

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 6.7 Consideration of a request by the Ohio State University to increase in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees above the 6 % cap in fiscal year 2001 to provide funds for the 'Learning Technology' initiative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 7.03 of Am. Sub. H.B. 282 of the 123rd General Assembly requires boards of trustees of state-assisted universities to limit combined university main campus in-state undergraduate instructional and general fee increases for an academic year over amounts charged in the prior academic year to no more than 6%; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.03 of Am. Sub. H.B. 282 of the 123rd General Assembly also authorizes the Ohio Board of Regents, with the approval of the Controlling Board, to approve of fee increases in excess of the fee limitations in order to respond to "exceptional circumstances"; and

WHEREAS, Ohio State University has embarked upon an ambitious information technology plan to improve technology-enhanced learning and to respond to student and employer demands; and

WHEREAS, the central administration and the colleges of Ohio State University continue to commit substantial financial resources to learning technology; and

WHEREAS, to continue to move forward in the area of information technology, the university needs additional resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposed technology fee of \$50 per quarter in addition to a planned increase of \$75 per quarter will increase total FY 2001 in-state undergraduate fees per quarter from \$1,370 to \$1,495, or 9.1 percent for most full-time undergraduates; and

WHEREAS, because business, engineering, and public policy students already pay a technology fee, they will not be required to pay the \$50 per quarter technology fee requested here, and as a result the university will realize a revenue increase of 8.4% and not 9.1%; and

WHEREAS, the university's Board of Trustees has approved this fee increase, and the university and representatives of student government have approved an agreement regarding the fee increase and the use of revenues;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the Ohio State University request for the approval of an increase in in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees above the 6% cap, as described above, is hereby approved.

