

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.16 Consideration of changes to Board of Regents' policies regarding tuition limitations, enrollment limitations, state oversight of student housing, two-year campus service districts, and control of the creation of new academic programs

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents was created in the mid-1960s as a coordinating board, with planning, advisory, and recommendatory powers, but few direct governing powers; and

WHEREAS, public colleges and universities in Ohio are governed by their own Boards of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Boards of Trustees are responsible for the approval of budgets, the appointment of Presidents, and the general management of fiscal affairs, purchasing, curriculum, human resources, and capital resources; and

WHEREAS, despite Ohio's history and philosophy, certain state regulations remain in place that restrict the decision-making authority of Boards of Trustees of state-assisted colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, these regulations include a) tuition limitations; b) enrollment limitations; c) state oversight of student housing; d) two-year campus service districts; and e) state control over the creation of new academic programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has determined that eliminating some of these regulations would restore to Boards of Trustees the authority they need to discharge their legal and fiduciary responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has determined that one other of these regulations need to be studied, and one other continued;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Performance Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the Board hereby supports the elimination of tuition caps, enrollment caps, and Board oversight of student housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents hereby calls for a study of two-year campus service districts; and endorses the continuation of current policies regarding program approval of new academic programs, and recommends the continual improvement of the policy and process of program review, with a new emphasis on program outcomes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached document, "The Case for Further Deregulation of Higher Education in Ohio" provides the basis and supporting documentation for the Board's changes in policy regarding these matters.

