



SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 5, 2006

Actions taken:

1. Authorized the University Administration to submit the name of the architectural firm NBBJ to the Ohio Controlling Board for the provision of professional design services in relation to the new College of Education building at a base fee of 6.9%, including forty (40) hours per week of on-site construction oversight.
2. Requested that the Ohio General Assembly establish a Northeast Ohio Public University Higher Education Council, consisting of two representatives appointed by the chair of each university board and the president from each of the five universities (Cleveland State University, Kent State University, University of Akron, Youngstown State University, and Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine) to examine opportunities for strategic and purposeful collaboration among the institutions, explore opportunities for partnering with respect to undergraduate and graduate academic programs, to consider issues of governance and ways to encourage a system approach to public higher education in Northeast Ohio while at the same time preserving the identity of each institution. Requested that the State provide financial support to ensure that the Council could conduct the appropriate analysis and research. The Council would report within 18 months of its inception to the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor.