RESOLUTION E10-24

REQUESTING ACADEMIC PORTFOLIO REVIEW PURSUANT TO ORC SECTION 3345.35

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code section 3345.35 requires the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education to evaluate all courses and programs the institution offers based on enrollment and duplication of its courses and programs with those of other state institutions of higher education within a geographic area determined by the Chancellor of the Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees must provide a summary of recommended actions for courses and programs with low enrollment and evaluate benefits of collaboration with other institutions of higher education in regard to duplicative programs no later than September 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the University must also provide an interim report no later than October 15, 2025 to its accreditor, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), addressing progress on criteria which were "met with concerns" after the most recent mid-cycle review; and

WHEREAS, HLC requires review of whether faculty, staff, revenue, and resources are sufficient to realize University strategic initiatives to respond to concerns; and

WHEREAS, the University Faculty Senate (UFS) has defined Academic Program Performance Metrics and developed a Program Closure Process through shared governance; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Provost and the President have recommended the University undertake a comprehensive academic portfolio review in preparation for required reporting to the Chancellor and accrediting body;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University hereby requests review of the academic portfolio during the Fall 2024 term pursuant to ORC section 3345.35. A report with a summary of the data and recommended actions is requested to be provided to the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University prior to the February 14, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting.