

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as a nationally ranked higher education institution, Ball State University has provided Indiana and our nation with outstanding graduates that immediately impact the economy and other improve the quality of life in their communities;

WHEREAS, the Ball State University Strategic Planning Task Force, consisting of representation of all the key constituencies on campus, developed the blueprint for the University's success in the creation of the five year strategic plan known as *Strategic Plan 2012-2017 Education Redefined 2.0: Advancing Indiana* (the "Strategic Plan");

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the *Strategic Plan* to guide the University through 2017;

WHEREAS, the *Strategic Plan* sets forth certain specific objectives aimed at improving the learning environment and academic success of students;

WHEREAS, the educational experience of the University's students is greatly enhanced through productive faculty-student relationships, which would not occur without the incredible dedication and talents of the University faculty;

WHEREAS, the *Strategic Plan* sets forth certain specific objectives aimed at improving the positive impact the University has on communities throughout the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, the University has succeeded by operating with an entrepreneurial mindset, characterizing by creative thinking, adaptability, and measured risk taking;

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2015, the Board of Trustees unanimously endorsed the *Centennial Commitment*, which emphasized eighteen important objectives from the *Strategic Plan* to be completed by the University's centennial in 2018 (the "18 by '18");

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes that the University is benefitted by a diverse, collaborative, and open campus environment;

WHEREAS, as the University embarks on the search for its 17th President, the Board of Trustees desires to reaffirm their commitment to certain objectives and core principles.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ball State University shall continue to aggressively pursue completion of the *Strategic Plan* generally, with particular focus on the '18 by '18.
2. Ball State University shall continue to be student-centered, creating a learning experience that best prepares our graduates for future personal and professional success.

3. Ball State University shall continue to be community engaged, using the talents and resources of the campus to better the quality of life across Indiana.
4. Ball State University shall continue to aspire to be a model 21st century research institution, where the breadth of scholarship informs teaching, applications for the greater good, and discovery of knowledge to advance targeted disciplines.
5. Ball State University shall build on its rich tradition as an entrepreneurial university, by continuing to embrace practices that increase efficiency of operation, enhance effectiveness of teaching, and prepare our graduates to be leaders.
6. Ball State University shall function collaboratively and transparently, welcoming the expression of opinions, encouraging the collective development by the campus of the best ideas, and maintaining open discussion and communication of policy decisions, all with the purpose of supporting a campus community united in its mission to propel the University to a second century of success.