

**Ohio Board of Regents Meeting Minutes
The Columbus State Conference Center
Center for Workforce Development
315 Cleveland Avenue
4th Floor, Room 407
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

November 5, 2015

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Vinod K. Gupta called the September 30, 2015, Ohio Board of Regents (BOR) Meeting to order and thanked the Regents and the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) staff for joining them after the Trustees conference.

II. Roll Call

Chair Gupta asked that the roll call be read by Secretary Virginia M. Lindseth. Secretary Lindseth 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." Secretary Lindseth called the roll. Those present were:

Vinod K. Gupta
Thomas M. Humphries
Kurt A. Kaufman

Elizabeth P. Kessler
Virginia M. Lindseth

Secretary Lindseth declared there was a quorum present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chair Gupta asked if there were any additions or corrections to the draft September 30 2015, BOR minutes. There being none, Regent Kessler made a motion to approve the September 30, 2015, minutes as drafted and the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Humphries. All voting members of the board voted in favor of the motion approving the minutes as submitted from September 30, 2015.

IV. Election of Board Officers

Chair Gupta said that he nominated Regent Kaufman the Chair of the nominating committee for the slate of board officers. With that, Regent Kaufman reported that the nominating committee had recommended the following slate of officers to their colleagues for consideration: Regent Gupta for Chair, Regent Humphries for Vice Chair, and Regent Lindseth for Secretary.

Chair Gupta opened the floor for discussion on this topic. There being no discussion Regent Kaufman made a motion to approve the slate of officers, Chair Gupta; Vice Chair Humphries; and Secretary Lindseth, as submitted by the nominating committee and the motion was seconded by Regent Kessler. There was a voice vote taken and all voting Regents voted in favor of the motion approving the slate of officers as submitted by the nominating committee.

Assistant Deputy Chancellor See asked the Chair of the nominating committee what the term of the slate of officers would be. According to the by-laws the board can vote for a one or two year term of the slate. With this, Regent Kaufman made a motion to recommend the slate of officer's terms for one year and the motion was seconded by Regent Kessler. There was a voice vote taken and all voting Regents voted in favor of the motion approving the slate of officer's terms for one year.

V. 8th Condition Report Subcommittee Update

Regent Kessler, Chair of the Condition Report Subcommittee provided a brief update on their meeting that was held earlier today. She said that as the members are aware 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 which they believe is constructive. She said that these suggested changes are largely organizational to make it easier to read and digest; no new areas are being added; no areas are being deleted; and it will be less duplicative. She said the subcommittee will review the redraft and assuming it a structurally changed document only they will rely on the earlier full board approval and finalize the report will all board members signatures. She said this will be complete as they are required to do before the end of the calendar year.

VI. Open Discussion

A. Affordability and Efficiency Resolution

Chair Gupta said that the Affordability and Efficiency information that was presented today was a very good presentation. He said that in discussions with Geoff Chatas, Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education, it was indicated that it would be valuable to the taskforce if the BOR passed a resolution that would be sent to each public institution's board of trustees to adopt the recommendations of the task force. He said there would be no mandate, but a resolution from the BOR to the boards of trustees would be very meaningful.

After discussion by the members, some saying the presentation this morning was very strong and a great deal of work went into the report, Chair Gupta asked the ODHE staff to draft a resolution that will be voted on at the next scheduled BOR meeting.

B. January 2016 Meeting Date

The board began to discuss the 2016 meeting calendar. Chair Gupta explained that BOR meetings could be held on the second Thursday of the month (with afternoon/evening activities held on the Wednesday before) as was done in 2015. After discussion the BOR members agreed to the January 2016 BOR meeting being held on Thursday, January 14 in Columbus.

VII. 9th Condition Report Topic Discussion

Chair Gupta began this discussion by saying that the BOR would discuss potential topics for the 9th Condition Report today; however they would vote on the topic in January. He said that he believed that they needed the time to deliberate and to take the time to think about the topics that were discussed here today.

