THE FIVE COLLEGES OF OHIO

2016 – 2017

THE FIVE COLLEGES OF OHIO, INC.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Five Colleges of Ohio consortium was founded in order to foster closer cooperation and understanding, coordinate operating functions and administrative services, develop collaborative academic programs and resource sharing, and enhance quality while reducing individual and collective operating and capital costs.

*THE CONSORTIUM MEMBERS ARE INDEPENDENT,
RESIDENTIAL LIBERAL-ARTS COLLEGES*

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Denison University
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Kenyon College
Gambier, OH 43022 • www.kenyon.edu

Oberlin College
Oberlin, OH 44074 • www.oberlin.edu

Ohio Wesleyan University
Delaware, OH 43015 • www.owu.edu

Five of the Best!

The Five Colleges of Ohio Consortium

- Is a focal point for ongoing constructive conversations among people at the five institutions about issues and opportunities of mutual concern.
- Forms a basis for trust and understanding, and thus, a foundation for programs that will enhance the member institutions.
- Creates bonds among the institutions that stimulate us to challenge the status quo and think about how we might be better both collectively and individually.
- Provides a forum for the presidents to initiate public dialogue about consortial innovations and the value of a liberal arts education.

History

- The five colleges have been affiliated as members of state, regional, and national educational and athletic organizations for some years.
- Discussion to formalize the consortium began in 1993, with a focus on the creation of a consortial library and the cooperative use of technology.
- A grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, awarded in June 1995, provided for the development of a joint library system, establishment of an administrative structure, and investigation of the benefits and methods for sharing digital images and multimedia resources.
- The college presidents signed papers of incorporation on 30 June 1995, establishing the Five Colleges of Ohio, Inc. as a legal entity.

2016-2017 Committees

- Operating Committee: the Chief Financial and Business Officers
    Mark Kohlman, Kenyon College, Chair
- Academic Committee: the Chief Academic Officers
    Chuck Steinmetz, Ohio Wesleyan University, Chair
- Library Committee: the Library Directors & Systems Manager
    BethAnn Zambella, Denison University, Chair

Library Projects and Programs

- In 1995, with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the consortium initiated programs focused on the libraries. Denison, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, and Wooster created CONSORT, a joint library system and catalog.
- From 2000-2013, the five colleges operated the CONStor Library Depository in Newark, Ohio.
- With additional Mellon Foundation support, the libraries established campus and consortial programs in Information Literacy (2000-03) and Collection Development (2001-04).
- In 2003, Denison and Kenyon received a Mellon Foundation grant to combine the technical services departments.
- In 2006, the libraries began a study of the management of lesser-used materials, resulting in a strategic plan for the next generation libraries.
- In 2009, the five colleges initiated a next-generation library project (Mellon grants of $620,000) and in 2010 began the process of closing of CONStor.
- In 2013, the Mellon Foundation awarded the libraries $775,000 to extend the NGL programs to include Digital Scholarship.

Additional Areas of Cooperative Activity

The Operating Committee is pursuing initiatives in human resources and procurement, looking for cost-savings, best practices, and improved services. The Academic Committee is moving forward with two grant programs, one in conjunction with the Ohio State University to establish language postdoctoral fellowships, and the other to engage faculty in strengthening curricular coherence. The Library Committee is continuing grant-funded collaborations with faculty with a focus on digital scholarship, and is upgrading the shared CONSORT system and services.

The website (www.ohio5.org) links to general information, library reports and policies, and program descriptions. The faculty and administrative jobs listing combines postings from the five colleges. The site is visited several thousand times each month.

Active peer groups have established collaborations in environmental health and safety, information technology, library systems and services, and risk management. Current initiatives and recent meetings involve annual dance workshops for students and faculty, diversity in the classroom programs, facilities and physical plant operations, human resources shared contracts and best practices, international education and study away programs, procurement including implementation of a consortial eProcurement system, safety and security coordination, and Title IX compliance.

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT CONSORTIAL COOPERATION

Each member college is encouraged to build on its own individuality and strengths. Together we look to expand into areas where we couldn't otherwise afford to venture. The consortium defines a dynamic, not static, future by promoting risk-taking and cost-savings. We have learned to look to each other for assistance and an attitude of sharing has developed between colleagues. By fostering joint problem-solving and support, the consortium has become an important professional development network.

