

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Tod Administration Building  
Friday, March 14, 1997

Pursuant to notice duly given, a regular meeting (the one hundred and eighty-third) of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University convened at 3:00 P.M., Friday, March 14, 1997, in the Board Room in Tod Administration Building.

All nine Trustees were present at the meeting, to-wit: Dr. Y. T. Chiu, Chairperson of the Board, who presided, Mr. Edward A. Flask, Mr. Mark E. Lyden, Mr. Martin J. O'Connell, Mr. Bruce R. Beeghly, Mrs. Ruth Z. Wilkes, Mrs. Eugenia C. Atkinson, Mr. Joseph S. Nohra, and Dr. Chander M. Kohli. Also present were Student Trustees Nader G. Atway and AnneMarie McCollum.

Also present were: Dr. Leslie H. Cochran, President; Dr. James J. Scanlon, Provost; Dr. G. L. Mears, Executive Vice President; Dr. Cynthia A. Anderson, Vice President - Student Affairs; and Franklin S. Bennett, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Also present were approximately 65 persons, including deans, members of the faculty, students, administrators and members of the news media.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order.

**ITEM I - PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING.**

Evidence was available to establish that notice of the meeting was hand delivered on March 3, 5, and 5, 1997, to each of the nine Trustees, the Student Trustees, and to the President.

**ITEM II - DISPOSITION OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 13, 1996.**

Prior to the meeting, the Secretary had mailed draft copies of the minutes of the Board's regular meeting held on December 13, 1996, to each Trustee, the Student Trustees, and to the President. Upon motion made by Mr. Lyden, seconded by Mr. Beeghly, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 1996, as mailed.

**ITEM III - REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.**

Dr. Cochran provided the following informational reports:

1. Ohio Board of Regents Meeting on YSU Campus.

Dr. Cochran reported that, earlier in the day, the Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) held a regular meeting on the YSU campus. Dr. Cochran reported that the OBOR visit was very positive, and that OBOR administrators commended YSU for doing much with fewer available budget dollars. Dr. Cochran reported that OBOR released \$3.6 million for funding of the electronic campus project.

2. Student Assessment of YSU Services.

Dr. Cochran distributed a document entitled, "Student Assessment of YSU Services - Executive Summary," dated February, 1997. A copy of the document is attached to these minutes. Dr. Cochran stated that the Center for Urban Studies conducted an assessment survey of 459 YSU students to determine how students felt about the University. Four selected areas were examined: (1) reasons for attending YSU, (2) sources of information about YSU, (3) student ratings of YSU conditions, and (4) student ratings of YSU services. The sample represents a 95% confidence level with a margin of error of plus-or-minus 2%. The survey indicates a high level of student satisfaction, as 84% of the students rated the University in general as good or excellent, and 87% of the students rating their overall impressions of YSU as positive or very positive.

Dr. Anderson stated that while the survey indicates that students rate YSU and its services highly, marketing of services continue to be a high priority. Efforts will also be focused on increasing awareness of financial aid resources and processes.

3. NCAA Graduation Rates.

Mrs. Pauline Saternow, Associate Executive Director of Athletics, distributed copies of a memorandum to the President regarding the NCAA Graduation Rates Disclosure Report. A copy of the memorandum is attached to these minutes. Mrs. Saternow explained that federal law and the NCAA require the submission of yearly graduation rates comparing those student-athletes who received an athletic-related grant-in-aid during the first year of collegiate enrollment, with the general student population who enrolled full-time during that same year.

Mrs. Saternow reported significant increase in the overall graduation rate of YSU's student-athletes from 51% (for students who entered in 1989-90) to 64% (for students who entered in 1990-91). The general student graduation rate for the same periods dropped from 35% to 34%.

4. Governor's Budget Recommendations.

Dr. Cochran reported that the Ohio legislature's proposed budget for higher education includes \$43 million more than the Governor's recommended budget. Dr. Cochran and the administration continue to discuss the importance of adequate funding for higher education with local legislators and others.

5. What We Did Well in 1996. Dr. Cochran distributed a six-page document entitled, "What We Did Well in 1996," a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

6. Workshop on Board Effectiveness. Dr. Cochran reported that he and Dr. Chiu are planning a workshop on Board effectiveness. The workshop will be put forth by the Association of Governing Boards (AGB), will be held in conjunction with the Board's Retreat this summer.

7. YSU Summer Jazz Camp. Dr. Cochran distributed a handout promoting the first YSU Summer Jazz Camp. The Jazz Camp will be held from June 22 through June 28, and will include an international jazz faculty.

#### **ITEM IV - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.**

The Board considered the following committee reports and recommendations:

##### **1. Academic Affairs Committee**

Dr. Scanlon provided a brief staff report. Dr. Scanlon reported that among the many positives related to the OBOR meeting earlier in the day was the approval of YSU's proposed Master of Science in Nursing program. The approval of the MSN proposal represents the second approved YSU masters program in four months. The approval of these masters degree programs is integral to the missions of YSU and the College of Health and Human Services.

Following Dr. Scanlon's report, the Chairperson recognized Mrs. Wilkes, chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee, who stated that the committee had no matters for consideration or action by the Board.

##### **2. Affirmative Action Committee**

Mrs. Barbara C. Orton, Director of Affirmative Action and Disability Services, provided a status report. Mrs. Orton reported on the creation of an *ad hoc* ADA Compliance Committee. The committee is chaired by Ms. Orton, and includes Ms. Shirley Carpenter, Executive Director of Human Resources, and Mr. John Hyden, Director of Facilities. The committee will audit University compliance with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act related to services to the disabled on campus, employment, academic programs, and physical facilities.

The Chairperson recognized Mrs. Atkinson, chairperson of the Affirmative Action Committee, who stated that the committee had no matters for consideration or action by the Board.

### 3. Budget and Finance Committee

Dr. Mears discussed the three resolutions recommended for Board approval by the Budget and Finance Committee. The first recommended resolution provides for an interfund loan of \$400,000 from the Astro turf Replacement Fund to provide funding for the Stadium Expansion construction project. State law requires that all project funding be on hand prior to the commencement of construction. Because many of the pledged gifts toward the Stadium Expansion project are payable over a period of a few years, it is necessary to identify a source of current funds. The interfund loan will be paid back with priority when gift monies are received. It is believed that the amount of money actually borrowed through the interfund loan will be much less than the amount authorized.

Dr. Mears stated that the opening of bids on the Loge Expansion construction project revealed that the project's financing structure must be revised. Two resolutions have been recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee to effect this restructuring. The first resolution would allow for the issuance of \$200,000 of general obligation bonds (as permitted by previous OBOR action). The second resolution would permit an interfund loan of up to \$300,000, to be repaid from designated gifts and rental loge receipts.