Assistant Deputy Chancellor See said for the members' consideration the Chancellor would like to submit the topic of Academic Collaboration, i.e., program share and the ability of institutions to share. He said they heard examples of this at the Trustees conference with a presentation on Co-Education Models from Northwest State Community College and Terra State Community College.

Regent Kaufman made comments about how bold the past topic of Commercialization was. He said even years later this Condition Report topic is still being discussed and he would like to see the BOR have a topic that is just as striking as this topic was. Chair Gupta agreed and made comments about recent past Condition Report topics and said that the BOR needs a topic that 'stands alone' and makes an impact; not one that is shared with an initiative of the administration.

Secretary Lindseth said she is concerned about the need for the BOR. She said it was formed by Governor Rhodes for the purpose of the citizen's involvement in higher education. She said at the time of its formation it was more of a governing body; she does not feel they need to be a governing body any longer; but she does feel that they need to decide how important they are to the State of Ohio. She said that if there is a purpose for their being they need to act accordingly and the Condition Report is the most important things that they do. Chair Gupta agreed with Secretary Lindseth's comments and said this is one area that they have to make an impact.

Chair Gupta began to make comments about the Blue Print of the University of 2025 for consideration for the next Condition Report. He said that the universities cannot continue to operate the way that they are and they can lay out the blue print for how they should operate in the future. He said they would bring institutions and stakeholders together in the form of various subcommittees to develop this blueprint.

Regent Kaufman said that the topic may be a massive undertaking but thinks it is a good idea to pursue it. He said that the way they do business is archaic and slow moving. He said there are a lot of cost inefficiencies and with that the Governor's Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education recommendations are very attractive.

Assistant Deputy Chancellor See said that some consideration would have to be given to what the deliverable would be. He asked if they would they be recommending a possible future state of higher education. Chair Gupta responded that they would look at the best practices not only in the State of Ohio's institutions but at nationwide institutions as well.

The members began to discuss this topic and wanted to know what problem would be solved by choosing it. Chair Gupta said that presidents would say that institutions of today are not going to be the same ten to twenty years from now and major organizational changes are needed.

Assistant Deputy Chancellor See asked if this would be used as an opportunity to unearth the future trends. Chair Gupta responded yes; it would be used as an opportunity to unearth the future trends and to find out what the experts are saying in the field of education.

Chair Gupta said that the two topics that the members discussed were Academic Collaboration and Blue Print of the University of 2025. He said that he would forward other supporting information that he received from presidents of institutions regarding the Blue Print of the University of 2025 to the members.

Secretary Lindseth made comments about knowing what the current condition of higher education is in the State of Ohio. Chair Gupta said this is the reason for the Condition Report, to report on the current 'condition' of higher education in this state. He said in order to make changes they need to know where they are.

Chairman Gupta made comments about the book co-authored by Michael Crow, President of Arizona State University entitled *Designing the New American University* and other books on this topic. He said that the members may want to read these books as they identify the issues of higher education today.

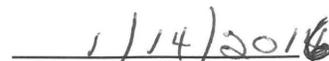
Assistant Deputy Chancellor See asked if he felt the report would come to a set of conclusions other than what has already been determined by others. Chair Gupta replied that he was not sure; but he believes they will bring the right shareholders together to study this topic.

Vice Chair Humphries said at the next meeting he would like to have an update on past Condition Reports so they can understand the progress that has been made if any. Assistant Deputy Chancellor See replied that the ODHE can put together an update and he summarized the following initiatives that were based on past Condition Reports: Workforce Development; the Research Portal; ICORP; Healthcare Alliance; and Attainment relating to underrepresented populations.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Gupta asked if there were any further items to be brought before the Board. There being none, Chair Gupta asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Regent Kessler and seconded by Regent Kaufman. All voting members of the board voted in favor of the motion adjourning the meeting and Chair Gupta declared the meeting adjourned.


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