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Executive Director's Report

On May 23rd we held our final Board Meeting for fiscal year 2007. For the past six months, the Board has been actively involved in the State of Ohio budget process. The Legislature and the Governor recently enacted the new two-year state budget to cover the period from July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009. The Board received the funding it had requested for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 through the budget process and no significant changes were made to the Board's original budget request. However, several important changes were made to the legislative provisions contained in the Ohio Board of Regents budget that govern the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (formerly the "OIG" Grant). The changes will affect degree granting schools approved by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools that currently receive OIG funding. Those important changes are discussed in more detail on page 2.

Dr. Garrison Walters, who served as the Ohio Board of Regents representative on the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools since 1992, recently announced that he will be leaving the Board of Regents to accept a position as Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. I hope you will join me in wishing Dr. Walters the best in his new position in South Carolina.

The 2007 Administrative Rule review process will be moving forward once again. The proposed rule changes will be available on the Board's web site at www.scr.ohio.gov/lawrule after the Board's September meeting. See page 6 for more details.

We have listed the remaining Board meeting dates for 2007 on page 5. I look forward to seeing many of you in attendance at the Board meetings.





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Important Changes to the State Grant Program By: John Ware



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Students enrolled in degree programs approved by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools have been eligible to receive state grants funding via the Ohio Instructional Grant (OIG) for approximately 30 years. The OIG is being phased out and replaced by the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG). The State Budget Bill (House Bill 119), signed by Governor Strickland on June 30, 2007, contained several important changes to the student eligibility provisions for the OCOG. The new OCOG student eligibility requirements are applicable to students "first enrolled in an undergraduate program after the 2007-2008 academic year." Although there is some uncertainty about the exact date when the "2007-2008 academic year" ends, it is generally presumed that the changes would go into effect July 1, 2008.

The proposed OCOG changes essentially will require that proprietary schools receive a certificate of authorization from the Board of Regents in order to remain eligible for OCOG funding for new students. Thus, students first enrolled in an undergraduate program in your school after the 2007-2008 academic year will only be eligible to receive OCOG funding if your school has received a certificate of authorization from the Ohio Board of Regents. Certificates of authorization issued by the Board of Regents are program and site specific.

Please be advised that irregardless of whether your school receives a certificate of authorization from the Ohio Board of Regents, all proprietary schools will be required to maintain their certificate of registration and program authorization with the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3332.

For more information about the certificate of authorization process, please visit the Board of Regents web site at:

http://regents.ohio.gov/academic_programs/program_approval/index.php

If you have any questions on these matters, please contact John Ware at the State Board offices.

Renewal Certificate of Registration

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Rule 3332-1-044, the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools mailed renewal notices 120 days prior to expiration of the Certificates of Registration to the following schools:

September 2007 Board Meeting

Academy of Court Reporting, Akron

Academy of Court Reporting, Cleveland

Academy of Court Reporting, Cincinnati

Academy of Court Reporting, Columbus

ATS Institute of Technology, Cleveland

Babbage-Simmel, Dublin

Beachland Technology Group, Euclid

Bohecker College, Ravenna

Computer Workshop, Dublin

Computer Workshop, Independence

Computer Training.com at Columbus

Cornerstone Dog Grooming Academy

DATS/Cleveland East, Beechwood

International Culinary Arts & Sciences Institute

Miami-Jacobs Career College, Troy

Motoman Technical Education Center

National Institute of Massotherapy, Akron

National Institute of Technology, Cuyahoga Falls

Ohio Academy of Hypnosis

Ohio Institute of Photography & Technology, Dayton

Ohio Technical College, Cleveland

RSTI, Solon

Erie Business Center, Erie, PA.

ITT Technical Institute, Pittsburgh, PA.

Kaplan Career Institute, Pittsburgh, PA.

Lincoln College of Technology, Indianapolis, IN.

Winner Institute of Arts & Sciences

November 2007 Board Meeting

ABC Bartending School, Columbus

Accelerated Dental Assisting School of America

Akron Machining Institute, Barberton

American Air Conditioning Academy, Maple Hts.