Following Dr. Mears's report, the Chairperson recognized Mr. Lyden, chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee, who stated that the committee was recommending three resolutions for adoption by the Board. On behalf of the committee, he then moved for adoption of the following Resolution:

#### Resolution Concerning Interfund Loan for Stadium Expansion Construction

YR 1997-21

WHEREAS, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees has approved the expansion of Stambaugh Stadium; and

WHEREAS, pledges of funds have been received for the expansion of Stambaugh Stadium as part of the YSU Capital Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the pledges are payable over a multi-year period; and

WHEREAS, the funds for financing of the construction of the stadium expansion are needed in advance of the receipt of the full amount of the pledges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby authorize an interfund loan from the AstroTurf Replacement fund to the Stambaugh Stadium Expansion Fund in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the purpose of partially supporting the financing of the project; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the interfund loan shall be for a period to coincide with the payment of pledges for the stadium expansion and that the repayment of the loan shall have superior standing over other uses of the pledge receipts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interfund loan shall be interest bearing at the rate of earnings the University receives on its Current General fund investments.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Lyden then moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution to Authorize Issuance of  
Bonds to Finance Loge Expansion Project

YR 1997-22

WHEREAS, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees has previously authorized the issuance of bonds to finance the expansion of the loges at Stambaugh Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents has approved the issuance of \$3,200,000 in bonds for the loge expansion project; and

WHEREAS, Youngstown State University sold \$3,000,000 in bonds for the loge expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby authorize the issuance of an additional \$200,000 in bonds in support of the loge expansion.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Lyden then moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution Concerning Interfund  
Loan for Loge Expansion Construction

YR 1997-23

WHEREAS, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees has approved the expansion of the loges at Stambaugh Stadium; and

WHEREAS, estimates for construction were below the bids received; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are necessary to complete the financing of the loge expansion; and

WHEREAS, the project design will be modified with the intent to reduce costs and new bids sought for the construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby authorize an interfund loan of up to \$300,000 to complete the financing of the project; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the interfund loan shall be for a period not to exceed three years and shall be interest bearing at the rate of earnings the University receives on its Current General Fund investments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the repayment of the interfund loan shall be from the loge rental receipts and designated gifts and shall be subordinate only to the payment of bond debt service.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

#### 4. Building and Property Committee

The Chairperson recognized Mr. John Hyden, Director - University Facilities, who provided a status report on current construction and renovation projects. Mr. Hyden stated that excavation has begun on the site of the Beeghly College of Education building; that revised bids on the loge expansion project are due back on March 21, 1997; that two of the three fast-tracked construction phases are underway on the stadium expansion project; that design documents are nearly complete for the joint project between Youngstown State University and the Butler Institute of American Art; that installation of the fiber optics backbone of the Electronic Campus project will occur during the summer and fall of 1997; and that technical proposals for Bliss Hall renovations have been submitted to the office of the State Architect by associate project architect K. Anthony Hayek & Associates.

Dr. Mears described the recommended resolutions pertaining to use of eminent domain to acquire parcels of land on Custer Avenue.

Following Dr. Mears's report, the Chairperson recognized Mr. Beeghly, chairperson of the Building and Property Committee, who stated that the committee was recommending two resolutions for adoption by the Board. On behalf of the committee, he then moved for adoption of the following Resolution:

#### Resolution to Authorize Eminent Domain Proceedings

YR 1997-24

WHEREAS, the property located on Custer Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, and known as the southeast part of Youngstown City Lot No. 9121 and the southwest part of Youngstown City Lot No. 9122, is within the area of the University Master Plan for development and is necessary for the use of the University in connection with the Campus 2000 development; and

WHEREAS, the property is currently titled in the name of Nicholas Cooper, residing at 1829 Overlook Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509; and

WHEREAS, the University and the owner have been negotiating for purchase of the property but have been unable to agree on the terms for purchase by the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the use of eminent domain proceedings to acquire the

property and hereby request the Department of Administrative Services to take appropriate action to commence such proceedings on behalf of the University.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Beeghly then moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution to Authorize Eminent Domain Proceedings

YR 1997-25

WHEREAS, the property located at 310 Custer Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, and known as the westerly 40 feet of Youngstown City Lot no. 9120, is within the area of the University Master Plan for development and is necessary for the use of the University in connection with the Campus 2000 development; and

WHEREAS, the property is currently titled in the name of Rose L. Wolverton, who is deceased and who was not a resident of this state; and

WHEREAS, the University has attempted with reasonable diligence to locate the heirs of the owner but has been unable to ascertain who they are or where they reside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the use of eminent domain proceedings to acquire the property and hereby requests the Department of Administrative Services to take appropriate action to commence such proceedings on behalf of the University.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

5. Development Committee

Mr. Vern Snyder, Executive Director - University Development, reported that giving to the Annual Fund had increased by approximately 42% from same period of the previous year. Mr. Snyder reported that the Capital Campaign has received \$16.3 million in pledges to date. Mr. Snyder reported that Mr. William



Bresnahan will chair the President's Level campaign of the Capital Campaign. The final stage of the Capital Campaign will be the Alumni Campaign, which will begin in early May, 1997.

Following Mr. Snyder's report, the Chairperson recognized Mr. Nohra, chairperson of the Development Committee, who stated that the committee was recommending one resolution for adoption by the Board. On behalf of the committee, he then moved for adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolution Accepting Gifts

YR 1997-26

WHEREAS, Resolution YR 1980-34 provides that the President shall compile a list of gifts to the University for each meeting of the Board of Trustees and present the list accompanied by his recommendation for action by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the President has reported that the gifts as listed in Exhibit A attached hereto are being held pending acceptance and he recommends their acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby accept these gifts on behalf of Youngstown State University and requests that the President acknowledge the acceptance of these gifts and express our gratitude for their generosity in support of the University.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

6. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

Mr. James Tressel, Executive Director - Intercollegiate Athletics, reported that the Men's Indoor Track Team had won the Mid-Continent Conference championship, and that the Women's Basketball Team were Conference co-champs. Mr. Tressel reported that the NCAA pre-accreditation campus visit had been completed.

Mr. Tressel stated that the Intercollegiate Athletics Conference would recommend the adoption of a resolution that YSU join the Gateway Conference for football only. Mr. Tressel described the Gateway Conference, and the advantages to YSU's football program by becoming a part of the Conference.

The Chairperson recognized Dr. Chander M. Kohli, chairperson of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, who reported that the committee was recommending one resolution for adoption by the Board. On behalf of the committee, he then moved for adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolution Concerning Athletic Conference (Football Only)

YR 1997-27

WHEREAS, the Gateway Football Conference unanimously approved that Youngstown State University be granted membership for football only effective July 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the conference includes Illinois State University, Indiana State University, University of Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois University, Southwest Missouri State University, and Western Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, the Gateway Football Conference is one of the premier Division I-AA conferences in the nation; and

WHEREAS, membership in the Conference will ensure quality football schedules for Youngstown State University in the years ahead; and

WHEREAS, Youngstown State University will be immediately eligible for the conference championship and automatic NCAA Division I-AA playoff berth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby accept the recommendation of the administration to sign the letter of agreement and make the necessary commitments to become a member of the Gateway Football Conference.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

7. Personnel Relations Committee.

The Chairperson recognized Mr. Flask, who made the following motion: "I move that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University vote by roll call to hold an executive session to review collective bargaining negotiations with University employees

concerning their compensation and/or other terms and conditions of employment." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Atkinson. The Chairperson asked the Secretary to the Board to conduct a roll call vote on the motion the results of which are as follows (YES being a vote in favor of holding an executive session for the purposes stated):

Mr. Flask	YES	Mrs. Wilkes	YES
Mr. Lyden	YES	Mrs. Atkinson	YES
Mr. O'Connell	YES	Mr. Nohra	YES
Dr. Chiu	YES	Dr. Kohli	YES
Mr. Beeghly	YES		

The vote on the motion being unanimous, the Chairperson declared the motion carried, and the Board entered executive session at 3:58 P.M. in the Manchester Room. Present in executive session were all nine trustees, the two student trustees, Dr. Cochran, Dr. Mears, Ms. Shirley Carpenter, Executive Director - Human Resources, Mr. Philip Hirsch, Executive Director - Administrative Services, and the University chief representative to the negotiations with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, and the Secretary to the Board. While in executive session, the Board considered matters pertaining to the tentative collective bargaining agreement with the OPBA representing members of the University's Police Department covered under collective bargaining.

The Board returned to the Board Room and public session at 4:16 P.M. Ms. Carpenter provided a brief staff report and review of the resolutions being recommended for Board approval.

The Chairperson recognized Mr. Flask, chairperson of the Personnel Relations Committee, who stated that the committee was recommending four resolutions for adoption by the Board. On behalf of the committee, he then moved for adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolution to Ratify Faculty/Staff Appointments

**YR 1997-28**

WHEREAS, the *Policies of the Board of Trustees* direct the President to appoint such employees as are necessary to effectively carry out the operation of the University; and

WHEREAS, new appointments have been made subsequent to the December 13, 1996, meeting of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, such appointments are in accordance with the 1996-97 Budget and with the University policy on Equal Employment Opportunity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby ratify and confirm the appointments as listed in Exhibit B attached hereto.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Flask then moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution to Approve Policy  
on Partnerships and Related Arrangements.

YR 1997-29

WHEREAS, the President appointed a Task Force to Review Institutional Policies and Procedures and charged them with the responsibility of reviewing and re-conceptualizing University policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was also charged with the responsibility of creating a reference document identifying all Board of Trustees' Policies and listing the procedures and practices utilized in their implementation; and

WHEREAS, since its appointment the Task Force has created the *University Guidebook* to serve as the reference document and has been systematically reviewing policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, this review has resulted in the recommendation of a new policy to replace the existing Consortia Agreements Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the policy on Partnerships and Related Arrangements as shown on the attached Exhibit C.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Flask then moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution to Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement

YR 1997-30

WHEREAS, collective bargaining between the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) and the University has proceeded in a mutually advantageous manner; and

WHEREAS, a tentative collective bargaining *Agreement* has been reached between the OPBA and the University; and

WHEREAS, the tentative *Agreement* has been reviewed by the Personnel Relations Committee, and is within established parameters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby ratify the collective bargaining *Agreement* between the OPBA and the University for the period of April 1, 1997 through March 31, 2000.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Flask then moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution Regarding Classified Civil Service  
Law Enforcement Officers Excluded from Collective Bargaining

YR 1997-31

WHEREAS, the 1997-2000 tentative *Agreement* between Youngstown State University and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association sets forth terms and conditions of employment for those law enforcement employees covered by collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS, the Lieutenants are law enforcement officers excluded from collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS, the University wishes to provide the same pay increases, shift differential and Educational Increment as contained in the tentative *Agreement*, as well as an additional

ten cents per hour in recognition of the increase in scope of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, other provisions of the tentative Agreement relating to benefits, use of polygraph, personnel files, sick leave transfer, and standardize weapons shall also be the same for the excluded law enforcement officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve extending the terms and conditions of employment cited above to the Lieutenants of the YSU Police Department.

Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

8. Student Affairs Committee

Dr. Cynthia A. Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs, provided a brief staff report. Dr. Anderson stated that the Division of Student Affairs had implemented a Quality Service Initiative program. The program will reward exemplary staff within the division, and will rely heavily on student comment and input.

Following Dr. Anderson's report, the Chairperson recognized Mr. Martin J. O'Connell, chairperson of the Student Affairs Committee, who stated that the committee had no matters for consideration or action by the Board.

9. Executive Committee

The Chairperson stated that the Executive Committee had no matters for consideration or action by the Board.

10. Nominating Committee

The Chairperson requested the Secretary to the Board to report on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. The Secretary stated that the Board's *By-Laws* provide that the Nominating Committee shall report its recommendations at the time of the March regular meeting, and that election of Board officers shall take place at the time of the June regular meeting. The Secretary reported that the Nominating Committee, composed of Dr. Chiu, Mr. Beeghly, and Mr. Flask, had met and was recommending the following slate of Board officers for the year 1997-98:

Chairperson  
Vice Chairperson  
Secretary

Dr. Y. T. Chiu  
Mr. Bruce R. Beeghly  
Franklin S. Bennett, Jr.

**ITEM V - COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS**

The Secretary reported that he had received a written request from Mr. Robert Halko to address the Board on matters pertaining to the YSU English Festival. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson had earlier consented to Mr. Halko addressing the Board of Trustees at today's meeting. The Chairperson invited Mr. Halko to come to the podium, where he spoke to the Board for approximately seven minutes regarding the selection of reading materials for the English Festival.

**ITEM VI - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business considered by the Board.

**ITEM VII - NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business considered by the Board.

**ITEM VIII - TIME AND PLACE OF UPCOMING REGULAR MEETINGS**

YR 1997-32

Upon motion made by Mrs. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Beeghly, which received the affirmative vote of all trustees present, the trustees resolved to set the following date and time for the next regular meeting of the Board:

3:00 P.M., on Friday, June 27, 1997

**ITEM IX - ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was duly adjourned by unanimous vote of the trustees at approximately 4:33 P.M.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Secretary to the Board of Trustees



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
GIFTS  
FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1996

UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT (SEE ATTACHMENT 1):

	NUMBER RECEIVED	TOTAL
CASH	1,110	\$244,277.67
NON-CASH	10	34,332.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>\$278,610.17</b>

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WYSU-FM (SEE ATTACHMENT 2):

	NUMBER RECEIVED	TOTAL
CASH	1,004	<u>\$ 53,557.49</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b><u>\$ 53,557.49</u></b>





YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT GIFT LIST  
 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1996

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Total	1,120	\$278,610.17

RANKING OF CASH GIFTS:

	<u>NUMBER RECEIVED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$5,000+	7	\$119,560.81
\$1,000 - \$4,999	31	43,544.22
\$500 - \$999	34	17,094.00
Below \$500	<u>1,038</u>	<u>64,078.64</u>
Total	1,110	\$244,277.67

## CASH CONTRIBUTIONS BY RANK

### \$5,000+

W.R. & Ann M. Ascham  
Frances & Lillian Schermer  
Charitable Trust  
Hine Memorial Fund

Michael Klasovsky  
Esotto & Vera Pellegrini  
Youngstown Foundation  
YSU Physics Department

### \$1,000 - \$4,999

Anonymous  
Altronic, Incorporated  
Dr. James Andrews  
Bill Bodine Music  
Drs. Barbara Brothers & Lawrence Haims  
Chrysler Corporation Fund  
Drs. Les & Lin Cochran  
Crane Fund For Widows & Children  
Darrell L. Davis  
Sandra L. Denman  
Dr. J. Douglas Faires  
C. Kenneth Fibus  
First Federal Savings Bank of Youngstown  
Dr. Thomas Gay  
Dr. David C. Genaway  
Mrs. Tomar Green

