

STATE SUPPORT OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN OHIO

Whereas, The Wright State University Faculty Senate is committed to transforming the lives of our students and the communities we serve by building a solid foundation for student success at all levels through high-quality, innovative programs and driving the economic revitalization of our region and our state;

Whereas, State Share of Instruction (SSI) for Ohio in fiscal year 2011 was \$1,689,554,971 plus \$308,802,662 in Federal Stimulus Money for a total of \$1,998,357,633* and SSI for Ohio for fiscal year 2017 will be \$1,979,416,550**;

Whereas, Appropriations to the Ohio Department of Higher Education for fiscal year 2011 was \$2,547,524,386 and for fiscal year 2017 will be \$2,642,023,429 (almost \$100 million more than fiscal year 2011);

Whereas, Education expenditures comprise roughly 4% of Ohio's total expenditures when the national average is 12% and only five states (Illinois, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Vermont) set aside a smaller fraction of their budgets to support higher education***;

Whereas, The Ohio Faculty Senate of Community and Technical Colleges and the Ohio Faculty Council have adopted a joint resolution calling for increased state support of higher education; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, The Wright State University Faculty Senate supports the joint resolution of the Ohio Faculty Senate of Community and Technical Colleges and the Ohio Faculty Council and agrees that policymakers in Ohio should be commended for the increase in state support of higher education over the past six fiscal years but should also be reminded that the fraction of Ohio's expenditures in support of higher education is significantly less than that of most other states.

* <http://www.lsc.ohio.gov/fiscal/bid128/budgetindetail-hb1-en-fy09actexp.pdf>

** <http://obm.ohio.gov/Budget/operating/doc/fy-16-17/enacted/budgetindetail-hb64-en.pdf>

***Young Invincibles Student Impact Project, 2016 State Report Cards
<http://younginvincibles.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/YI-State-Report-Cards-2016.pdf>