

**THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST**

**PROVOST'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – 9/23/04**

Present: James Brechbill (for Dennis Sullivan), Lori Brinker, John Cheh, Duane Covrig, Yvonne Gillette, Margery Koosed, Thein Kyu, Craig Menzemer, Michael Morshes, Lisa Park, Karen Plummer, Beth Stroble

Absent with notice: Paula Renker

Chair: Stroble

Recorder: C. Herold

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome	Dr. Stroble welcomed all the members of the Provost's Advisory Committee. The history of the group is that the Colleges believe these reps are the conveyors of the colleges' needs. This is an opportunity, as a group, to get access to information and processes to know aspects of the university work. Will meet monthly, depending on calendar. There will be a different topic each month.	Committee is to share information with their colleagues.
Challenges Raised by College Representatives	What is the role in continuing education? Diversity of skills and background of students. Better understanding of the budgeting process. Recruitment and retention. ROI. University has lost its strong regional or local sense of strength. What is our identity? How can the Library help serve the campus better. Would like to learn more about Carnegie Cluster. Need list of outcomes for students. Outcomes and assessment are important. How does each department fit into the scheme? Transferability (associate degree to bachelors). Distance Learning. Need to determine Summit College affiliation with the university as a whole (define what the relationship can be to the University recruitment and retention). How do we move students from lowest level to highest level? How do we motivate a faculty member to remain active in research after they have received tenure? Financial accessibility for students a large problem. We need to create an environment for faculty success. Faculty need to know they are valued. Assessment of faculty needs to be done fairly. Where do part-time faculty fit into the institution? Having trouble recruiting and retaining part time faculty. Need intellectual incentives (post-tenure to continue research)	Possible future topics.
Next Meeting	November 2 at 11:30.	