Theresa Trucksis Hickey  
IMC Global, Inc.  
Bernard J. Kosar Sr.  
Dr. William & Virginia Martin  
Dr. G. L. & Virginia Mears  
Monday Musical Club, Inc.  
Jon Naberezny  
Dr. L. Kevin & Anne M. Nash  
Edward & Alice Powers Trust  
Margaret M. Sadler  
Dr. James & Lauren Scanlon  
Anthony P., III & Patricia M. Sgambati, II  
Vern & Sue Snyder  
The Raymond John Wean Foundation  
Warren P. Williamson, Jr. Fund

### \$500 - \$999

Jean & Jeff Aldrich  
R. Thornton Beeghly  
David A. & Sandra B. Borrow  
Sean G. Burke  
Shirley A. Carpenter  
Cohen & Company  
Crime Clinic of Greater Youngstown  
Joseph P. Dolwick  
Kathryn Lynn & Philip Feld  
Fibus Family Foundation  
Rene S. Gabbai  
Eileen & Robert Greaf  
Lois H. Harris  
Dr. Sanford & Sally Hotchkiss  
Lynnette R. Howell  
Dr. Clara M. Jennings  
Robert & April Kiskaddon

Linda L. Lewis  
Jocelyne Kollay Linsalata  
Dr. Charles & Eileen McBriarty  
Dr. Anthony & Irene Mehle  
William & Paula Powell  
Sanford D. Rivers  
Dr. James & Kathy Schrode  
Dr. Gerald S. Sevachko  
Cheryl M. Staib  
Dr. & Mrs. Anthony H. Stocks  
Student Loan Funding  
Edward & Pamela Thompson  
Mrs. Barbara H. Tinkham  
Janet Yaniglos  
Ralph & Helen Yingst  
Youngstown Claims Association  
Dr. Bernard & Helen Yozwiak

## Below \$500

Anonymous  
Academic Boosters of Crestview  
Adeline T. Ackerman  
Helen J. Adamiak  
Anthony J. Airato  
George M. & Michele L. Albertini  
F. Nelle Alderfer  
Deborah & Lou Alexander  
Marcy L. Alexander  
Dr. Domenico B. Aliberti  
Lucy J. & Donald J. Ambrose  
Lorilee & Frank Amedia  
American Express Foundation  
David E. Anderson  
Glenn T. Anderson  
John T. Anderson  
Lawrence R. Anderson  
Marianne & Kris Anderson  
Nancy Andrew  
Mark C. & Patricia M. Andrews  
Betty J. Armbrust  
Dorothy D. Arnott  
Dr. Dorene S. Ash  
Sally A. Ashelman  
Michael J. Ashley  
Robert B. & Rosemary M. Athey  
Richard D. Atkinson  
Mary B. Aubel  
James R. Aust  
Austintown Middle School  
Charles F., Jr. & Virginia Axtmann  
Joan M. Ayersman  
Clarence & Mary Ellen Baber  
Nancy L. Babos  
Marilyn J. & Donald E. Badger  
Albert J. Bagnoli  
George H. Bagnull  
Dr. Dora L. Bailey  
Karen Sue Bailey  
Diane W. & Samuel T. Baker  
George & Denise Baker  
Janet G. Baker  
Richard H. & Doris J. Baker

Conrad F. Balazs  
David B. & Christine H. Baldwin  
Pamela J. & Stephen M. Balent  
Richard H. Balestra  
Drs. Dean & Darlene Ball  
Carl V., Sr. & Shirley J. Banic  
Virginia Barbush  
Sally L. Barnes  
Norman & Lucile Bartelmay  
Frances M. Baumann  
Alan R. Baxter  
Steven D. Beatrice  
Rand & Eleanor Becker  
Paul E. Beckman, Jr.  
Dr. George D. & Betty J. Beelen  
Thomas J. Belle  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Bemis  
Dennis & Faye Bensinger  
Dr. Anna F. Benson  
John A. Bergman  
Dr. Raymond & Janice Bermea  
Annette Marie Bernard, M.D.  
Jacqueline M. Bibo  
Carole Biedrzycki  
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Wedgewood Pizza	1,092.50	YSU Phonathon Callers' Pizza
YSU Foundation	5,600.00	Yo. City Lot No. 4616
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Cash	1,004	<u>\$53,557.49</u>
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DATE OF EMPL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>CONTRACT MONTHS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Ms. Anika Boatwright	Research Assistant	Center for Urban Studies	01/01/97	\$ 11,500 12 Mo. Base: 23,000	6 Mo.	Contract extension: 01/01/97-06/30/97, externally funded
Mr. Ricky George	Research Assistant	Center for Human Services Development	01/01/97	7,480 12 Mo. Base: 22,440	4 Mo.	Contract Extension: 01/01/97-04/30/97 externally funded
Ms. Deni Holl	Theater Tech. Asst.	Communication & Theater	12/02/96	1,145 .50 FTE	1 Mo.	12/02/96-12/31/96
Mr. Edward A. James	Interim Exec. Dir. of Budget & Finance	Executive Vice President's Office	01/01/97	4 0,560 12 Mo. Base: 81,120	6 Mo.	Contract extension: 01/01/97-06/30/97
Mr. Thomas Kane	Analyst/Payroll & Fringe Benefits	Human Resources	12/04/96	3,440 .50 FTE	2 Mo.	12/4/96 - 01/31/97
Ms. Akhande Khan	Director	Internal Audit	07/01/96	4 7,000	12 Mo.	Title changed from Interim Director
Mr. Robert Kramer	Instructor	Computer Science & Information Systems	01/06/97	1 8,051 9 Mo. Base: 30,609	6 Mo.	
Ms. Karla Krodel	Grants Analyst	Center for Human Services Development	01/01/97	7,650 .50 FTE	6 Mo.	Contract extension: 01/01/97-06/30/97, externally funded
Ms. Wendy Miller	Research Assistant	Center for Urban Studies	02/10/97	8,603 12 Mo. Base: 22,000	12 Mo.	externally funded 02/10/97-06/30/97
Ms. Margaret Nash	Research Asst./GIS Analyst	Center for Urban Studies	12/12/96	6,692 12 Mo. Base: 20,000	4 Mo.	Contract extension: 12/12/96-04/11/97, externally funded
Ms. Cathy Bieber Parrott	Assistant Professor	Health Professions	01/13/97	2 7,077 9-Mo. Base: 48,000	6 Mo.	

