

**Sense of the Senate Resolution to Commend the Board of Trustees on the Administration of  
the Presidential Search**

Executive Committee

Faculty Senate

First Reading

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Whereas Ohio University has recently completed a successful search for the twenty-first President of the University; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees conducted open forums on campus at the outset of the search in September and for each of the four finalists in January; and

Whereas the Board formed a search committee with representatives from the broad University community who helped determine the search finalists; and

Whereas as the Trustees welcomed feedback from all members of the community on those finalists; and

Whereas following the campus interviews, the Trustees reached out to dozens of individuals on campus by phone to discuss the finalists; and

Whereas, unfortunately, the importance of such an inclusive process is increasingly ignored in the State of Ohio and nationally in higher education; and

Whereas conducting an open and inclusive search is an important statement of the values of our academic community;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate commends and thanks the Board of Trustees for conducting the presidential search in a manner that respected all members of our community and valued their advice.