

Academic Senate Resolution in Opposition to Retrenchment and Reductions in Academic Excellence & Support

Whereas YSU's Mission Statement states, "As a student centered university, Youngstown State University's mission is to provide innovative lifelong learning opportunities that will inspire individuals, enhance futures and enrich lives"; and

Whereas YSU announced the elimination of 26 academic programs; and

Whereas YSU announced the termination of full-time faculty for reasons of retrenchment, including tenured and tenure-track faculty; and

Whereas YSU's Vice President of Finance and Business Operations Neal McNally publicly affirmed on November 10, 2021 that YSU is "fiscally sound overall"; and

Whereas YSU increased spending in non-academic sectors in FY 2021-2022, including a \$2,559,283 increase in Institutional Support spending and an \$885,000 increase in Intercollegiate Athletics spending; and

Whereas the reduction in academic offerings and the termination of highly qualified faculty compromises the quality of education afforded to all current and future YSU students;

Be it resolved that the YSU Academic Senate opposes the decision to eliminate viable academic programs and the decision to terminate full-time faculty for reasons of retrenchment; and

Be it resolved that the YSU Academic Senate urges the YSU Administration and YSU Board of Trustees to halt further reductions in Academic Excellence & Support spending and retrenchment of full-time faculty; and

Be it resolved that the YSU Academic Senate urges the YSU Administration, YSU Board of Trustees, and YSU Foundation to invest in initiatives proven effective at increasing student enrollment and improving student retention in other Universities; and

Be it resolved that this resolution be distributed to YSU President Jim Tressel, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Brien Smith, YSU Vice President of Finance and Business Operations Neal McNally, Associate Provosts, Deans, members of the YSU Board of Trustees, and President of the YSU Foundation Paul McFadden.