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Mr. Edward Pomponio	Financial Aid Counselor-Special Programs	Financial Aid and Scholarships	02/03/97	10,652 12 Mo Base:25,565	12 Mo.	
Mr. Scott R. Pyle	Assistant Catalog Librarian	Maag Library	01/06/97	11,905 12 Mo Base:24,120	12 Mo.	
Mr. Madhavarao Raghunathan	Instructor	Management	01/06/97	22,000 9 Mo Base:37,304	6 Mo.	
Mr. George Ritz	Marketing Assistant- Basketball	Intercollegiate Athletics	12/16/96	6,500 .42 FTE	6.5 Mo.	12/16/96-06/30/97
Mr. Eric Ruyle	Coordinator of Jazz Camp	Dana School of Music	12/22/96	2,100 .25 FTE	3 Mo.	Contract period: 12/22/96-04/04/97
Ms. Susan R. Scavelli	Research Associate	Center for Urban Studies	01/01/97	14,568 12 Mo Base:29,135	6 Mo.	Contract extension: 01/01/97-06/30/97, externally funded
Ms. Barbara Shade	Coordinator of Recruitment Marketing	New Student Relations	02/03/97	16,086 12 Mo Base:38,607	12 Mo.	
Mr. Robert M. Tucker	Assistant Football Coach	Intercollegiate Athletics	12/30/96	22,592 12 Mo Base:44,500	12 Mo.	
Mr. Herbert Williams	Assistant Football Coach	Intercollegiate Athletics	12/30/96	11,931 12 Mo Base:23,500	12 Mo.	



*University Guidebook*

SUBJECT:

**Partnerships and Related Arrangements Procedures**

Developed by: S. Carpenter

Title: Chairperson, Institutional Policies and  
Procedures Task Force

Date: November 1, 1996

Authorized by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Policy:** The President is authorized and encouraged to pursue, develop, and expand partnerships, cooperative programs, contractual arrangements, and similar relationships that support and promote the mission of the University.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: YR 1997 \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose:** In striving to fulfill its teaching/learning, research/scholarship, and public service goals, the University actively becomes involved in the establishment of mutually beneficial partnerships or similar arrangements with a broad range of public and private entities.

**Procedures:**

1. Proposals to establish partnerships or related arrangements between the University and private or public entities may be forwarded to the Provost or vice president through the appropriate dean or executive director by the chairperson of a department, council, committee, or task force; or by an individual member of the University community.
2. Proposals will include:
  - Statement of need.
  - Description of partnership and manner in which the arrangement will meet the stated need.
  - Identification of personnel/departments to be involved.
  - Delineation of responsibilities of the University and other involved parties.
  - Estimation of needs for fiscal resources, space, and equipment.
  - A description of how these needs will be met.
  - A description of where administrative responsibility is housed and the lines of responsibility.



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3. Proposals will be circulated to all entities or individuals that might be involved, for review and feedback prior to submission to the Provost or vice president.
4. The Provost or vice president will determine if review of the statement of partnership by the Office of the General Counsel is required.
5. Upon the completion of this consultative process, the Provost or vice president may authorize the implementation of the partnership.

**NOTE: When the proposal involves research and/or sponsored programs, the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs must be contacted.**

## (EXISTING POLICY)

### CONSORTIA AGREEMENTS

#### Article IX, Section 5.

In the interest of developing or expanding specialized academic or public service programs, the University shall continue to explore all avenues in developing and expanding cooperative programs through consortia arrangements with other state and private institutions of higher learning.

The President shall be authorized, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, to cooperate with the University of Akron and Kent State University to develop mutually advantageous programs with the Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc. (NETO), and the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM), in such a way as to assure that Youngstown State University's present and future interests are preserved.

#### 5.1 Inter-University Council of Ohio

The President shall be authorized to accept membership for Youngstown State University in the Inter-University Council of Ohio and to pay from University funds all necessary dues and other costs relating to the University's participation in Council affairs. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, or his designee, and the President shall represent Youngstown State University in matters considered by the Inter-University Council of Ohio.

**STUDENT ASSESSMENT OF YSU SERVICES**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



**YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**February 1997**



## STUDENT ASSESSMENT OF YSU SERVICES EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### PURPOSE

In December 1994 a document was released entitled **YSU 2000: A Vision for a Premier Metropolitan University**. In that short period of time a number of initiatives have been launched, tasks have been accomplished, and the course has been firmly set to bring YSU to the threshold of truly becoming a premier university.

Since December 1994, substantial changes have taken place, both directed change within the University and external changes to which YSU must successfully respond. Consequently, the University is continuously evaluating its progress and measuring its product outcomes. One such evaluation instrument is the YSU Student Assessment of YSU Services .

The purpose of the YSU Student Assessment of YSU Services was to determine how students felt about the University, examining four selected areas:

- ① Reasons for attending YSU
- ② Sources of information about YSU
- ③ Student ratings of YSU conditions
- ④ Student ratings of YSU services

### METHOD

The assessment was conducted by the YSU Center for Urban Studies through telephone interviews of 459 students. This sample taken from the entire student body represented a 95 percent confidence level, with a plus or minus margin of error of two percent.

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The findings of the assessment indicate a high level of student satisfaction, with **84 percent of the students rating the University in general as good or excellent, and 87 percent of the students rating their overall impressions of YSU as positive or very positive.** The tables below represent a summary of the most pertinent findings of the assessment. For a complete review of the study, refer to the **Youngstown State University Student Assessment of YSU Services**, YSU Center for Urban Studies, October 1996.

**Reasons for Attending YSU**

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS YSU'S ACADEMIC REPUTATION? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	409	89.1%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS IT TO YOU THAT YOUR MAJOR WAS OFFERED? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	410	89.3%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS IT TO YOU THAT YSU OFFERED ENOUGH COURSES? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	418	91%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS YSU'S GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	397	86.5%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS YSU'S PHYSICAL SIZE? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	249	54.2%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS YSU'S AMOUNT OF TUITION? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	354	77.1%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS YSU'S AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL AID? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	289	63%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS THE AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	316	68.8%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERNSHIPS? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	255	55.6%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WERE THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE ON CAMPUS? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	332	72.3%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS CAMPUS SAFETY? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	400	87.1%

<b>WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WERE CAMPUS FACILITIES (LABS, CLASSROOMS, REC.)? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	399	86.9%

**WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WERE YSU'S EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES? (N = 459)**

ANSWER	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	255	55.6%

**WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS IT THAT YOUR FRIENDS ATTEND YSU? (N = 459)**

ANSWER	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	255	55.6%

**Major Sources of Information About YSU**

**WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS YOUR PARENTS' ADVICE? (N = 459)**

ANSWER	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	283	61.7%

**WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND YSU, HOW IMPORTANT WAS THE ADVICE OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR? (N = 459)**

ANSWER	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
SOMEWHAT & VERY IMPORTANT	232	50.6%

**WAS A MAJOR SOURCE OF YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT YSU FROM FRIENDS AT YSU? (N = 459)**

ANSWER	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
YES	312	68.0%

**WAS A MAJOR SOURCE OF YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT YSU FROM HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS? (N = 459)**

ANSWER	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
YES	230	50.1%

<b>WAS A MAJOR SOURCE OF YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT YSU FROM HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
YES	242	52.7%

<b>WAS A MAJOR SOURCE OF YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT YSU FROM PARENTS OR RELATIVES? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
YES	300	65.4%

<b>WAS A MAJOR SOURCE OF YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT YSU FROM HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATES? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
YES	256	55.8%

<b>WAS A MAJOR SOURCE OF YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT YSU FROM THE YSU CATALOG? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
YES	329	71.7%

<b>WAS A MAJOR SOURCE OF YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT YSU FROM A YSU BROCHURE OR PAMPHLET? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
YES	298	64.9%

<b>WAS A MAJOR SOURCE OF YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT YSU FROM VISITS TO YSU'S CAMPUS? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
YES	320	69.7%



