



Resolution committing Board of Governors to System's, universities' long-term success

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education was established as the Commonwealth's public university system, with the stated purpose of providing "high quality education at the lowest possible cost to the students"; and

WHEREAS, the State System comprises 14 state-owned universities, each of which has served its community, its region, and the Commonwealth as an engine of opportunity for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, these universities are essential contributors to their individual communities and to the entire Commonwealth—providing educational opportunities to students, cultural enrichment to the citizenry, and economic stimulus exceeding \$6.7 billion annually to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the State System conducted a year-long strategic review to help the universities and the System identify new opportunities to better serve students in every region of the Commonwealth through high quality educational experiences; and

WHEREAS, through that review and input received from students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders, the Board of Governors has identified three strategic priorities as the basis for a System Redesign: 1) ensuring student success, 2) leveraging the strengths of each university, and 3) transforming the governance and leadership structure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors is committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of all 14 institutions within the State System so that each may continue to serve students, its region, and the Commonwealth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors is committed to pursuing a transformative System Redesign that will have the greatest positive impact for students, will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the System, and will ensure strategic changes that support the System's long-term success.

Unanimously adopted by the Board
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Cynthia D. Shapira, Chairwoman