**Status Update:**

The intent of this report is to provide the YSU Board of Trustees with an update on the committee and to inform on progress made in developing a set of relevant metrics to monitor performance and progress of the urban research university transition. Key administrative changes over the past several years have been a major contributing factor in terms of less-than-desirable progress in this regard. These changes include the President and Provost of the university, the Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, the Director for the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs and other key personnel. Filling these vacancies along with creation of the Office of Research has provided an opportunity to further evaluate the alignment of the currently reported metrics with the core values and themes of this cornerstone and plan for improved performance.

**Goals of the committee:**

* Identify/develop board metrics relevant to core principles and themes of the Urban Research Transition Cornerstone
* Establish a means of assessing the integration of faculty research and scholarship into teaching and learning to establish baseline data
* Make recommendations to improve/enhance performance on metrics related to two themes: 1) Funding to Support Research and 2) Quality Academic Program
* Identify barriers to those seeking outside funding and ways to overcome such barriers

**Leadership (Co-Chairs):**

Sal Sanders – College of Graduate Studies
David Stout – Williamson College of Business Administration

**Membership:**

Chet Cooper – College of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics
Mike Hripko – Office of Research
Cathy B Parrott – Institutional Review Board and Bitonte College of Health and Human Services
Rachael Pohle-Krauza – Bitonte College of Health and Human Services
Daniel Van Dussen – College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
**Note:** Additional members will be added to represent the College of Creative Arts and Communication and the Beeghly College of Education

**Timeline:** Recommendation from the committee to the Provost by November 20, 2015.