<b>FREEDOM FROM HARASSMENT ON CAMPUS IS (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	445	97.0%

<b>PERSONAL SECURITY/SAFETY ON CAMPUS IS (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	441	96.1%

<b>AVAILABILITY OF FACULTY FOR OFFICE APPOINTMENTS IS (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	434	94.5%

<b>RULES GOVERNING STUDENT CONDUCT ARE (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	438	95.4%

<b>CAMPUS ATMOSPHERE OF ETHNIC, POLITICAL, AND RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING IS (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	431	94.0%

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<b>THE QUALITY OF ACADEMIC ADVISING IS (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	407	88.7%

<b>OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES ARE (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	430	93.7%

<b>PRACTICAL WORK EXPERIENCES OFFERED IN AREAS RELATED TO MY MAJOR ARE (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	409	89.2%

<b>NEW STUDENT PLACEMENT IN READING, WRITING, AND MATH COURSES IS (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	414	90.2%

<b>THE VARIETY OF COURSES AVAILABLE IS (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	410	89.2%

<b>YSU IN GENERAL IS (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	449	97.8%

<b>FINANCIAL AID SERVICES ARE (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	230	50.1%

<b>STUDENT ACCESS TO COMPUTER FACILITIES AND SERVICES IS (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	364	79.3%

<b>LIBRARY/CURRICULUM CENTERS ARE (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
AVERAGE THROUGH EXCELLENT	424	92.3%

<b>HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR OVERALL IMPRESSION OF YSU? (N = 459)</b>		
<b>ANSWER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
NEUTRAL THROUGH VERY POSITIVE	448	97.5%



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Additional Responses**

<b>When you decided to attend YSU, how important was YSU's student population?</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Somewhat & Very Important	222	48.4%

<b>When you decided to attend YSU, how important was the availability of on-campus jobs?</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Somewhat & Very Important	197	42.9%

<b>When you decided to attend YSU, how important was the availability of sports?</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Somewhat & Very Important	185	40.3%

<b>When you decided to attend YSU, how important was YSU's ethnic/racial makeup?</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Somewhat & Very Important	229	49.8%

<b>When you decided to attend YSU, how important was YSU's male/female makeup?</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Somewhat & Very Important	213	46.4%

<b>When you decided to attend YSU, how important was the availability of on-campus housing?</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Somewhat & Very Important	162	25.3%

<b>When you decided to attend YSU, how important was your parents' advise?</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Somewhat & Very Important	189	41.1%

<b>When you decided to attend YSU, how important was the advice of a YSU recruiter?</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Somewhat & Very Important	134	29.2%

<b>When you decided to attend YSU, how important was the advice of a YSU faculty/staff person?</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Somewhat & Very Important	175	38.2%

<b>Was a major source of your information about YSU from high school administrators?</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
32.0%	67.5%	0.4%

<b>Was a major source of your information about YSU from a YSU Alumni?</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
40.1%	58.5%	0.4%

<b>Was a major source of your information about YSU from a YSU representative's visit to high school?</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
28.3%	71.2%	0.4%

<b>Was a major source of your information about YSU from phone calls from YSU representatives?</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
16.6%	82.6%	0.9%

<b>Was a major source of your information about YSU from announcements on radio or television?</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
24.0%	75.4%	0.7%

<b>Was a major source of your information about YSU from articles in newspapers or magazines?</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
30.3%	69.1%	0.7%

<b>Was a major source of your information about YSU from high school library materials?</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
24.0%	75.4%	0.7%

<b>Was a major source of your information about YSU from YSU athletics?</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
35.7%	63.6%	0.7%

<b>Faculty respect for students is:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Good & Excellent	329	71.7%

<b>The Counseling Center is:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	61	72.7%

<b>The residence hall services and programs are:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	37	82.3%

<b>Veterans Services are:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	16	80.0%

<b>Student health/wellness services are:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	64	84.2%

<b>The campus AIDS education program is:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	35	76.1%

<b>The nontraditional student services are:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	16	80.0%

<b>The disabled student services are:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	15	83.4%

<b>The campus social activities are:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	109	77.4%

<b>Recreational/intramural programs are:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	119	87.0%

<b>Career center is:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	111	73.6%

<b>Job placement services are:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	53	62.4%

<b>New student orientation services are:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	181	83.5%

<b>Development, remedial, and tutorial services are:</b>		
<b>Answer</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of those Answering</b>
Good & Excellent	87	87.1%





# MEMO

**To:** Dr. Cochran  
**From:** Pauline Saternow *ps*  
**Subject:** NCAA Graduation Rates Disclosure Report  
**Date:** February 21, 1997

The yearly graduation rates report, required by the National Collegiate Athletics Association and the Federal Government, has been submitted. The report includes those athletes who received an athletic-related grant-in-aid during their first year of collegiate enrollment and the general student population who enrolled full-time during that same year. No allowance is given for students who leave school, no matter what the reason. Indeed, some students transfer to other institutions and graduate but continue to count in our statistics as having not graduated.

We are pleased to report a significant increase in the overall graduation rate of our student-athletes, from last year's rate of 51% to a rate of 64%. By comparison, the general student graduation rate for that same time is 34%, down 1% from last year.

The greatest improvement is in the graduation rate of the male athletes, from a rate of 39% last year to 66% this year. Of some concern is the drop in the women athletes' graduation rate from 72% last year to 61% this year.

The Federal and NCAA report standards require us to further break down the statistics by race (black and white.) The black male athletes improved from last year's rate of 31% to 40% while the black female athletes' rate decreased from 50% to 25%. It should be noted that the black female athletic population is very small with only four in this year's study. Efforts to improve the recruitment and retention of minority athletes are being addressed during the self-study for certification. The black male students graduate at a 24% rate, up from last year - 20%, and the black female student rate this year is 14%, down from 23%.

The final section of the thirty-two page report does permit us to factor out those athletes who quit the team and/or leave the university. In this section we examine only those students who remain with the team, complete their eligibility and graduate within six years. Last year, 77% of those athletes received degrees and that rate has improved to 89% for the class enrolling during 1990-91.

Since beginning this reporting process eight years ago, we have provided all coaches and staff members with the names of the athletes who have not received a degree. Coaches, counselors and staff continue to stress to the student-athletes the importance of persisting to obtain a college degree.

February 14, 1997

Executive Summary provided to Dr. Cochran

This year's NCAA Graduation Rates Disclosure Report tracks those athletes who enrolled during the 1990-91 year, received athletic-related grants during their first year at Youngstown State University and graduated within six years of initial enrollment.

The previous years have been charted for comparison purposes. Information concerning the general student population was provided by the Institutional Research and Assessment Office.

