

**President's Commission on Student Centeredness**  
**Minutes**  
**October 18, 2006**

The meeting began with recognition of a student centered event. Carol Bresnahan informed the group of the James Ashley program which was held on Friday, October 13. Ashley was an Ohio congressman who was the primary author of the 13th amendment, which was responsible for the end of slavery, by law, in 1865. The program was put together by undergraduate Matthew Person. Matthew learned about the unrecognized work of Congressman Ashley and chose this project to honor him and his contributions to the people of Toledo. A pen and ink illustrated portrait by local artist and UT Professor James Ashley, who is also the great-grandson and namesake of Congressman James Ashley, was presented to the College of Law at the program.

Carol Bresnahan asked the group for nominations for the student centeredness award which will be presented next month. Her committee will be meeting soon to choose the first awardees.

Zaayah Waite reported that the Rocket Launch committee is working on some short term enhancement to the December 2006 program and is working on a major revamping of the orientation program for Fall 2007. Zaayah also passed out the group's action plan and members of the advisory committee.

Penny Poplin Gosetti reported that Martin Abraham will report on the student payroll issue at the next meeting.

Gary Jankowski, director of safety services, responded to requests for improved lighting in the flatlands and repair of a gravel path near Savage Hall. Gary reported that a study is being done of the lighting on campus currently. Dr. Jacobs requested that the lighting issue be taken care of as soon as possible. Gary will investigate solutions to these two problems and report back to the Commission.

The Commission discussed a letter which was written by an undergraduate student in regards to the protocol of taking a Chemistry exam and a question as to the purpose of course evaluations. Alice Skeens will follow up on the Chemistry exam protocol. Bernie Bopp will collect the various course evaluations on campus and look at the possibility of having a uniform evaluation.

Future agenda items were discussed including a report on how to become a wireless campus and inclusion of a representative from the student bookstore. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2006 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in 3018 SU.