

## **Priority Enrollment Recommendation**

In accordance with our mission to promote the high morale, well-being, and professional welfare of staff, the Staff Advisory Council recommends to administration that staff members employed 75% full time or greater be allowed to enroll in classes at OSU via priority enrollment. We believe that this is a morale boosting benefit that administration can provide to staff members at little or no cost, and it will enable OSU employees to enroll in classes that best fit their work schedules in accordance with their departments' and personal needs. As indicated by the number of staff fee waivers on file with the Registrar's Office, there are only 175 – 200 staff members (75% FTE or above) currently enrolled in classes at OSU. SAC believes that this number is small enough that it will not overburden the priority enrollment system or cause hardship to the other students currently allowed this benefit.

### *Background for this recommendation:*

Prior to 1999, OSU staff members were allowed priority enrollment. However, many other student "categories" were also allowed this advantage. Because there were so many students using priority enrollment at that time, the system became ineffective, and the decision was made to limit priority enrollment to three groups: student athletes, honors students, and students with disabilities. Staff was removed from the list.