Sport	Entered 1983-85 % Grad	Entered 1985-86 % Grad	Entered 1986-87 % Grad	Entered 1987-88 % Grad	Entered 1988-89 % Grad	Entered 1989-90 % Grad	Entered 1990-91 % Grad
Football	63	43	65	38	48	50	66
Basketball	17	0	17	17	50	0	25
Baseball	67	33	25	29	22	0	71
Men's Cross Country & Track	-----	-----	-----	-----	43	75	66
Men's Other Sports	67	38	-----	67	50	-----	100
Women's Basketball	67	57	100	25	67	100	100
Women's Cross Country & Track	100	67	-----	-----	75	67	50
Women's Other Sports	94	75	78	40	58	60	62

Category	Entered 1983-85 % Grad	Entered 1985-86 % Grad	Entered 1986-87 % Grad	Entered 1987-88 % Grad	Entered 1988-89 % Grad	Entered 1989-90 % Grad	Entered 1990-91 % Grad
MALE ATHLETES	59	35	53	35	43	39	66
MALE STUDENTS	36	34	36	37	34	35	34
FEMALE ATHLETES	86	67	82	33	64	72	61
FEMALE STUDENTS	40	44	43	40	39	35	34
BLACK MALE ATHLETES	48	38	38	26	45	31	40
BLACK MALE STUDENTS	13	6	22	11	10	20	24
WHITE MALE ATHLETES	66	37	65	47	43	47	76
WHITE MALE STUDENTS	39	36	37	39	36	36	35
BLACK FEMALE ATHLETES	100	25	100	0	0	50	25
BLACK FEMALE STUDENTS	12	20	25	14	20	23	14
WHITE FEMALE ATHLETES	86	79	80	43	67	75	71
WHITE FEMALE STUDENTS	43	47	45	43	41	37	36
ALL ATHLETES	68	45	60	35	49	51	64
ALL STUDENTS	38	39	40	38	37	35	34

Average time to graduate:

Athletes - 5.26 years

Students - 5.44 years

Of particular interest is the graduation rate for those athletes who remain on the teams and exhaust their eligibility. This data is updated yearly to include those who are persisting.

YEAR ENTERED	NUMBER GRADUATED	NUMBER ENROLLED	GRADUATION PERCENTAGE
1983-84	20	22	91
1984-85	23	26	88
1985-86	23	25	92
1986-87	21	22	95
1987-88	17	25	68
1988-89	34	43	79
1989-90	24	31	77
1990-91	33	37	89
TOTAL	195	231	84

All members of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics have been provided with the names of those athletes who are part of this study and have not yet graduated. We will continue to encourage those students to return to college and complete degree work.

We are pleased with the significant increase in the number of athletes who have graduated and feel the efforts of the athletic-academic counselors, coaches, faculty and university academic advisors may be making a positive impact on the student-athletes. Since beginning this study eight years ago, we have been providing the information to the entire staff and stressing the importance of increasing our graduation rates.

cc: James Tressel  
Dr. Fred Blue  
Dr. Cindy Anderson  
Joan Sonnett  
Linda Lewis



## WHAT WE DID WELL IN 1996

### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Overall, there has been an improvement of quality. The bar has been raised.
- Accreditations: ABET, Medical Assisting, Urban Studies, Dental Hygiene, etc.
- James Dale Ethics Center.
- Center for Study of Autism.
- Opening of Engineering and Technology Building.
- An interdisciplinary master's degree program between the Williamson College of Business Administration and the College of Health and Human Services (housed in the Department of Health Professions) was approved. It is the first new master's program at YSU in over twenty years.
- An improved attitude and increased communication within the academic sector were noted.
- The large number of highly qualified, energetic new faculty members was noted, as was the new goal setting program initiated within the Division of Academic Affairs.
- The three-year agreement and cooperative working relations were acknowledged as YSU-OEA accomplishments.
- The Academic Senate has developed a more rational curriculum development process.
- A few of the many accomplishments in the College of Arts and Sciences include:
  - An overall increase of faculty publications including one department that produced nine books.
  - An overall increase in quality throughout the College.
  - An increase in the number and level of grants awarded faculty of the College.
  - An overall increase in the use of computers in the classroom. This year all English 551 classes utilize computer instruction including access to the internet.

- The Department of English and Maag Library are cooperating in the usage of OhioLINK.
- The College of Fine and Performing Arts identified the following accomplishments:
  - A student-run weekly radio program called "YSU Now" on WRRO.
  - A student-run production theater company which is one of the few of its kind in the nation.
  - The Department of Art has introduced an emphasis on new technology.
  - The Department of Music:
    - Overall, The Dana School of Music has increased its involvement in the community.
    - There is a new focus in the Jazz program. One element is the attention to Jazz composition and arranging which is likely to lead to the commercial market.
    - More interdisciplinary activities throughout the year.
    - A total of \$47,000 has been raised for Jazz scholarships.
- The College of Health and Human Services noted the following achievements:
  - The raising of the bar in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and community service.
  - A new master's degree in the College of Health and Human Services.
  - Four programs gained accreditation or reaccreditation.
  - A master's in nursing is very close to a reality.
  - The physical therapy program is now in operation.
  - A unique off-campus program at Lorain County Community College.
  - A consortial M.S. in Public Health degree.
- The College of Business noted:
  - Successful new student recruitment efforts.

- Sponsorship of a community college day.
  - Increased visibility in the community.
  - College Pride Week.
  - Completion of an MBA recruitment brochure.
  - The fourth cycle of the Executive MBA program.
- The College of Education had success in helping area teachers pass the national tests through its Mentor Teacher program. The K-16 Partnership program now involves other colleges of the University. The College has successfully restructured - reducing the number of departments from sixteen to three - to better serve the needs of the students.
  - The College of Engineering and Technology received information that its ABET accreditation has been extended. A co-op program that already involves twenty students has been initiated, a grant to the Academic Alliance has involved the College in introducing collaborative engineering programs in four liberal arts institutions, and CERT is assuming many of the technology development functions of TDC, which is going out of business.

## **BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

- The completion of Veteran's Plaza was noted by several individuals as an important positive addition to the campus in 1996.
- The purchase and installation of new hardware, including the enterprise server, disk and control units, completes the beginning phase of the Electronic Campus Project. Installation of software, the acquisition and implementation of an Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) and a robotic tape drive further enhances the administrative and academic computing capabilities.
- The recent reorganization of the Computing and Information Systems area focuses on improved services throughout the campus, with particular attention given to user training and a user-friendly "help" desk.
- The number of personal computers throughout the campus increased dramatically in 1996 and were serviced by Electronics Maintenance Services without an increase in staffing levels. The maintenance of this equipment internally provides considerable cost savings to the University.



- The Office of Human Resources has implemented a process that allows faculty and staff to have their pay electronically deposited into their bank of choice. The initial Supervisory Professional Development Series was successfully concluded and the second is scheduled to begin this month. The number of position reviews and placements has been significant.
- Within Administrative Services efforts to provide necessary services with a significantly smaller staff have been successful, and there is optimism that improved services can be achieved in 1997.
- Closing of Elm and Spring Streets.
- Divisional-Based Budgeting Implemented.
- The improved University web site and the networked labs in several campus buildings.
- The Association of Classified Employees worked with the University to achieve a three-year agreement and completed a change in organizational leadership.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Enrollment Services reported that the fall enrollment was 12,801, which was 101 students over our enrollment projection; new group orientation programs for new students were held in the fall and winter quarters; articulation agreements were signed with Beaver and Butler Community Colleges; an exit interview process and the EMAS tracking system were implemented.
- The Office of Student Affairs reported significant progress in achieving the goal of getting the University name broadly communicated. Increased numbers of inquiries from throughout the target area is evidence of this progress.
- The Office of Student Services noted that most of the food service areas have been renovated, as has the COMDOC service area in Kilcawley Center. In addition, during this past summer, there was a 25% increase in housing for summer camps. Finally, a Pete and Penny's shop opened for business in November at the Eastwood Mall.
- The Office of Student Life noted the following accomplishments in 1996:
  - A successful Welcome Week in September.
  - Involvement with the Alumni Association in Homecoming activities.
  - In cooperation with Kilcawley Center, student organizations were afforded a more user friendly environment for social activities.

