

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.9 Ohio University, Lancaster Campus at the Pickerington Center, Master of Arts in Political Science

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study as well as the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Ohio University, Lancaster Campus at the Pickerington Center  
Master of Arts in Political Science

## **BACKGROUND**

### **OHIO UNIVERSITY, PICKERINGTON CENTER OF THE LANCASTER CAMPUS**

#### Master of Arts in Political Science

The Lancaster campus of Ohio University seeks Regents' approval for a graduate degree program entitled Master of Arts in Political Science. The graduate program in Political Science is a two- and one-half-year program that has been offered at various Ohio University branch campuses over the past two decades. The proposed curriculum is identical to this same program as currently offered on the main Ohio University campus in Athens; however, the students interested in this degree program are not able to commute to Athens owing to problems of distance and individual work schedules.

Ohio University has carried out a thorough needs assessment among prospective students in Pickerington. The results of this survey reveal a strong, and growing, demand for this graduate degree program.

The proposed program has been reviewed by the graduate deans on RACGS and, at their September 28, 2001 meeting, the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study voted to approve the Master of Arts in Political Science at the Pickerington Center of the Lancaster campus of Ohio University.