

**SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2002**  
**4:00 p.m., Founders' Room**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Voting Members present:

Dr. Burton Payne	Chairman
Mr. George L. Davis	Vice Chairman
Ms. Kay Reynolds	(for Mr. Howard Harcha)
Mr. William McKinley	Member

Members Absent:

Chairman

Mr. Howard Harcha

Others present:

Dr. Michael Field	Ex-Officio (non-voting)
Mr. Steve Donohue	Board Secretary (non-voting)
Dr. John Kelley	
Dr. Larry Mangus	
Mr. Roger Murphy	
Dr. Cheryl Boyd	
Dr. David Todt	
Dr. John Valentine	
Dr. Steve Midkiff	

**1.0 Minutes and Certification of Compliance with RC 121.22(F)**

The Chairman confirmed compliance with RC 121.22(F).

**2.0 Approve Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting (3/11/02)**

The Chairman asked for approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting on March 11, 2002. Mr. Davis moved and Ms. Reynolds seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Without discussion, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes of March 11, 2002.

**3.0 Approval of Project Success Grant Application**

Dr. Field said the funding from the Project Success grant application from The Scioto County Family and Children First Council would be used to provide educational services to motivate youth and increase

expectations about future educational and career goals. Dr. Field said this was a new grant that would restore funds lost in the BASICS grant. Dr. Mangus said this was an expansion of the Upward Bound grant for teenagers and parents. The University requested \$41,000 but will probably get in the range of \$5,000-\$10,000. After further discussion, Mr. Davis moved and Ms. Reynolds seconded a motion to approve Resolution E4-02, Approval of Project Success Grant Application. The Executive Committee unanimously approved Resolution E4-02.

#### **4.0 Personnel Appointments**

Dr. Field said Ms. Mary Maroudis was hired as Manager, Education for Industry for the office of the Registrar. Dr. Field said Ms. Maroudis has been working with the people from USEC and had been quite successful thus far in helping workers get into SSU credit programs. Dr. Field reported that Ms. Tiffany Weaver was hired as Coordinator, Student Activities for the Office of Student Activities and Auxiliaries; she was converted from a limited term 10-month contract to full-time. Mr. Davis moved and Mr. McKinley seconded a motion to approve Resolution E5-02, Personnel Appointments. The Executive Committee unanimously approved Resolution E5-02.

#### **5.0 Investment Policy**

Dr. Field asked Mr. Murphy to discuss the changes in the investment policy. Mr. Murphy said the Ohio General Assembly passed legislation authorizing universities to invest state funds other than in government type securities. This law goes into effect at the end of June. Mr. Murphy said the University can continue its current investment strategies, which are very conservative, or it can establish an investment committee that would help in decisions of how to invest the University funds and report its activity back to the Board. Mr. Davis recommended the policy be changed to have the Chairman of the Board appoint the Investment Committee members. Ms. Reynolds said it was important to seek the advice of professional investment advisers. After further discussion, it was agreed that the issue would be put on the agenda for the June Board meeting.

#### **6.0 Occupational Therapy Master's Degree**

Dr. Field said the issue of offering an Occupational Therapy master's degree was not a new issue. Dr. Field said with the change in the ACOTE requirements of a master's degree for licensing of all OT graduates starting in 2007, the University must decide whether to offer a master's degree in OT. Dr. Field said the OT program is strong and has good enrollment. Dr. Field said the OT program must be a master's level or terminated and he thinks we should start a master's program. Dr. Cheryl Boyd said in August 1999, ACOTE changed the minimum OT education to a master's degree. The deadline to take the licensing exam without a master's degree is January 1, 2007. Dr. Boyd said we can admit students in fall 2002 and fall 2003. She said SSU provides the majority of occupational therapists for this region. She said the OT program turns a profit. Dr. Boyd also said should SSU do this, it is viable; but there is a more complex theory for a master's program. Dr. Kelley asked Dr. Todt to review the costs. Dr. Todt said there are a lot of assumptions, including the fees and number of students. Dr. Todt said the program would be as cost effective as the current baccalaureate program. He said the University would receive higher state subsidy for a master's degree. He said it was a financially good decision. He also said there is a big question regarding faculty credentials. To teach in a master's degree program, faculty must have a

Ph.D. and currently, none of our faculty possesses a Ph.D. He said two faculty are currently in Ph.D. programs and the director has been admitted. Dr. Todt wondered if SSU could attract Ph.D. faculty in OT and felt the University should grow our own. The program would require three faculty in OT and one faculty in OTA. The OTA program would continue and requires two full-time faculty. He said SSU might need to pay more of the degree program. Dr. Field said the faculty development policy is under review and would be presented at the August Board meeting. He said there is a need to change the mission statement of the University to start a master's program. The OBR, ACOTE and NCA must approve the change. He said it is a complicated matter and nothing is guaranteed. Ms. Reynolds said this is a step in the maturing of SSU. Mr. McKinley asked where our closest competition would be. He said we might have a niche with this program. Dr. Boyd said OSU is the closest competitor. Dr. Boyd also said the national data shows a need for OT's. Dr. Midkiff said it is time for SSU to do this. Dr. Payne said the Board would probably encourage the University to proceed with the master's degree program. Dr. Field said we need to know our breakeven point with student enrollment in an OT master's program.

There being no other business, Mr. Davis moved and Dr. Payne seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by acclamation.