



**YOUNGSTOWN
STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**RESOLUTION RELATED TO YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY AND
EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**SERVING THE MAHONING VALLEY, REGION,
and UPPER OHIO VALLEY**

WHEREAS, Youngstown State University (YSU) is the anchor comprehensive post-secondary institution in the Mahoning Valley and the broader region, including the Upper Ohio Valley;

WHEREAS, YSU offers Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees, as well as certificates, alternative credentials, and workforce education to enhance and advance the workforce of the Valley and region;

WHEREAS, due to extenuating circumstances and the decision by the Board of Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) to not offer classes and academic programs beyond spring 2024, YSU has engaged EGCC and the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), and ODHE with the accrediting Higher Learning Commission (HLC), to expand YSU's offerings of Associate's degrees, certificates, alternative credentials and workforce education initiatives;

WHEREAS, YSU's Academic Senate has acted, and academic programs and support areas are engaged to optimize a seamless continuation of academic program progress of students towards degree, certificate and credential completion for EGCC students;

WHEREAS, YSU has engaged with the superintendents of the region's Educational Service Centers to engage with district superintendents to assure EGCC College Credit Plus offerings are accommodated and others become engaged with YSU at a cost per credit hour initially equivalent to EGCC;

WHEREAS, YSU recognizes the need for phasing various initiatives to YSU, particularly considering the differences in fee structures;

WHEREAS, YSU desires to provide a continuity of educational access for the region that is not limited to and that includes in-person instructional offerings, and has therefore applied to the HLC to establish additional locations in Steubenville over the long-term, preferring if practicable to utilize a current EGCC location in that regard, and using Youngstown in the immediate near-term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the YSU Board of Trustees supports the YSU administration, faculty, and staff engagement in activities to facilitate seamless degree continuation for current EGCC students, and expansion of YSU academic programs to serve the post-secondary and career needs of the Valley and region, with the combination of such actions likely to create future employment opportunities at YSU for highly qualified individuals in various occupational categories;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the YSU Board of Trustees authorizes YSU administration to engage with ODHE and other State agencies concerning processes to financially administer such a transition to assure that the undertaking is financially viable and sustainable at YSU.

**Board of Trustees Meeting
March 7, 2024
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