

OACTE Board of Trustees  
March 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Joanne Arhar, Kent; Sally Barnhart, Xavier; Erica Brownstein, Ohio State; Robin Dever, Kent; Todd Hawley, Kent State; Martha Hendricks, Wilmington; John Henning, Ohio; Ginny Keil, Toledo; Katie Kinnucan-Welsch, Dayton; Richard Lomax, Ohio State; Paul Madden, Shawnee; Mark Meyers, Xavier; Sandra Pech, Kent; Damon Osbourne, Mt. Vernon; Michael Smith, Lourdes; Rae White, Muskingum; Brian Yusko, Cleveland State; Carol Ziegler, Notre Dame

Secretary Report

Martha Hendricks distributed the minutes from the October 15, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting. Rae White made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Brian Yusko seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of Josh Francis's report was distributed. As of February 28, 2015, the balance on hand is \$44,338.70. Carol Ziegler made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Sally Barnhart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brian Yusko stated that over \$44,000.00 was a large balance for a non-profit to carry. Mike Smith agreed. One suggestion was to suspend dues for a year. The Embassy Suites requires certain balance to be maintained in order to guarantee the next conference. For this conference Bob Thomas used his credit card and our balance to assure the hotel we could pay our way. Upcoming expenses the OACTE could support include the Clinical Alliance's one-day conference, a Day on the Square retreat, pay someone to keep us abreast of legislation about education, and contributing to keep OCTEO conference costs down. Trustees agreed to have a list of funding priorities, specifically, support for attendance at the AACTE Leadership Conference and participation on Day at the Hill. Others are invited to make a proposal, about which members can vote on by email. Martha will design a simple proposal form.

New Treasurer

Amy McClure introduced Damon Osborne, Mt. Vernon Nazarene, as the new treasurer. Josh Francis has accepted a position in Indiana.

OBR Update

Rebecca Watts delivered the OBR update. A few years ago, a statewide committee developed minimum for entry standards for teacher education programs, which were presented to the Chancellor. The Chancellor does not have the statutory authority to implement the standards, although it appears that the legislature is poised to provide him with the authority. If so, then a committee needs to be convened to review the recommendations. The original recommendations detailed multiple pathways, and not just single measure such as ACT scores.

Stay tuned

The state is considering a reconfiguration of Chancellor's job and the organization in order to make agencies parallel. The chancellor job could be changed to a directorship of an agency. This

change would avoid confusion between the Ohio Board of Regents as an organization and the Board of Regents as a nine-member advisory board to the Chancellor.

The State Superintendent charged four committees with reviewing the Common Core standards (English/language arts and mathematics) and the Ohio standards (science and social studies) to determine if they meet the statute language (for example, clearly stated).

The Educational Technology course is no longer a TAG. The other three TAG courses are being reviewed.

The Ohio Department of Education planned to review the OAE with Pearson and Ohio Middle Level educators during the month of March. However, not enough reviewers volunteered, so the deadline will be pushed back. The problem is with the four-nine grade band. Standards for grades nine through twelve are not organized according to grade levels, so the test ended up measuring grades five through twelve. Unfortunately some middle childhood graduates who previously did not pass the test are teaching themselves the content and subsequently passing the test—which undermines the argument that the test has content that is inappropriate.

It has been learned that the Ohio Department of Education has been issuing Principal licenses to people who have not taught at the appropriate grade levels and to people who have not taught at all (e.g., school psychologists). Ohio State has inaugurated a principal license/MBA program, not affiliated with the College of Education and Human Ecology. Rebecca wanted folks to know that the principal requirements now are wide open.

#### Advocacy Committee: 2015 Day on The Square

According to Rae White, 60 people registered online to participate in DOTS, 45 of whom signed in at the pre-event training. Nineteen institutions of higher education were represented (unofficial number). More precise numbers will be provided when the evaluation data are compiled. The Advocacy committee plans to increase record keeping and check to see that all geographic locations in the state are covered regardless of whether there is an IHE in the area. The chair of SUED (Joanne Arhar), president of OACTE (Amy McClure), and president of OAPCTE (Mark Meyers) met with the Education Committee chairs. They had the Ohio teacher of the year with them whose tribute to teacher preparation in Ohio had an apparent impact that IHE faculty does not. In the future we should bring more students and school colleagues with us. We also should meet with all members of the Education Committees and the members of the Finance Committee who deal with education.

Brian Yusko reported the following bills which were learned about via DOTS (which underscores the need to have someone keeping track of current legislation about education):

Senate Bill 3: Reduction in time schools spend testing and exempting high performing school from state mandates (such as having highly qualified teachers and appropriately licensed teachers)

House Bill 7: Increases Safe Harbor for third grade reading guarantee and PARCC

## House Bill 2: More accountability for charter schools

OACTE sent a letter to Arnie Duncan to respond to the proposed teacher education standards (one of 5,000 responses).

The Advocacy Committee presented data describing DOTS at the 2015 ACCTE conference. Attendees were particularly interested in the early days of the effort to learn how to “grow” their own.

### Clinical Alliance

John Henning reported that the Clinical Alliance is now one year old. The CA Leadership Committee participated in a retreat and has had three follow up meetings. The effort has been awarded three small grants and now has a website. They have made presentations at the Educators Standards Board, OCTEO, and AACTE. The interview component has been underway the entire academic year, and the design team meetings are occurring at this OCTEO conference. CA is building momentum providing opportunities for more people to be involved (three design teams with P- 12 partners). CA will have a one-day retreat in June to set goals and establish metrics to determine on whether the effort is making a difference an impact or not.

### Inquiry Committee

The statewide student teaching evaluation instrument project has been approved by the Ohio State IRB. Erica will be distributing the instrument widely across the state, asking for feedback and for more people to become involved in the effort to prove the instrument valid and reliable. sending the instruction and asking people for feedback and recruiting people to test the instruments.

### Emails

The question has been asked: Do we need a policy for emails and surveys? The OCTEO planning committee has a firm policy not to give out emails addresses. Trustees expressed the desire to support doctoral and other researchers by forwarding emails to Trustee members on a case by case basis. No email addresses will be supplied to people outside of the organizationn

### OCTEO Conference Expenses

It is likely that OCTEO will be approximately \$6000 short in covering conference costs. Because we are 501c, we are being charged tax (which could be \$5,000.00). Until recently, OACTE supported OCTEO conference. Given major increases in cost, the organization might have to do so now and in the future. Because of the new venue, it is difficult to determine exact expenses, so the Trustees passed the following motion. Sally Barnhart moved that the organization provide up to \$6,000. 00 to cover expenses for the Spring 2015 OCTEO conference. Katie Kinnucan Welsch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Amy McClure extended a huge thanks to Joanne Arhar, who is retiring this year. She has president of OACTE and active in state and national educator preparation.

### OACTE Elections

The 2017 Class of Board of Trustees was elected: Sally Barnhart, Xavier University; Dottie Erb, Marietta College; John Henning, Ohio (who will be replaced by a representative of a public institution); Paul Madden, Shawnee State University; Renee Middleton, Ohio University; and James Wightman, Capital.