

Agenda Item ____ Resolution Concerning FY 2002 – FY
2003 Operating Appropriations

Whereas, additional investments in higher education are needed to help build Ohio' 21st century economy with more educated Ohioans and a technologically competent workforce; and

Whereas, proposed budget reductions of \$600 million will sacrifice Ohio's future economic prosperity; and

Whereas, the proposed budget reductions could further reduce student participation in higher education in Ohio; and

Whereas the House Committee on Finance and Appropriations is scheduled to meet during the week of April 23rd to unveil this budget plan; and

Whereas, section 3333.04 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the Board of Regents to submit budget recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; and

Whereas, section 3333.04 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the Board of Regents to seek the cooperation of all public and private institutions in performing its duties and making its plans, studies, and recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ohio Board of Regents urges the Governor and the General Assembly to provide adequate investments in higher education to better secure Ohio's economic prosperity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Ohio Board of Regents calls upon the higher education community, including students, parents, trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, and

presidents, to mobilize their efforts to inform state public policy makers about the impact of inadequate funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Ohio Board of Regents requests the cooperation of Ohio's community and business leaders in supporting additional investments in higher education to help secure Ohio's economic prosperity.