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As the Secretary of AURCO, Association for University Regional Campuses of Ohio, and the Editor of AURCO Journal, I am pleased to present volume seven, the 2001 Spring Edition. Ever since the founding of AURCO in 1993 at Wright State University—Lake, numerous faculty throughout Ohio's twenty—three regional campuses have contributed to making the journal the premiere publication for the regional faculties' academic and instructional interests. The current journal is by far the largest and most comprehensive publication of the work of regional campus faculty ever published.

AURCO has grown to be a major academic association through which faculty and also administrators throughout Ohio can demonstrate not only their professional competencies but also their abiding passion to convey the most up-to-date knowledge to their students and communities.

On a rotating basis involving all the campuses of Ohio, members meet annually at a Spring Conference to share their pedagogical, academic, professional, and administrative concerns for their students, institutions, and communities. Spring of 2001 will mark the seventh time members will convene for the annual conference.

Each year following the Spring Conference, presentations and papers have been published in AURCO Journal the succeeding year. This endeavor represents a considerable investment of time, effort, money, and professional commitment. Now a refereed academic publication, AURCO Journal includes not only refereed papers but also conference papers and presentations as well. The seventh edition includes the work of thirty-six authors from thirteen institutions: Kent State University— Geauga, Kent State University-School of Technology, Kent State University-Stark, Kent State University-Trumbull, Ohio State University-Mansfield, Ohio State University-Marion, Miami University—Hamilton, Ohio University—Lancaster, Ohio University— Southern, University of Cincinnati-Clermont, University of Cincinnati—Raymond Walters, Wright State University—Dayton, and Wright State University—Lake. Of the thirty-six presentations, seven are collaborations from two to four authors; one presentation includes the work of an adjunct who is both a student and teacher; and one

presentation includes the work of students working within academic instructional support services.

We of AURCO look to our development as a further indication of the growth of the organization and the professional commitment of faculty throughout Ohio's twenty—three sister campuses.

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