

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.1 Resolution recognizing the service of Dr. E. Garrison Walters as Interim Chancellor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. E. Garrison Walters, Ph.D., has served the Ohio Board of Regents with vision, sensitivity, and distinction as Interim Chancellor for the past ten months, as well continuing to serve as Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters has displayed a calm demeanor, employed creativity and demonstrated exceptional skill in leading a professional staff and engaging policymakers during a period fraught with great challenges and dramatic change; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters has been an unceasing advocate of a long-term compact between the business, policymakers and higher education to improve the ability of colleges and universities to effectively raise degree attainment levels and promote a skilled workforce.

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters has long been a tireless champion of the concept that in the 21st century knowledge and innovation-based economy, higher education fuels the economy and increases all Ohioans' prospects for prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters has led the creation and development of numerous innovative major initiatives, such as the Third Frontier Network – the nation's leading fiber-optic research and education communications network; OhioLink – a nationally recognized electronic consortium of college, university, and state libraries; the Ohio Learning Network – Ohio's premiere e-learning organization; the Ohio Plan – the forerunner of the state's progressive research and technology commercialization project; the Ralph Regula School of Computational Science – a unique virtual program to provide student and industry with much-demanded skills; and Speed2Scale – a creative strategy to stabilize a struggling state university; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters's significant contributions on behalf of Ohio's college students, the Board of Regents and the entire higher education community cannot truly be measured by his leadership on the many groundbreaking initiatives of the past without acknowledging the tremendous accomplishments that are yet to come;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Ohio Board of Regents hereby commends Interim Chancellor Dr. E. Garrison Walters, Ph.D., for extraordinary service to this board, higher education and the state of Ohio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; The Ohio Board of Regents hereby acknowledges the dedication and leadership demonstrated by Dr. Walters and thank him warmly for his outstanding service.