

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.12 Consideration of the higher education operating budget recommendations for the FY 2007 – FY 2009 operating biennium

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 3333.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Board of Regents is required to review the appropriation requests of state colleges and universities and to submit to the Office of Budget and Management and to the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of the House of Representatives and of the Senate its recommendations in regard to the biennial higher education appropriations for the state; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the critical importance of higher education for the state's future economic prosperity, the General Assembly created the Higher Education Funding Study Council in Am. Sub. H.B. 66, and mandated other studies; and

WHEREAS, the Study Council met during FY 2006 and made 24 recommendations in the spring designed to make Ohio more competitive in the knowledge economy, promote access and opportunity for all students, and deliver results for public investments; and

WHEREAS, Am. Sub. H.B. 66 also directed the Regents to convene the Clinical Teaching Consultation, and

WHEREAS, to provide technical assistance and substantive policy recommendations for the budget request, the Board of Regents reconvened the Higher Education Funding Commission and the State Share of Instruction consultation, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has received and considered the recommendations of the Chancellor for the state higher education operating appropriation for the 2007 - 2009 biennium, which reflect the recommendations of the Higher Education Funding Study Council, the Higher Education Funding Commission, the State Share of Instruction consultation, and the Clinical Teaching Consultation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board concurs in the higher education operating appropriation recommendations of the Chancellor for the fiscal biennium 2007 – 2009 as set forth in the materials attached to and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Chancellor is hereby authorized to transmit such recommendations with appropriate supporting documentation to

the Office of Budget and Management and to the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of the House of Representatives and of the Senate in accordance with established state budgetary procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Chancellor is authorized to work in close cooperation with the Director of the Office of Budget and Management and subsequently with appropriate legislative officers and committees in presenting the operating appropriation needs of the higher education system during the 2007 – 2009 biennium, reporting periodically to the Board on progress, and to actively seek support toward the achievement of the purposes and objectives encompassed within the recommendations now before the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board recognizes that these recommendations will need to be revised to reflect changes in debt service and capital component lines not yet available, and may need to be revised for other line items or programs for which estimates of costs have significantly changed. All such revisions will be reported to the Board.