

A Resolution Opposing Ohio Senate Bill 5

WHEREAS: The faculty and staff of our state universities are being unfairly blamed for Ohio's budget deficit, and

WHEREAS: Abundant evidence indicates that the practice of collective bargaining in higher education has not contributed to the state's deficit, and

WHEREAS: Faculty and staff of our state universities have had the right to collectively bargain for nearly three decades, and

WHEREAS: The faculty and administration at Youngstown State University have successfully used collective bargaining since the early 1970s to operate fairly and efficiently while charging students one of the lowest tuition costs in the state, and

WHEREAS: The weakening or elimination of collective bargaining rights will reduce the ability of departments to recruit and retain top faculty and will have a negative effect on employment conditions and the quality of students' educational experiences, and

WHEREAS: Ohio Senate Bill 5 seeks to weaken or eliminate collective bargaining rights of state employees without offering evidence that this radical plan will create jobs or reduce the budget deficit,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Youngstown State University strongly opposes Ohio Senate Bill 5, strongly affirms the right of collective bargaining for faculty and staff, and urges the governor and legislature to work with, not against, the faculty and staff of Ohio's universities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Youngstown State University will forward this Resolution to our Board of Trustees, Ohio Board of Regents, The Chancellor, and the Governor of the State of Ohio.