American Center for Conflict Resolution Institute

American Technical Institute, Bedford Hts.

Barbizon Midwest, Columbus

Bohecker College, Cincinnati

Center for Medical Services, Cincinnati

Chase School of Medical Transcription

DATS, LLC.—Dental Assistant School, Troy

Dental Assistant Pro LLC, Lebanon

Elite Welding Academy, Cincinnati

English Nanny & Governess School

ETI Technical College of Niles

New Image Dental Academy, Canfield

Northeast Ohio Dental Assisting School, Warren

Ohio Business College, Lorain

Ohio Business College, Sandusky

Personal Growth School of Hypnotherapy

Professional Bartending School, Columbus

Spectrum Learning Center

Travel Academy

Uplift Learning Center

NASCAR Technical Institute

These schools are required to submit their completed application to the Board Office at *least ninety days* prior to the expiration date. The Board will consider the renewal of these Certificates of Registration and Program Authorization during the January and March Board Meetings.



All new directors are required to attend a Director's Training Seminar as soon as possible after becoming a new director. The next one is scheduled for October 18, 2007.

School Director Information

By: Ruth Myers, Assistant Director

Pursuant to Administrative Rule 3332-1-08, each school must designate a school director. The school director shall be directly responsible for the operational management of academic affairs, student services, and business and administrative services. The school director must have educational qualifications and work experience related to their areas of responsibilities. Schools may use different internal titles such as "school president" or "school administrator", however, the person shall be designated the "school director" for State Board purposes. Schools are reminded that they must submit a "Director Qualification Form" when there has been a new hire of a director. The form is available on our web site at: www.scr.ohio.gov

Once the State Board receives the Director Qualifications Form, the school will be invoiced for the necessary fee. When the State Board has received the fee, our records will be changed to reflect the new school director. All new directors are required to attend a Director's Training Seminar as soon as possible after becoming a new director. These training seminars are held twice a year at the State Library of Ohio. The next seminar is scheduled for October 18, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The State Board Staff will go over the rules and regulations of the State Board, talk about necessary forms that need to be completed by the schools, go over the compliance procedures, and discuss how to set up a new program. Again, all new directors are required to attend a Director's Training Seminar according to Administrative Rule 3332-1-08(C)(4). Anyone else is welcome to attend by completing a registration form and submitting the form to the office.

Please feel free to contact me (614-466-7810) regarding any of the above items or for any other questions you may have pertaining to your school.

Important Dates

2007 Consultant Meetings: 2007 Director Training:

January 17, 2007 June 19, 2007

March 13, 2007 October 18, 2007

May 8, 2007

July 10, 2007 2nd-Half Agent Billing:

September 11, 2007 Mail Date: July 2, 2007

November 13, 2007 Due Date: August 2, 2007

2007 Board Meetings: 2007 STRF Invoices:

January 31, 2007 Mail Date: July 16, 2007

March 28, 2007 Due Date: August 31,2007

May 23, 2007

July 25, 2007 2007 Annual Report:

September 26, 2007 Mail Date: August 2007

November 28, 2007 Due Date: September 2007





State Board News

- On March 29, 2007 our Board's Curriculum Consultant, Dr. Harold Brown, along with his fellow Tuskegee Airmen, were honored in Washington D.C. by President Bush and the United States Congress. He was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his tour of duty during WWII.
- In May 2007 Dr. Brown was the guest speaker at the New Albany High School. He spoke of his experiences as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps first unit of African American combat pilots.
- On May 23, 2007 our Board's Investigator, Kimberly Stein, gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Mom and daughter are doing well and enjoying the Summer months at home with family and friends.



New Chancellor at Ohio Board of Regents

The Ohio Board of Regents appointed Eric D. Fingerhut as the seventh Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents at a special meeting March 14^{th.} On May 15th, following the passage of House Bill 2, Fingerhut also became a member of the Governor's cabinet.

