

## OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.13 Ohio Board of Regents Resolution Speed to Scale

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Speed to Scale initiative led by John Garland, President of Central State University and Regents staff demonstrates the continued commitment of the Ohio Board of Regents and the state of Ohio to the future of Central State University; and

WHEREAS, Speed to Scale is modeled upon the sustained success found in North Carolina historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) such as Elizabeth City State University and North Carolina Central University; and

WHEREAS, Speed to Scale is intended to break the cycle experienced by Central State University in past years where its small size meant fewer state dollars for the university and, consequently, fewer academic offerings and amenities than are offered at other public universities in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Speed to Scale is a collaborative partnership with five Ohio colleges and universities, The Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati, Cuyahoga Community College, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College and Sinclair Community College; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative partnership has developed a plan for rapid growth that should enable Central State University to obtain the level of efficiency and scale enjoyed by other mid-sized universities; and

WHEREAS, Speed to Scale calls for the state of Ohio to strategically invest over a period of time in new or expanded signature programs, personnel, infrastructure, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recently demonstrated its continued commitment to Central State University by passing the 2006-2007 biennial capital bill wherein \$8.2 million was appropriated to complete Phase II of the Center for Education and Natural Sciences and \$1.75 million in operating funds were restored;

WHEREAS, the Speed to Scale initiative should enhance Central State University's future by furthering strategic funding, improving facilities and increasing the quality and strength of programs; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents and Central State University agree that Speed to Scale provides consistent and substantive support that should allow Central State University to grow and thrive.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents and Central State University believe that Speed to Scale should make Central State University a stronger and more attractive institution to students of all races.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Ohio Board of Regents will continue its support of Speed to Scale by including the initiative in its Executive Operating budget request transmitted to the Office of Budget and Management, the Chairpersons of the Finance Committees of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate as required by §3333.04 (J) of the Revised Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ohio Board of Regents will actively advocate for Speed to Scale as the operating budget moves through the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ohio Board of Regents agrees that Speed to Scale represents a comprehensive and collaborative effort to make Central State University a stronger and more attractive institution to students of all races.