

RESOLUTION E06-10

Mission Change

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan for Higher Education in Ohio emphasizes the importance of research for Ohio's universities and directs each university to propose a Center of Excellence to further research and the benefits of research in Ohio. Shawnee State University has proposed the Center of Excellence for Applied Research and Regional Innovation; and

WHEREAS, applied research is being done in the two current graduate programs and will be part of anticipated future graduate programs and applied research is consistent with the purpose and direction of the Shawnee State University Center of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees has affirmed its commitment to the research aspects of the USO Strategic Plan and approved the Shawnee State University Center of Excellence for Applied Research and Regional Innovation at its November 13, 2009 meeting and funding to support personnel and initial personnel for the Center and related applied research initiatives at its May 14, 2010 and July 9, 2010 meetings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University formalizes its commitment to enhancing and supporting applied research at Shawnee State University by adding "applied research" to the Shawnee State University statement of mission per the enclosed revised version.

(July 9, 2010)

Shawnee State University Mission Statement Change (addition italicized)

Shawnee State University-the regional state university for Southern Ohio-prepares students for the changing needs of business, industry, education, and society through its diversified degree programs. Recognizing the importance of knowledge, values, and cultural enrichment, Shawnee State University is committed to providing higher education that fosters competence in oral and written communication, scientific and quantitative reasoning, and critical analysis/logical thinking. To enrich the lives of the community, the University provides opportunities for continuing personal and professional development, intellectual discovery, *applied research*, and appreciation for the creative and performing arts.

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