Fingerhut served as Ohio State Senator in 1991-92 and from 1999 to 2006 and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1993. He has taught at Baldwin-Wallace College and Case Western Reserve University, and was a staff attorney at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and an associate with Hahn, Loeser and Parks in Cleveland.

"I am deeply honored by the confidence that has been shown in me by the members of the Board of Regents, Governor Strickland and the leaders of the Ohio General Assembly," said Fingerhut, who currently lives in Shaker Heights. "The future of our great state depends on the talent and innovative ideas that come out of our institutions of higher education. I am committed to providing the aggressive leadership necessary to help make Ohio a global leader in the field of higher education."

Administrative Rule Review Update

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 119.032, the Board is reviewing seven (7) Administrative Rules during the course of this year. The following rules are being reviewed this year:

3332-1-04 Certificate of Registration
3332-1-04.3 Change of School Ownership
3332-1-10 Tuition and fees
3332-1-16 Program Standards
3332-1-17.2 The ethical code of conduct for agents
3332-1-24 Graduation and placement
3332-1-26 Off-campus learning centers

The current rule review schedule calls for the proposed changes to the administrative rules to be presented to the Board at its September 26, 2007 meeting. If the Board adopts the proposed changes at its September meeting a public rules hearing will be scheduled for either the Board's November 2007 or January 2008 meetings. Once the proposed changes have been adopted by the Board, all schools will be notified of the dates for the public hearing and the proposed rule changes will be posted on the Board's web site.

Congress Considers Linking Student-Loan Terms to Income By: Lauren Smith

While her classmates were looking forward to tossing their graduation caps in celebration this Spring, Ashley Hurlburt, a senior at Becker College, faced the future with anxiety. She had to reapply for federal student loans to stay in college another semester, which left her contemplating the mammoth amount of debt she would have after her time here was finished.

The 21-year old first came to college with plans to become a veterinarian, the professional she fell in love with as a senior in high school. The veterinary program is one of Becker's strongest, and the main reasons Ms. Hurlburt, who works weekends at an animal hospital, chose to come to the small private college. But since her freshman year, Ms. Hurlburt, whose parents, a machinist and a director of a day-care center, cannot afford to contribute to Becker's \$29,000-a-year price tag, has rung up more that \$75,000 in student-loan debt. Worried about her ability to repay it, she switched from a pre-veterinary major to a veterinary-technician and business-management double major at the end of her sophomore year, extending time at Becker for one more semester to try to ensure herself a decent-paying job immediately upon graduation.

"I don't want to be paying the rest of my life to have a job that I love," she says, referring to the cost of veterinary school. "That's my dream, but I can't afford to do it."

In 2005, 98% of students graduated from Becker with loan debt, at an average of \$32,120 according to U.S. News & World Report. The average loan debt at Becker is some \$15,000 above the national average, but thousands of student s across the country find themselves in the same position as Ms. Hurlburt. Faced with having to make a decision between the career they want and one that will pay enough for them to climb out of debt, many choose the latter.

Under the new legislation, introduced by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the Massachusetts Democrat who is chairman of the education committee, students who take a public-service job would have their student loans forgiven after 10 years of repayment. All other students would have their loans forgiven after 25 years. In addition, the bill would cut interest rates in half on new loans for the neediest students, from 6.8% to 3.4%, and would also cap student-loan payments at 15% of each graduate's monthly income.

The Senate bill, S 359, would, among other things:

- Forgive loans after 10 years of repayment for students who take a public-service job andforgive all other students' loans after 25 years.
- Cut interest rates in half on new loans for the needlest students from 6.8 % to 3.4% and cap student-loan payments at 15% of each graduate's monthly income.
- Increase the Pell Grant, which is awarded to 5.2 million students each year and make the Pell Grant a hybrid program—part discretionary and part entitlement.
- Increase the allowable college-tuition tax reduction to \$12,000 and allow students to consolidate their loans while they are still in college, as well as reconsolidate afterward.

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