

A Sense-of-the-Senate Resolution on Planning Unit Reduction Targets  
and Budget Priorities  
Finance & Facilities Committee  
Faculty Senate  
May 16, 2011

Whereas, the proposed reduction targets undermine the academic quality of the University by demanding considerably higher reductions from academic units than from academic support and general fee units; and

Whereas the budget proposal largely protects several non-academic units (including, but not limited to, Advancement and Intercollegiate Athletics) without offering a convincing and verifiable rationale or calculation of return on investment; and

Whereas the proposal fails to adequately acknowledge that reductions to the core academic function, which follow upon almost a decade of ongoing cuts to the academic budget, will yet further degrade the quality of teaching, faculty and student research, and the overall student experience at Ohio University;

Be it resolved that

- a) the 2012 budget proposal be revised to more effectively protect and advance academic quality by providing more adequate resources for teaching and research; and that
- b) the development of future budgets shall include mechanisms designed by administrators and faculty for clearly identifying the cost and benefits of all major functions and a clear evidence-based rationale for those costs.