CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT
COMMITTEE NOTES

October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting

A meeting of the Higher Education Investment Committee was called to order at 4:25 p.m. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Randy Holt *Marjorie Brant* *John Hampson* *Mike Turner*

Absent: *Bill Wise*
Ex-Officio members: Tami Kelly, Clerk of Council; Ted Berry
Also attending: Don Walters; Steve Robinette

1. Ms. Brant moved to approve the Minutes from the 09/06/18 meeting; seconded by Mr. Hampson. Motion unanimously approved.

2. Chair Holt updated the Committee on his meeting with Mayor Stage and Mr. Ted Berry, Council Member Ward – 1. He said they discussed the intent, spirit and direction of the Program. He explained to them that there were some gray areas coming up and asked if they wanted the Program to grow with a loose interpretation of the definition. Chair Holt told the Committee that the Mayor and Council Member Berry see the Program as a small part of the overall desire to have a building of Higher Learning located in the City. They want colleges here; teaching here and the scholarships are a secondary effect of the Program. He said the secondary objective is to have a higher educated residency in the City. The goal is to make it easier to get to a college; live here – work here – stay here. Chair Holt said as a result of that meeting, a one-time session of classes offered by a college in the City does not qualify for the Program. The definition of "presence" needs to be conservative. He said he specifically reviewed the Ohio Dominican offering and Mayor Stage/Council Member Berry does not believe this meets the criteria because it is not open to the public. It is only offered to SWCS teachers.

   The Committee discussed this and more specifically the Ohio Dominican offering. Mr. Walters shared an e-mail from Mr. John Naughton, Associate VP of ODU, explaining what type of educational classes their Professors were offering at the SWCS Career Academy. It said that while this is offered to SWCS Teachers, anyone can apply to their university to take this class. *Ms. Brant* said that she doesn't think the Program is meant to be for training of a specialized group. ODU staffs the class, per the Committees criteria, but this is to a closed group. *Mr. Hampson* asked if Columbus State and/or Ohio Christian offer a full range of classes. He said his point is – how many courses make a "presence". *Chair Holt* said there needs to be a better definition of "presence". He believes one weekend or one month does not count as a "presence". *Mr. Berry* pointed out that both Columbus State and Ohio Christian have Lease Agreements for their spaces. *Mr. Walters* commented that he believes ODU does have a "presence", even though the class that is being offered is for a thin slice of the population. He feels other classes may be the same. *Ms. Brant* asked if ODU has a Lease Agreement for their space. It was also asked if the SWCS teachers paid for this class or if the District paid for it.

   The Committee decided that when they review the whole program, they will better refine the requirements for "presence". Mr. Holt suggested reviewing the colleges annually and determining which would be authorized for the Program.

3. The Committee reviewed the Draft Resolution that recommends an amendment to the current language that was approved at the last meeting, concerning the permitted institutions or "presence".

Mr. Berry suggested that the Committee be able to create the Rules. Ms. Brant said she has no problem taking on that obligation, but Council needs to give the Committee that authority.

Ms. Brant moved that a Working Committee be established to develop procedural rules and definitions for the implementation and administration of the Scholarship Program in 2019; seconded by Mr. Hampson. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Hampson moved that the Working Committee would review the data for scholarship disbursal; volunteer hours; money in arrears; etc.; seconded by Ms. Brant. Motion unanimously approved.

Ms. Brant moved that the draft resolution be changed as follows: . . . "any institution of higher education that is physically offering classes in the City of Grove City for persons who have graduated from high school or received a GED" . . .; seconded by Mr. Holt. Motion unanimously approved.

4. Chair Holt said the Mayor has asked him to create a survey of the participants, so we can create some data from them. Chair Holt said he would develop the questions and work with Ms. Kelly to get them sent to the scholarship recipients.

5. The Committee reviewed the request for volunteering at the Nazarene Church as a preschool minister. Mr. Holt moved to approve this type of volunteer service to count as part of the Scholarship Program; seconded by Mr. Hampson. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Secretary

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Chair