

The Ohio State University at Lima
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 11, 2010

Mr. Unverferth called the meeting to order in the Visitor and Student Services Center at Ohio State Lima at 4:32 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Deters, Mr. Griffith, Dr. Hubbell, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Reinhart, and Mr. Unverferth. Mr. Hadley, Mrs. Schulte and Mr. Young were absent. Appointed members: Dr. Gilmore was present and Mr. Brooks was absent. Adam Warniment, Student Trustee, was present. Dean Snyder and Mrs. Moorman attended in their official capacity. Several faculty and staff members attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Deters moved and Mr. Reinhart seconded the motion that the reading of the January 14, 2010 minutes be waived and approved as previously distributed. The motion unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL CONDITION: Mr. Phelps presented written and verbal reports of the financial condition for the period ending February 28, 2010. A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Hubbell moved and Mr. Griffith seconded the motion that the statement of financial condition be accepted. The motion was unanimously approved.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mr. Reinhart provided a report from the Campus Planning and Facilities Committee that met at 3:30 p.m., prior to the Board meeting. A project list of current Lima Campus projects was shared with the Board. Reed Hall boiler replacement project is in post construction phase with 99% completion. Galvin Hall roof replacement and Galvin and Reed Hall exterior door replacements are slated for May 1 construction start date; however, contractor submittals of project specifications are in question by university architect. Galvin Hall boiler replacement is in the design phase for review in March. Galvin Hall elevator repairs/replacement is in design phase with request to Rhodes State to provide timeline for funding of its portion of design fee. Cost estimates to replace 11 exterior building signs have been submitted; however, Rhodes State College has requested a way finding study. Ohio State Lima will propose pursuit of the sign replacement project while the way finding study is in process. Rhodes State College has agreed to same signage as is in place on Newark campus. A conference call with City of Lima Utilities Director is scheduled for early March regarding a Domestic Water System Study for Lima Campus to address low water pressure issues. Lima Agriculture Building Exterior Signage project is underway with need to rename building now that Allen County Extension offices have vacated the building and Ohio State Lima Admissions and Financial Aid has occupied the space. Two new projects to be discussed with university architects include a donor-funded outdoor amphitheatre at Galvin Hall and modifications to Reed Hall 160 to house an Art Gallery, utilizing \$100K in state funds committed for this project eight years ago. Ohio State Lima is actively working to get these art gallery funds released from the state. Dr. Hubbell inquired about naming the Art Gallery after Violet Meek, who was Dean and Director of Ohio State Lima when the Art Gallery was first envisioned.

Mr. Deters presented a report from the Finance Committee that also met at 3:30 p.m., prior to the Board meeting. Ohio State Lima is under budget on expenses due to stringent efforts by department heads to keep all spending at minimum levels. Current spending is lower compared to this same time last year. Two sources of income include tuition and state subsidy. Uncertainty exists regarding state subsidy beyond 2011 due to the gubernatorial election in 2012. A Resolution was approved by the Ohio State Lima Board of Trustees January 14, 2010, to increase tuition for Summer Quarter 2010 by 3 ½%. To date, the Ohio State Columbus

Board of Trustees has not taken action on a tuition increase, pending committee response. All departments university-wide are advised to build up reserves to reach 20% of their operational expense budgets. Ohio State Lima currently has \$2 million or 13% in reserves. Ohio State Lima is at full staff and has delayed several faculty searches. A search will be conducted to hire an HVAC Specialist to alleviate \$150K/year current spent in outsourcing. Rhodes State College has paid \$120K for cost-share reconciliation from 2009.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT: FINANCIAL AID: Beth Keehn, Associate Director of Enrollment Services, and Bryan Albright, Coordinator of Financial Aid, provided an update on the scholarship program in place at Ohio State Lima. Full-time tuition at Ohio State Lima for the current academic year is at \$5,661 vs. \$8,706 at Ohio State Columbus. A total of \$493,779 was awarded during 2009-2010 from the 45 scholarship funds available. The average scholarship amount awarded was \$831.00.

The Lima Buckeye Distinction Award currently in place offers scholarships ranging from \$2,000 down to \$300 to all incoming first quarter Freshmen students based on class rank and ACT scores. There was discussion about eliminating the \$300 award for 2011-2012 to help fund a new Transfer Merit Scholarship. The Board recommended the \$300 award be kept in place with the notation that recipients at this level would be required to successfully complete a pre-fall on-line study skills course in order to receive the \$300 award.

A new Transfer Merit Scholarship proposal was shared that awards transfer students \$1,500 down to \$800 based on their transfer GPAs (from 4.0 down to 2.5 respectively). These awards would automatically renew for the second year with a 2.5 minimum GPA. After discussion the Board recommended that the second year renewal not be automatic, but rather be based on earned GPAs at Ohio State Lima.

Beth Keehn and Bryan Albright will take the Board's recommendations into consideration as they rework the Lima Buckeye Distinction Award and Transfer Merit Scholarship Proposal for 2011-2012.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT: Adam Warniment reported that he recently met with Student Senate President, Victoria Gonzalez, and plans to attend Student Senate meetings prior to the May and June Board of Trustees meetings. Plans are underway for May Week on campus, May 3-7, with a variety of outdoor activities planned to take place on the Quad. The Psychology Club and Newman Catholic Club recently completed a fundraiser yielding \$1500 to be donated to the American Red Cross for Haiti relief efforts. Adam shared that students are slow to respond to the new online system for completing Student Evaluation Information (SEI's) of professors at quarter end. The university has seen a drop of completion rates from the former paper system of 85% to 15% online.

DEAN AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Snyder provided the following campus update:

- Regional Campus Liaison from Academic Affairs, Mike Sherman, Associate Provost, has accepted a position with the University of Akron and will depart in May.
- A letter was shared from Provost Alutto to Dr. McCurdy in follow-up to the January 29 meeting in Columbus regarding the Lima Campus Student and Community Center. Randy McCullough was asked to work with Rhodes State College leadership to identify the number and types of spaces needed to provide its student services in the new building and provide this information to Ohio State architect, Kim Moss, within 30 to 45 days (March 2 – March 19, 2010). Mike Sherman will work with Ohio State Lima and

Rhodes State College to develop approaches to funding construction, as well as concepts for operating and managing the facility and providing student life programming. The Provost inquired about the possibility of reaching agreement in principle on these issues by the end of May 2010.

- Dean Snyder and Amanda Miller attended the annual university-sponsored Winter College event in Naples, FL, February 18-20, 2010. The event was well received by Lima area alums and friends of the university who were vacationing in the area and attended.
- The Spring Advocates meeting is set for April 9, 2010, at which time the newest member of the Ohio State Lima Hall of Fame will be named.
- Ohio State Lima will hold its Academic Awards ceremony in the Martha W. Farmer Theatre on Friday, June 4, 2010.
- Dean Snyder has shared with Dr. McCurdy the history of the relocation of the baseball diamond and removal of tennis courts by Rhodes State College to make way for the Countryman Building. The baseball diamond was relocated minus a scoreboard. The tennis courts were not replaced. Mr. Unverferth suggested a search for sponsors to help pay for a new scoreboard in exchange for advertising on same.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A letter of nomination for Hall of Fame Award and credentials of Ohio State Lima alum, Linda Lehman, were shared with the Board. After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Hubbell, seconded by Mr. Deters and unanimously approved to award Linda Lehman the Ohio State Lima Spring 2010 Hall of Fame Award at the April 9, 2010 Advocates meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Deters moved and Mr. Reinhart seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved and Mr. Unverferth declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2010 at 5 p.m. in the Public Service Board Room. The Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee will meet at 3 p.m., prior to the Board meeting.

James W. Unverferth, Chair
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Jeanne M. Moorman, Secretary
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