



INTERIM EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

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TO: President's and Provost's Advisory Committee

FROM: Joseph A. Alutto, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost
Robert T. McGrath, Senior Vice President for Research

SUBJECT: Targeted Investments in Excellence Reviews

We have now read in detail the reviews of Ohio State's centrally funded Targeted Investments in Excellence initiatives that Professor Miller submitted on your behalf. Your thorough assessment of progress to date, including the areas of concern that you identify, will be invaluable to the further evolution of these programs, as will your insightful suggestions for enhancing their effectiveness.

Your report and our own review indicated that we need to:

- identify a lead dean for each TIE to assure its progress and success;
- request a clear statement of the activities resulting from the TIE, as distinct from on-going activities;
- assure that reports provide a sense of cumulative impact and influence over time; and
- adjust the timeframe for reporting, so that funds can be released at the beginning of the fiscal year, as appropriate.

Given the importance and visibility of the TIE projects, both within and outside this institution, the entire university will benefit from the considerable amount of time PPAC committed to this effort. Please know how grateful we are for your service. We will of course apprise you of our decisions regarding the TIE projects and the disposition of FY08 funding.

cc: Vice Presidents
Deans
Vice Provosts