational in nature a vote before the full board would not be necessary.

Assistant Deputy Chancellor See extended apologies on behalf of the Governor's office for the delay in reviewing the Condition Report. He then began explaining the feedback that was received on the new organization of the Condition Report. He said that they want to create a document that could be digestible to better engage in the policy discussion around this topic and crystalize the Adult Learner concepts in a more succinct way. He explained the difference between the original draft and the suggested 'redraft' and said it would concentrate on the following: who they are; what their challenges are; are they successful; and what can institutions do to better serve them. He said this draft would be less duplicative and would concentrate on a continuum approach on the Adult Learner topic.

Chair Kessler asked if anything was proposed to be eliminated. Brett Visger, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Collaboration and Completion for ODHE, replied no; all of the current recommendations will be built upon from a student perspective.

Secretary Lindseth asked for examples of what may be deleted. Assistant Deputy Chancellor See replied that the Workforce Development and Financial Aide concepts will be imbedded into other areas. He said there will be high level strategies that these concepts will be imbedded into. Associate Vice Chancellor Visger said, although this has not been decided, some concepts that were explained in a 'page' before may be a 'paragraph' or 'reference material' in the redraft.

Chair Kessler asked if there were any substantively new areas. Assistant Deputy Chancellor See replied no; the review centered on the content of the report and there was not an indication that there were areas missed on the Adult Learner experience.

### **III. Next Steps**

Assistant Deputy Chancellor See said that the Governor's office will be highly incorporated into the next drafting process and they hope to ensure that they will not be going down a path that was not envisioned by them or the Condition Report subcommittee. He said the Condition Report timeline is still targeted to be finished by the end of the calendar year.

Secretary Lindseth said that a lot of work went into the draft and she has no concerns with the proposed redraft changes. She did recommend that one staff person be responsible for the redraft. Assistant Deputy Chancellor See understood her comments relating to one staff person being responsible for the redraft but he said this was a delicate balance with staff resources.

Vice Chair Humphries said that a great deal of work has been done on the report and it is still available if they wanted to do a 'deeper dive' in a particular area.

Assistant Deputy Chancellor See said that the feedback that they received was that these types of documents should focus more on the usability of the document more as opposed to before the document focused on the expansiveness of knowledge that individuals could draw from. He said this is good because they have an outline structure that can focus on policy if so desired.

Chair Kessler said that their next steps in this process would be that the subcommittee would give the full board a short status update at the BOR meeting that is being held later today. She said the update is more informational as the subcommittee will be reviewing the redraft to ensure that there are no substantive changes. She said with that, a full board vote will not be necessary.

Secretary Lindseth asked if the full subcommittee would receive a copy of the redrafted report. Chair Kessler replied yes. She also said the full board may also receive a copy of the redrafted report. She said if upon review of the redrafted report if the subcommittee believes there are substantive changes or a recommendation has been made that was not encompassed in the first draft then a full board vote will be necessary.

Secretary Lindseth said she hopes in the redraft that an effort is made not to repeat statements or initiatives. Assistant Deputy Chancellor See said that this will be a clear focus in the redraft; in the original draft they wanted to highlight key initiatives in each area of the report.

Chair Kessler asked if there were any lessons learned that they should be mindful of as they prepare to work on next year's Condition Report. Assistant Deputy Chancellor See replied that he believes that they received a clear indication of the kind of structure that they are 'not' looking for. He said the process should be the study and the deliverable should be the distinct things that actually move the issue as opposed to laying out the totality of the context. He said they are also looking at this type of work for actionable policy if that becomes a decision. John Magill, Assistant Deputy Chancellor, Economic Advancement for ODHE echoed Assistant Deputy Chancellor See's remarks and said that the report is a foundational document that is used for further conversations.

Associate Vice Chancellor Visger asked if there were any items that they would like to see emphasized in the redraft. Secretary Lindseth said that the recommendation of one specific office being responsible for Adult Learner programs at institutions was a very powerful and clear recommendation.

Assistant Deputy Chancellor See said that they will begin working on a redrafting schedule for Chair Kessler's input.

**IV. Adjournment**

Chair Kessler asked if there were any further items to be brought before the subcommittee. There being none, Chair Kessler declared the meeting adjourned.



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