

Dear Ohio University Faculty, Staff, and Students:

A web site to gather information and ideas from the university community on cost savings and revenue generation is now available. Your participation is needed to help us identify ways that we can manage, wisely and well, the challenges that we face. The site can be accessed from the University Budget Update Page (<http://www.ohio.edu/budget/>) and will be available until January 29.

The President, the interim Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, and I will review suggestions received via the web site as we draft an initial set of recommendations in February to be shared with the university community (please see "Strategic Budget Process" at <http://www.ohio.edu/budget/resources.cfm> for a full description of each stage of the process).

When you enter the web site, within the Welcome message is a link to the suggestion form. On this form is an area for your name and contact information and under this is a suggestion drop down menu with the following 4 categories:

1. New Structures and Practices. Ideas on how Ohio University could devise new structures and practices that would save costs and strengthen quality, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Joint Initiatives and Efficiencies. Ideas on how Ohio University could employ joint initiatives and collaborative activities that could become self-sustaining and generate new, durable sources of revenue.
3. Cost Savings Initiatives. Ideas on how Ohio University could save costs in its current operations.
4. Revenue Generation Activities. Ideas on how Ohio University could generate new revenue in sustainable ways.

There is no restriction on the number of ideas that can be submitted in each category, but to assist in giving due consideration to each suggestion, please submit only one idea per suggestion form. Once the web site is fully functional members of the university community will be able to view submitted suggestions.

Ohio University is a complex organization and it is difficult for anyone, regardless of how well-informed she or he might be, to understand all of the possibilities that exist when it comes to managing our resources. The web site provides a means of gathering insights from across all campuses and constituencies. It is true that what looks like a great idea on paper may not always be implementable, but before great ideas can be tested they must first be surfaced. Please take a few moments to contribute to the web site.

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice President and Provost