- Improved communications among student activities, student organizations, and YSU police.
- A functioning Center for Student Progress.
- Increased recreational programming.
- Shuttle Service to Eastwood Mall.
- Metro Campus.
- 75,000 Degree Awarded.
- "Welcome to Penguin Country Wall."
- Having the moving Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on campus.
- Positive relationships with high school guidance counselors.

#### **ADVANCEMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

- There has been increased communication with the city and progress on numerous projects affecting Campus 2000.
- The Office of University Relations acknowledged a greater commitment to marketing, increasing excellence in publications, and greater creativity in advertising in 1996.
- Accomplishments within University Development include:
  - The growth of the Annual Fund to \$700,000.
  - The Capital Campaign approaching the \$16 million mark.
  - The funding of several new initiatives, such as the Center for Autism and the Ethics Center.
  - Installation of Campus Lights.
- Campus Lights.
- Weekend Events with Home Football Games.
- President's Meetings with Staff, Faculty, and Students.

- Christman Commons/Portrait of Judge Nathaniel Jones.
- Intercollegiate successes identified include:
  - Significant progress with gender equity.
  - More than 150 public appearances by coaches, athletes, and staff.
  - Improving graduation rates of student athletes.
  - The women's basketball team - one of the 64 best of the more than 300 teams in 1995-96 and the eighth highest academically.
- New University Address.
- Review of Policy and Procedure has been started.
- We are doing better with particulars.
- Overall, there has been good litigation results; and we are learning how to avoid future problems from settlements.
- The overall giving annual fund and capital campaign - has increased significantly. This is a measurable reflection of the position impact of the University.
- The University is presenting itself in a much better manner.
- Leadership Team has emerged and is functioning well.
- The progress made by the Task Force on Institutional Policies and Procedures.

## **OTHERS**

- Student Government's focus on community services resulted in a number of successful outreach programs including "Harvest for Hunger," a bone marrow drive conducted in cooperation with the Alumni Association, and the visit of the "MTV Choose or Lose Bus" during the national elections.
- The Alumni Association experienced staff transitions in 1996. Better relations with members of the YSU staff and with more alumni were developed. This year a record number of life memberships were enrolled in the Association.
- The market was very good in 1996; and as a result, the YSU Foundation resources grew throughout the year.



# Memo from the President

Youngstown State University

Monday, April 14, 1997

Dear Colleague:

As we begin the spring quarter, we are embarking on a new approach to educational outreach—the Metropolitan College. Classes started this week in Austintown Plaza and the Southwoods Executive Complex (next to Southern Park Mall), joining classes already begun during the Winter term at Eastwood Mall.

Surveys printed in area newspapers resulted in over 200 replies, the majority of which (some 97%) are non-YSU students. This means the Metro College will allow us to reach out to an entirely new population by providing easier access to college classes.

You will also be able to see advertisements for the Metro College and YSU in general in several new arenas—including some fifteen billboards around the area, the Cinemark Theatres (Tinseltown and Movies 8), as well as in newspapers and radio.

Special "grand openings" will be planned for each of these new sites in the near future.

## Student Assessment

Students at YSU gave the University extraordinarily high ratings according to a recently released student assessment survey independently conducted by the YSU Center for Urban Studies. The survey showed that nearly 98% rated their overall impressions of YSU as positive.

The survey, which represents a 95% confidence level, asked for students' responses to some eighty questions that measured their attitudes about four major areas, including reasons for attending YSU, sources of information about the University, overall conditions at YSU, and a rating of university-related services.

Of particular interest was the area of safety: over 87% cited the university's record of campus safety as an important factor in their college choice and over 96% reported feelings of personal security and safety while on the YSU campus. Nearly that many, 95%, also gave YSU police high ratings.

The survey showed that the most important individuals in a student's college decision-making process were, in order of importance, YSU students, parents or other relatives, high school classmates, and high school recruiters or counselors.

The assessment also found that some 94% felt there were ample campus activities for student involvement and over 92% listed a personal sense of belonging on the campus, a particularly high statistic for a traditional commuter campus.

Areas that showed a need for improvement included financial aid services (an expected area of concern at the college level), and our ability to market ourselves to high school counselors.

## Police Contract

YSU has negotiated a three-year contract with the YSU-Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) which calls for a pay increase of 9.5% over three years. The contract package, which was approved earlier by the Board of Trustees, began April 1st and will run through March 31, 2000. The new pay package provides a 3.25% increase the first and second year, and a 3% increase during the last year of the contract. Other provisions call for the University to provide unit members with the same health care package as our other employees and also includes equity pay adjustments for some officers. It also stipulates that a standardized weapon be used by all officers.



**Football Conference**

During their regularly scheduled meeting of March 14, 1997, the YSU Board of Trustees approved a resolution to accept membership in the Gateway Football Conference. As one of the premier Division I-AA conferences in the nation, our membership assures a quality schedule for the football team in the years ahead. YSU joins Illinois State, Indiana State, Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois, Southwest Missouri State, and Western Illinois as members of the St. Louis-based conference.

**Capital Campaign**

Vern Snyder announced that over 3,000 bricks have been purchased as part of the "Penguin Walk of Pride," the campaign to help build the addition to Stambaugh Stadium. The bricks are scheduled to be in place by Homecoming 1997. Vern also reported that the YSU Capital Campaign is approaching the \$17 million mark and that the annual fund—thanks to the work of Cheryl Staib—is now currently running 42% above the 1996 level.

- Ohio Board of Regents -

The Ohio Board of Regents met on the YSU campus, March 13-14, as part of their commitment to visit campuses throughout the State. The Regents were particularly complimentary about YSU, citing our many successes in terms of program development and our continued efforts to manage our financial and other resources.

Regents chair Elizabeth Lanier was especially complimentary of the many articulation agreements between YSU and two-year schools in Ohio and Pennsylvania. She also favorably commented on how well YSU has tailored its mission to meet the needs of the Youngstown community, saying, "You are doing so many things right, and we applaud you."

During the meeting, Regents vice chancellor Matthew Filipic praised YSU for managing its budget and reported that in fiscal year 1996, the University actually had spent less than in 1991, adding, "That's really remarkable."

Filipic also reported that the Regents' top priority is persuading legislators to fully fund its current budget requests.

**Master of Science Degree in Nursing**

The Board of Regents unanimously approved YSU's Master of Science degree in Nursing. The new master's program will focus on chronic illness, the only program of its kind in Ohio. This is an especially important degree because of its focus on the health care needs of this region.

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As we start the new term, we can be proud of our recent successes. They are the basis on which we can continue to develop the quality of YSU.

We have made tremendous progress this year. Thanks for your continuing efforts to help YSU gain the "Edge of Excellence."

Les Cochran

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees has been set for 3 p.m., Friday, June 27, 1997.**