

**CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT
COMMITTEE NOTES**

Sept. 06, 2018

Regular Meeting

A meeting of the Higher Education Investment Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Randy Holt Marjorie Brant Bill Wise Mike Turner

Absent: *John Hampson*

Ex-Officio members: Tami Kelly, Clerk of Council

Also attending: Don Walters

1. Mr. Holt moved to approve the Minutes from the 07/05/18 meeting; seconded by Ms. Brant. Motion unanimously approved.
2. Ms. Kelly provided a copy of Resolution CR-42-18 that Council approved on 8/20/18, which changed the language to "any institutions of higher education that is offering classes in the City of Grove City". Ms. Brant said she is concerned that this new language would allow for on-line institutions to be eligible and this was not the intent of the Program. The Committee discussed the new language and the intent of the Program at length. Mr. Holt said he believed that the intent was for the Institution to be operating with a physical presence in Grove City. Those in attendance agreed.
3. The Committee reviewed the letter from Ms. Amy Schakat, Career-Technical Coordinator, from Southwestern City Schools concerning classes being offered by Franklin University and Ohio Dominican University.

Mr. Holt stated that the Committee needed to know what these Universities are offering and what that looks like.

Dr. Wise explained that Ohio Dominican is offering graduate courses to the SWCS staff, as indicated in Ms. Schakat's letter. He said if someone is aware of the class being offered they could come take it at the SWCS location. It is a specific course for a specific audience.

Mr. Don Walters said he had checked with his contact at Franklin University and discovered that Franklin is not offering classes to the public. Dr. Wise said Franklin is part of the "College Credit Plus" program that offers classes to their students while attending high school. This Program is already paid for by the District.

Ms. Brant asked if the Higher Ed. Program was aimed at undergraduate education. It was decided that the Program was not. It is for all higher education. However, there is a requirement that a minimum of six (6) credit hours be taken in a semester to qualify.

Discussion took place about Franklin University and other colleges that are part of the College Credit Plus program. It was determined by the Committee that these colleges would not qualify as part of the G.C. Higher Education Program because most don't send professors to teach the classes (adjunct professors are used) – there is no physical presence. Also, the cost is covered by the CCP program.

Mr. Holt said he would like to see the Program expand, but in the right way. He suggested that an annual list of colleges would be approved by the Committee. Mr. Turner said Council would have to give the Committee that authority.

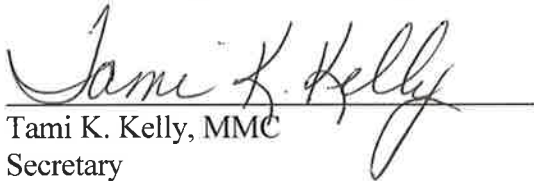
Mr. Holt used a scenario: *If Franklin has a Professor offering classes to the public at Drury Inn in Grove City, then Franklin would qualify and anyone living in Grove City, attending Franklin, could apply for the scholarship.* The Committee agreed.

Ms. Brant said she believes they must have a physical location in Grove City. Mr. Walters asked if the school needed to be staffed with University employees. Ms. Brant said she didn't think we should get into employees. If a SWCS teacher is paid by the college to teach after hours in Grove City, then they would be part of the college employment. Mr. Holt said the prerequisite is the issue. Mr. Turner suggested asking that the new language be changed to "a college with a physical location in Grove City offering classes to the general public".

The Committee agreed that part of the Program is to encourage Institutions to come to Grove City. The Committee considered different scenarios to determine what the "presence" in Grove City should be in order to qualify. Ms. Brant suggested requesting that the new language be changed to: *"attending any 'like' institutions of higher education that are physically offering classes at a site in the City of Grove City for persons who have graduated from high school or received a GED"*. That would take care of on-line colleges and the College Credit Plus program. The Committee agreed. Ms. Kelly said she would draft something for the Committee to review concerning the language change and authority to approve colleges for the year.

Mr. Holt said the Committee needs to further refine the requirements for "presence" of a University. The Program language may need updated, and this will be continued at the next meeting. He believes "presence" needs to be established before a scholarship can be approved for that institution. To facilitate the "presence" definition, the Committee would create a yearly review of universities actively conducting classes in Grove City. Approved universities will be provided to Ms. Kelly for use during the scholarship application process for the year. He suggested arranging a meeting with Mayor Stage and Mr. Berry, Council Liaison, to go over these latest issues. Ms. Kelly said she would ask for available dates and get back with the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Secretary


Randy Holt
Chair