

2016 IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFICIENCY AND AFFORDABILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolution No. 2016-131

Synopsis: Ohio State's implementation plan in response to recommendations of the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency to be submitted to the state Department of Higher Education, is proposed.

WHEREAS Governor John R. Kasich established the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education in 2015 to recommend solutions for state colleges and universities to enhance affordability and efficiency; and

WHEREAS The Ohio State University supported the goals and work of this task force, of which Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Geoff Chatas was chairman; and

WHEREAS The task force delivered its recommendations in the report "Action Steps to Reduce College Costs" on October 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS House Bill 64 (Section 369.550) requires each institution's Board of Trustees to complete an efficiency review, based on the task force's recommendations, by July 1, 2016, and submit their findings and implementation plans to the chancellor within 30 days, or by August 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS consultations have taken place within the university to review and apply the recommendations to Ohio State's circumstances; and

WHEREAS Ohio State's focus on access, affordability, and excellence is in strong alignment with the recommended action steps, and the university supports the commitments to reduce student costs while investing in the quality of their education:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves that the university's response to the task force recommendations in the attached document is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the attached document be delivered to the chancellor of the Department of Higher Education on or before August 1, 2016.

CERTIFIED

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate excerpt from the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held June 3, 2016.


Blake Thompson
Secretary