

APPENDIX K

Antioch College Renewal Commission's Expert Review Panel Biographical Information (*in alpha order*)

Ronald A. Crutcher

Ronald A. Crutcher is Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Crutcher began his administrative career as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. From 1990-1994, he served as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Conservatory at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Most recently, he served as Director of the School of Music and The Florence Thelma Hall Chair in Music at the University of Texas at Austin from 1994-99.

As a Woodrow Wilson and Ford Foundation Fellow at Yale University, he was the first cellist to receive the Doctor of Musical Arts degree. The recipient of a Fulbright Award, Dr. Crutcher studied in Germany. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in March, 1985 and currently performs in this country and in Europe with the Klemperer Piano Trio. A scholar as well as a performer, Dr. Crutcher has written articles on valuing cultural diversity in the arts, Black classical music, and other topics for several professional journals.

Ronald Crutcher has served as a consultant for numerous arts, education, and other non-profit institutions. He is currently Vice Chair of the Association of American Colleges and Universities(AAC&U) and a member of the Executive Committee of the Council of Academic Affairs of NASULGC. Additionally, he is the immediate Past President of Chamber Music America and on the boards of the Musical Arts Association (Cleveland Orchestra), the Cincinnati Opera Association, and the Cincinnati May Festival.

Dr. Crutcher is a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Kappa Lambda (Music), and Delta Phi Alpha (Germanic Studies) honoraries. In recognition of distinguished service to the art and profession of music, Dr. Crutcher received a Certificate of Merit from the Yale University School of Music Alumni Association in April 2000. He is also a member of the Delta Alpha Boule of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Dr. Crutcher's hobbies are fitness, cooking, reading, theatre, and bicycling. He is a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Oxford, Ohio, where he resides with his wife, Betty Neal Crutcher. Their nineteen-year old daughter, Sara Elizabeth, is a second-year student in the Scripps School of Journalism and Communications at Hampton University.

Peter Ewell

Peter Ewell is a Senior Associate at the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), a research and development center founded to improve the management effectiveness of colleges and universities. A member of the staff since 1981, Dr. Ewell's work focuses on assessing institutional effectiveness and the outcomes of college, and involves both research and direct consulting with institutions and state systems on collecting and using

assessment information in planning, evaluation, and budgeting. He has directed many projects on this topic, including initiatives funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the National Institute for Education, the Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education, and the Pew Charitable Trusts, and is currently a principal partner in the Pew Forum on Undergraduate Learning. In addition, he has consulted with over 375 colleges and universities and twenty-four state systems of higher education on topics including assessment, program review, enrollment management, and student retention. He has also been actively involved in NCHEMS work on longitudinal student databases and other academic management information tools.

Dr. Ewell has authored six books and numerous articles on the topic of improving undergraduate instruction through the assessment of student outcomes. Among his publications are *The Self-Regarding Institution: Information for Excellence* and *Assessing Educational Outcomes*, both of which have been widely cited in the development of campus-based assessment programs. In addition, he has prepared commissioned papers for many agencies, including the Study Group on the Conditions of Excellence in American Higher Education (authors of the report *Involvement in Learning*), the Education Commission of the States, the National Governors' Association, the National Conference of State Legislators, and the National Center for Public Policy in Higher Education. Widely sought as a speaker on assessment, in 1985 he gave the keynote address for the first national conference on Assessment in American Higher Education, and has since spoken widely on this topic at both national and international conferences. In 1998 he led the design team for the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and currently chairs its Technical Advisory Panel.

Prior to joining NCHEMS, Dr. Ewell was Coordinator for Long-Range Planning at Governors State University. A graduate of Haverford College, he received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University in 1976 and was on the faculty of the University of Chicago. In addition to consulting in higher education, Dr. Ewell has been involved in program evaluation, organizational development and strategic planning for a variety of non-profit and arts organizations including the National Endowment for the Arts and six state arts agencies. In 1981 he received the National Theater Association award for Theory and Criticism.

Michael S. McPherson

Michael is the fifth President of the Spencer Foundation. Prior to joining the Foundation in 2003 he served as President of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota for seven years. A nationally known economist whose expertise focuses on the interplay between education and economics, McPherson spent the 22 years prior to his Macalester presidency as professor of economics, chairman of the Economics Department, and dean of faculty at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. He holds a B.A. in Mathematics, an M.A. in Economics, and a Ph.D. in Economics, all from the University of Chicago.

