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Ohio colleges, universities unite on proposed changes to policies

By Marc Kovac

COLUMBUS - Student graduation rates would have greater weight when determining state funding for Ohio's public colleges and universities, under a first-of-its-kind framework unveiled by Gov. John Kasich's administration.

The proposed policy changes were developed by a group of university and college presidents, headed by Ohio State University's Gordon Gee and Zane State College's Paul Brown, after Kasich asked the various campuses to work together for the common good.

"There is no one else in this country doing what we're doing right now," Gee said, adding later, "There was collective sacrifice for the common good."

Brown added, "We're doing this in a way that's going to set the bar for the rest of the country."

Friday's report marked the second time under Kasich's administration that the state's higher- education institutions have worked together on budget matters. Earlier, they met and agreed on construction projects to be funded under the state's capital budget, with some campuses stepping aside to ensure the completion of needed building improvements at others.

That's a change from past practice, when colleges and universities would compete for funding.

"We were very jingoistic; it was about us individually," Gee said. "Fast forward to where we are and around this table today. ... We collectively have made a historic decision."

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Dayton Daily News

Ohio unveils new funding plan for 4-year colleges to improve graduation rates

By Meagan Pant

COLUMBUS — For the first time in Ohio history, half of the taxpayer money that goes to public universities could be tied to whether their students actually graduate — a change called "bold" by Gov. John Kasich and a group of college presidents.

The recommendation is at the heart of an effort to improve the rate at which Ohioans are earning college degrees. Currently, less than half of the nearly 438,000 students who enter public colleges in Ohio graduate. Kasich in September challenged college and university presidents to dramatically redesign the funding formula for higher education to hold schools more accountable for graduating students instead of tying money to how many students are enrolled.

The final recommendations were unveiled in Columbus on Friday, but no funding amounts were presented for individual schools. Kasich said he will use the report to divvy up the \$1.75 billion in state funding for higher education for each year of his two-year budget when he submits it in February. Lawmakers will also need to approve the new formula. If implemented, Ohio would be unique in the country for its funding approach.

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Gov. Kasich rolls out revised college-funding plan

By Jim Provance

COLUMBUS — Public universities and colleges would be rewarded more for graduating students and keeping them in Ohio after handing them their diplomas than for enrolling them under a new funding plan developed by the schools and embraced by Gov. John Kasich on Friday.

“We all have self-interests ... ,” he said. “But then there are times when the sun kind of breaks through and people just put other people first. That is exactly what’s happened here.”

The broad framework developed by the Ohio Higher Education Funding Commission is not a done deal. There are no dollar signs attached. Mr. Kasich is preparing to propose his second two-year budget to lawmakers in early February.

The plan talks about “rewards” for schools but doesn’t define the word.

“You’re a priority for us,” Mr. Kasich told university and college presidents gathered in his Statehouse office. “We’re not going to cut you. It’s not going to happen, but I’d like to figure out a way to do more for you.”

Under the proposal, funding earmarks that previously followed student enrollment will focus instead on school success in graduating those students.

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Colleges: Tie state aid to grad rate

By Jim Siegel

The state would use financial incentives to push colleges and universities to increase graduation and course-completion rates under new state funding recommendations released by a commission of higher-education leaders.

Looking to get the changes into the new two-year budget that Gov. John Kasich will introduce in early February, the Ohio Higher Education Funding Commission proposed yesterday that half of all university funding, about \$600 million, be tied to schools’ ability to graduate students. Changes also would reward universities for keeping out-of-state students in Ohio after graduation and give incentives to schools to help at-risk and nontraditional students obtain degrees.

“The governor knows that 60 percent of the jobs will require an advanced degree by the year 2020,” said Bruce Johnson, president of the Inter-University Council of Ohio. “Right now, we’ve only got 36 percent of Ohioans prepared for that.”

Johnson said it’s a “huge change” to have 50 percent of funding based on graduation rates, up from the current 20 percent, and to have so much more based on course completion. “We used to allocate funding based on sitting in a seat on the 15th day,” he said. “What the system is now focused on is making sure that students who get into the university graduate.”

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Presidents revise funding model

University officials' proposal to state would alter how money is divvied up

Written by Paul E. Kostyu

COLUMBUS — Gov. John R. Kasich promised university presidents not to cut funding to higher education in his next two-year budget after they presented him with a framework for deciding how much each institution should get.

Though a specific formula was not announced Friday at a Kasich press conference, the formula rests on improving graduation rates at the state's two- and four-year institutions. The state's college presidents agreed overall state funding should be attached to them as a group, not through individual college requests.

University of Cincinnati President Santa Ono told The Enquirer afterward the school will do well financially under any of the scenarios developed by higher education leaders.

"All this looks good for UC," he said, because of its status as one of the state's major research universities.

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THE PLAIN DEALER

Half of state aid to colleges may be tied to graduating students

By Aaron Marshall

COLUMBUS, Ohio — State funding for Ohio's public colleges got a radical makeover from university presidents who pitched a plan Friday to Gov. John Kasich that would tie half of state aid to how many students graduate.

"I think what you did here was amazing," Kasich told about two dozen Ohio higher education officials assembled in his Statehouse office for a press conference. "You put yourself at risk, we aren't going to let you fail even if there are bumps along the way."

The plan proposes that half, or roughly \$600 million, of what the state allocates to four-year institutions a year be based on the number of students who graduated over the previous three academic years.

The other half of the funding formula for undergraduates would be linked to course completion by students.

Funding for universities, known as the State Share of Instruction, has been based on a formula that included awarding 20 percent for graduation, and 80 percent for the percentage of students who completed a course with a grade of D or better. The new proposal would go into effect under the next two-year budget if legislators approve.

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