Consortial Grants

- Library Collaboration and Consortial Organization, 6/95, $840,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to create a joint library system, incorporate the consortium, and study the use of shared digital images.
- Language Teaching. 6/96, $750,000 from the Mellon Foundation to foster collaborations among faculty for teaching with technology
- Language Technology Classrooms. 12/96, $250,000 from the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation for instructional technology.
- Information Literacy: Web Tutorials. 12/98, $50,000 from the Foundation for Independent Higher Education and AT&T.
- Strategic Planning and Implementation. 7/99, $32,000 from the Mellon Foundation to support strategic-planning activities.
- Information Literacy: Curricular Integration. 12/99, $475,000 from the Mellon Foundation to build partnerships between librarians and faculty to increase curricular use of information resources.
- Cooperative Collection Development. 1/01, $325,000 from the Mellon Foundation to analyze the existing library collections and to support the operation of CONStor, the joint library storage facility.
- Language Multimedia Project Dissemination. 7/02, $10,000 from the National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education to distribute CDs of the language technology projects to all Mellon LA colleges.
- George B. Storer Foundation Scholarships. 2003-09, $2,550,000 for annual scholarships for up to ten upper-class students with 3.5 GPAs.
- Library Technical Services Work Redesign. 11/03, $100,000 to Denison and Kenyon from Mellon to form a joint department.
- Environmental Health and Safety from the OhioEPA Office of Environmental Education for training programs for faculty and staff. 5/04, $50,000 in *Pollution Prevention*, and 1/09, $49,894 for *Collaborative Environmental Management Systems*. Both were recognized as "outstanding" by the EPA-OEEF.
- Campus Safety from United Educators Insurance Company. 11/04, $2,000 and 4/06, $1,500 to provide workshops: *Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls* and *Planning for a Pandemic*.
- Value-Added Assessment from the Teagle Foundation. 6/05, $25,000 for a pilot project. 6/06, $297,353 for a three-year faculty program to assess creative and critical thinking.
- Digital Library: Next-Generation Library from the Mellon Foundation. 1/09, $20,000 for planning. 12/09, $600,000 to support the integration of digital collections into the curriculum.
- Language Pedagogy from the Mellon Foundation. 1/13, $50,000 for a planning grant to explore collaboration with OSU to improve language teaching and learning. 1/15, $2,000,000 to implement a postdoctoral fellowship program.
- Digital Library: Focus on Scholarship. 3/13, $775,000 from Mellon to continue working with faculty to enhance digital collections and promote digital scholarship.
- eProcurement from the Mellon Foundation. 4/14, $100,000 to support the acquisition and implementation of a shared web-based comprehensive procurement system.
- Curricular Coherence from the Teagle Foundation. 5/14, $25,000 for a pilot project. 1/15, $280,000 for a three-year faculty program to strengthen curricular coherence. Allegheny College is a partner for these grants.

The Five Colleges of Ohio Grants, 1988 - 2018			
Funder	Years	Title	Amount
General Grants			
Mellon	1994	Forming the Consortium	$24,000
Mellon	1999-2004	Strategic Planning	32,000
United Educators	2004	Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls	2,000
United Educators	2006	Planning for a Pandemic	1,500
Mellon	2014-2015	Shared eProcurement System	100,000
Library Grants			
Mellon	1995-2002	Forming CONSORT	$840,000
AT&T/OFIC	1998-2001	Information Literacy Web Tutorials	49,490
Mellon	1999-2003	Information Literacy: Curricular Integration	475,000
Mellon/GLCA	2001-2004	Collection Development	325,000
Mellon	2003-2005	Work Redesign for DU and KC	100,000
Mellon	2009	Next Generation Libraries Planning	20,000
Mellon	2010-2013	Next Generation Libraries Implementation	600,000
Mellon	2013-2016	Digital Scholarship	775,000
Academic Grants			
Pew	1988-1999	COSEN: Science and Math Enrichment	$3,062,118
Mellon	1996-2002	Language Teaching with Technology	750,000
Culpeper	1997-2000	Language Technology Classrooms	250,000
Mellon/NITLE	2002-2003	Language Dissemination	10,000
Storer	2003-2009	Student Scholarships	2,550,000
OhioEPA	2004-2006	Laboratory Pollution Prevention	50,000
Teagle	2005-2006	Value Added Assessment Planning	25,000
Teagle	2006-2009	Value Added Assessment Implementation	297,353
OhioEPA	2009-2010	Environmental Management and Site Visits	49,490
Mellon	2013-2014	Language Enhancement Planning	50,000
Teagle	2014-2015	Curricular Coherence Planning	25,000
Teagle	2015-2017	Curricular Coherence Implementation	280,000
Mellon	2015-2018	Language Enhancement Implementation	2,000,000
Total			$12,742,951

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