

**Ohio Senate Advice and Consent
Trustee Appointment Questionnaire**

Name: Richard A. Myser

Institution Being Appointed to:
Belmont College Board of Trustees

1. Are you a graduate of or do any of your dependents attend the institution to which you are being appointed as trustee?
NO

2. What is your position on the First Amendment rights of faculty, staff, and students, and how will you balance this with promoting diversity of thought on campus?
I do believe and strongly support the First Amendment's Right to Freedom of Speech for all people including faculty, staff and students of a college. The freedom to express one's beliefs however does need to be tempered to the situation, location and time to allow others to express their beliefs and not stifle other persons same right.

3. In your opinion, what are three current significant issues affecting higher education?
 1. The financial ability for all people to have access to higher education.
 2. The ability of higher education to provide a well rounded education to all students.
 3. The leadership role which is higher education should play in our society.

4. Do you feel comfortable presenting new or alternative solutions to issues presented to the Board of Trustees ("Board") by the president or other trustees of the institution to which you are being appointed?
Absolutely! Not only am I comfortable in "presenting" new alternatives but also in "considering" and "discussing" new issues an alternatives presented.

5. What are some ideas you plan to propose to reduce the overall cost of higher education?
The dissemination of information to more students regarding the availability of money and financial plans for payment to make higher education more attractive to more students

6. What thoughts do you have on faculty tenure, post-tenure review, and annual faculty performance reviews? Issues regarding tenure for faculty is an area I am not versed in and will have to educate myself on further.

7. What are your thoughts on ways to increase graduation rates at the institution to which you have been appointed?

Increase the incentive for graduation by making more jobs or employers with jobs available and accessible to the students.

8. Is higher education in Ohio addressing the current and future workforce needs of our state, and how can the institution you have been appointed to better address these workforce challenges?

I think it is currently meeting the "workforce needs" but that is not to say that we cannot do better as the needs in the future will change. Higher education will also have to change to meet these needs.

9. In your view, who are you ultimately responsible to serve as a trustee of the institution you have been appointed to: the president, Board chairperson, or taxpayers of Ohio?

I have not yet been given a copy of the school's charter nor the Board's Code of Regulations but it is my understanding that as is the case with any board of trustees, I am responsible to serve the people I represent which is the taxpayers of Ohio and the Students of the college.