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NOTES: ADMINISTRATIVE WORKGROUP MEETING

Friday, June 15, 2007 @ 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

GAR Foundation

Meeting Chair: Mr. Robert Briggs Facilitator: Kirstin Toth

Participants: Ted Boyd, Rob Briggs, Candace Campbell Jackson, Dr. John Case, Dr. David Creamer, Richard Lewis, John Pogue, Dr. Luis Proenza, Dr. Charlene Reed
Dr. Jim Sage, Kirstin Toth, Brad Whitehead.

Discussion Outcomes:

Additional Information Requested (if not already provided within first round of inventory items provided to Commission Staff from May 1 memo)

Contextual Review:

1. Identification of statewide initiatives in collaboration and cost-sharing via the Inter-University Council (IUC, <http://www.iuc-ohio.org/>) that could be applicable and further defined for NEO regional application, eg:
 - a. Procurement
 - b. Insurance, especially prescription drug benefits
 - c. Overall health benefits and vendors
 - d. Dining shared services, such as food service and inventory control
 - e. OhioLink, Ohio Learning network, <http://www.ohiolink.edu/>
 - f. Ohio Supercomputing Network, <http://www.osc.edu/>
2. Review of PWC Shared Services Alliance concept and pilot for YSU, Univ. of Akron and KSU completed in 2001 as applicable to provide context for current Commission work. (Attached.)
3. Review of University of Georgia System shared service initiative(s).
4. Comparison of SunGard Banner technology applications (YSU, KSU, NEOUCOM) versus PeopleSoft (CSU, UA).
5. Lumina Foundation <http://www.luminafoundation.org/research/index.html> cost-saving report/research, with particular notice of SUNY, Cal State, Univ System of

Georgia, KY, AZ, TX, IL and MD. (MD's work previously reviewed by Univ of Akron.)

Cost-Related Review

6. Per credit hour costs/standard reporting, to provide a context for where our institutions are starting from; our own baseline.
7. Cost per employee for healthcare for each university. Reference Arizona-Mercer report: <http://www.statecoverage.net/statereports/az41.pdf>

Ohio's April 2007 report from Mercer is <http://sehcb.ohio.gov/Portals/0/pdf/HigherEdStudy.pdf>
8. Private contracts for each university, eg.: bookstore, immigration services, emergency services, health plans/benefits, with labor contracts for each where applicable.
9. Which unions are on each campus?
10. Legal Services and authority for contractual relationships/avoidance of political influence in decision-making and market for legal services. Issue is to reduce or eliminate authority for use of legal services outside of universities. Need to de-politicize; enormous costs involved. John Pogue will request presentation by Marc Dann, Ohio AG. Also applies to Audit, Architectural/Design and Construction functions.
11. Energy efficiencies: material budget items, advanced control systems, elevators, co-gen or steam? Gas, elec cost structures/opportunities for shared contracting/leveraging?

Innovation Review

12. Which NEO universities are patenting technological resources, tech transfer?
 - a. Identify cost-savings and risks, considering scale.
13. Emergency text messaging?
14. Immigration support services?
15. Voice communications connectivity? Review of One Community initiatives?
16. Access improvements via application or other admission processes; who is innovating in this arena?
17. Distance learning supportive services to faculty: infrastructure to support individual faculty members' course work (e.g. Monterrey Institute), including what is needed to support K-12 initiatives.
18. What are the attributes of shared course collaborations that can be innovative cost savings, of appropriate scale?

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