McPherson, who is co-author and editor of seven books, including *Keeping College Affordable* and *Economic Analysis and Moral Philosophy*, was founding co-editor of the journal *Economics and Philosophy*. He has served as a trustee of the College Board, the American Council on Education, and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. McPherson has been a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study and a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution.

The Spencer Foundation was established in 1972 through the gift of Lyle Spencer and supports research about education. The Foundation currently funds individual investigators to pursue important research projects of their choice regarding educational issues. Traditionally the majority of grantees have been affiliated with academic departments in colleges and universities, the remainder being principally employed in schools of education.

Michele Tolela Myers

Michele became the ninth president of Sarah Lawrence College on August 1, 1998 succeeding Alice Stone Ichman who had served as president for 17 years. Prior to her presidency at Sarah Lawrence, Dr. Myers served as president of Denison University for nine years. From 1986-1989 she was dean of the undergraduate college at Bryn Mawr College.

Dr. Myers received the Knight Foundation Award for Presidential Leadership in 1996, given for the first time that year to presidents of liberal arts colleges. She was selected by the Knight Foundation for her leadership and courage as she diminished radically the role of fraternities and sororities on the Denison campus, and improved the academic programs and reputation of the college. Dr. Myers holds honorary doctorates from the University of Denver (1999); Denison University (1998); and Wittenberg University (1994).

Dr. Myers is currently a member of the Board of Directors of JSTOR, ARTstor and the Sherman Fairchild Foundation. She served as chairman of the American Council on Education from 1997-98. She is a past director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, past director of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, past chair of the Five Ohio Colleges Consortium and past member of the President's Commission, National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Under Dr. Myers' leadership, Sarah Lawrence is completing a \$75 million fund raising campaign that is expected to surpass its goal by the end of this year. The campaign's purpose includes funding for a \$25 million state-of-the-art visual arts building that will open in the fall of '04, endowment funds and support for current needs of the College including student scholarships, improved faculty salaries, technology and building renovations and improvements.

During her tenure at Denison, President Myers improved the university's academic programs and standing. Denison's endowment grew from \$75 million to \$275 million under her leadership and she helped raise nearly \$80 million in a five-year capital campaign. She presided over the construction of major new buildings, including an environmental field teaching and research station, a science complex, an athletic and recreation facility and major improvements to the student center.

Dr. Myers earned a diplôme in political science and economics from the Institute of Political Studies at the University of Paris in 1962. She earned the master's degree in 1966 and the Ph.D. degree in 1967 in communication studies from the University of Denver, as well as the master's degree in 1977 in clinical psychology from Trinity University in Texas. She taught sociology and communication, with an emphasis on organizational behavior, managerial communication and negotiations, and has been a consultant on these issues for education, business, professional and healthcare organizations. She is co-author, with Gail E. Myers, of four books on

communications: *The Dynamics of Human Communication: A Laboratory Approach; Managing by Communication: an Organizational Approach; Communicating When We Speak; and Communication for the Urban Professional.*

Born in Rabat, Morocco and reared and educated in Paris, Dr. Myers is bilingual in French and English and holds dual citizenship in the United States and France. Dr. Myers has two children, Erika, a graduate of Amherst College and Harvard University, and David, a graduate of Carleton College.

Jo Ellen Parker

Jo Ellen Parker has served as President of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, Inc., since 1996. In this capacity she oversees collaborative programming for twelve private liberal arts colleges in areas including faculty and professional development, diversity and educational equity, instructional technology, and international and off-campus education.

Dr. Parker earned the A.B. at Bryn Mawr College, the M.A. at the University of Kansas and the Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania, all in English Literature. She taught as a member of the English department at Swarthmore College and at Bryn Mawr College, where she served as Director of English Composition. As an administrator at Bryn Mawr she held the positions of Freshman Dean, Assistant Dean, and Associate Dean for Special Academic Programs, gaining experience in student life and curriculum development. The close collaborative ties among Bryn Mawr, Haverford, and Swarthmore Colleges inspired her interest in consortial organizations and her move to the GLCA.

As President of GLCA, Dr. Parker has led initiatives to develop collaborative models in international education through The Global Partners Project, which serves 42 liberal arts colleges. She has also led the creation of the Midwest Instructional Technology Center to serve the faculties of 26 colleges in the Upper Midwest with training, project development support, and professional development for IT staff. MITC is one of several regional centers affiliated with the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education, which Dr. Parker currently serves as Board Chair.

Dr. Parker has published work on the novels of George Eliot, the teaching of composition, and collaboration in higher education. A frequent presenter at conferences and workshops, she was for several years a regular commentator on National Public Radio's Best Of Our Knowledge.