

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda item 3.7 Consideration of the modification of legislative limitations on fee increases for the Ohio State University's Columbus Campus to permit the University to levy a student-initiated fee for Central Ohio Transit Authority bus services.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, §89.05 of Amended Substitute House Bill 95 permits the Board of Regents to modify the limitations on fee increases prescribed by this legislation, with the approval of the Controlling Board, to respond to exceptional circumstances as identified by the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, current year fee increases for resident undergraduate students attending the Ohio State University's Columbus campus are within the 12.9% cap established for the University by Am. Sub. H.B. 95; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio State University wishes to renew a 1997 agreement with the Central Ohio Transit Authority that allows main campus students to be assessed a \$9 per quarter fee for unlimited free bus service; and

WHEREAS, this special fee was initiated and is supported by a majority of the student body of the Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio State University sought and received the approval of the Board of Regents in 1997 to have its limitation on fee increases modified to permit the University to assess this special fee, pursuant to temporary statute in place at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio State University is again seeking the approval of the Board of Regents to renew its agreement with the Central Ohio Transit Authority, should the special fee need to be increased and should future legislative fee caps imposed by the General Assembly otherwise prohibit the University from levying this special fee.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Resources & System Efficiency Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that the renewal and extension of the agreement between the Ohio State University and the Central Ohio Transit Authority represents an exceptional circumstance that justifies an exception to any legislative limitation on fee increases imposed in the future by the General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that any future limitation on fee increases imposed by the General Assembly for the Ohio State University is hereby modified, subject to the approval of the Controlling Board, to permit the continuation of the special fee and potential increase of this fee, not to exceed \$0.75, to comply with the University's agreement with the Central Ohio Transit Authority.