

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.1 Approval for Incentive Fund Program Awards

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Incentive Fund component of the new doctoral program performance-funding model was advanced by the Graduate Funding Commission in its final report of July 17, 1998 to encourage state-assisted universities to address critical State of Ohio needs defined broadly as:

1. Improving the state's economic development;
2. Strengthening the state's system of elementary and secondary education;
3. Improving public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents set aside \$3.5 million from the doctoral allocation to make Incentive Fund grants to state-assisted universities through a competitive, disinterested peer-review process; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's state-assisted universities were invited to submit proposals in statewide competition for Incentive Fund Program awards; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's state-assisted universities have responded to the goals of the Incentive Fund Program with outstanding proposals; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished Incentive Fund Review Committee, following a careful and thorough review of the sixty proposals, has submitted its recommendations to the Ohio Board of Regents;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the Incentive Fund Program awards be made to the university programs according to the list attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents hereby authorizes Columbus State Community College, in its role as the designated fiscal agent, to release the Incentive Fund Program awards to the appropriate universities upon certification from the Chancellor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents expresses its gratitude to the institutional representatives who served as members of the Graduate Funding Commission for their vision in establishing the Incentive Fund Program to ensure the enhancement of excellence in Ohio graduate and professional programs as well as for enabling faculty and students in Ohio

graduate and professional programs to address problems that are of vital statewide significance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents further extends its sincere compliments to each program that was considered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents recognizes with appreciation the valuable contributions of the distinguished senior scholar/administrators who served on the Incentive Fund Review Committee.