Ohio State's Budget Issue List
Updated based on House Substitute Budget

1. Secure Maximum Support Through SSI Line Item

-- Overall funding through SSI remains the same as Executive version
-- SSI funding in FY10 is 6% higher than FY 09.
-- Under IUC agreed to formula, OSU will receive a 9% increase in FY10 ($34 million increase)
-- House version relies more heavily on Federal stimulus dollars than Executive version ($185 million more)

2. Maintain Tuition vs. State Support Balance

-- Executive Budget provides for a "funded" tuition freeze in FY 2010 and a 3.5% increase in FY 2011
-- House maintained the Governor's tuition proposal
-- Tuition cap in FY11 is voluntary, and contains no language for the first time in years.

3. Restore cuts to Research Incentive

-- House increased funding by $2.0 million per year.
-- Funding would still be 50% below current year levels.

4. Restore cuts to Clinical Teaching Line Items

-- Funding remains at reduced Executive Budget recommended levels

5. Restore Choose Ohio First Scholarship Funding

-- Funding levels did not change

-- Allows the Chancellor to authorize institutions of higher education to award Choose Ohio First Scholarships in an amount greater than one-half of the highest in-state, undergraduate instructional and general fees charged by all state universities, which is the maximum scholarship amount in current law

-- Eliminates the requirement that a private Ohio institution of higher education, in order to submit a proposal for Choose Ohio First Scholarships, must collaborate with a state university or college in implementation of the proposal.

6. Restore Ohio Research Scholars Funding

-- Funding levels did not change
-- Permits a private Ohio institution of higher education to submit a proposal for the Ohio Research Scholars Program.
7. Include Recommendations from Construction Reform Panel into Budget

-- Recommendations not included in House version

8. Restore OARDC & Extension Funding (OSU only line items)

-- House made significant increases to both programs
-- House added $2.5 million per year to Extension
-- House added $543k in FY10 and $2.2 million in FY11 to OARDC
-- Still some confusion as the House PR document said their budget would restore full funding

9. Reach agreement on cost reimbursement for prisoner care at OSU Hospitals

-- Negotiations between OSU, the prison system and OBM officials are ongoing

10. Recover funds levied by state through new Hospital Assessment Fund

-- The House plan reduces the impact of the new assessment on Hospitals. The assessment rate will be raised from 1.27% to 1.52% in FY10 and from 1.37% to 1.61% in FY11, which will allow the state to draw down more federal funds. All money raised by this increase would be returned to hospitals as a supplemental Medicaid reimbursement. This reduces the impact of the executive budget on hospitals by $290 million.

11. Restore Sea Grants funding (OSU only line item)

-- Funding, which was completely eliminated in the Executive version, is fully restored to $300k per year

12. Restore John Glenn School Funding (OSU only line item)

-- Funding levels did not change from reduced Executive budget levels

13. Restore Urban University Program & Earmark Funding

-- Funding to the UUP program is restored. Exact funding distribution to OSU (CURA) not know yet.
-- Funding for Institute for the Humanities restored at $100K per year
-- Funding for OSU African American Extension Center restored at $91K per year

14. Receive authority for student organizations to increase student activity fees

-- Working with Chancellor's office and House members on a proposal
15. Restore Funding for Comm. on African American Males (OSU only line item)

-- Executive budget recommended no funding
-- House budget added no additional funding

16. Restore Funding for Ohio Resource Center for Math, Science & Reading

-- Funding for line item completely eliminated in Executive budget
-- House budget recommended no additional funding
-- Chancellor has promised to help restore funding

17. Restore Funding for Reading Recovery Training Network

-- Funding for the program was eliminated in Executive version.
-- House fully restored funding to $1.0 million per year.

NEW ITEM - Co-op/Internship Program

-- The bill earmarks $5 million in each fiscal year of the Co-op/Internship Program for the Employee Training Grant Program (ETGP)

-- The ETGP program will provide training for individuals seeking employment in the biotechnology or bioscience fields or in other fields in which critical demands exist for certain skills. Specifies that eligible grant recipients include (1) municipal corporations, (2) employers, and (3) entities that sponsor multi-company employee training projects. Requires that the Chancellor use the same competitive process used to make awards under the Ohio Co-op/Internship Program to award the training grants. Specifies that the maximum grant amount is 50% of the training program's allowable costs, which include administrative expenses, curriculum development, employee wages, travel expenses, and training equipment.

-- The bill earmarks $1,000,000 in each fiscal year for programs at institutions of higher education that collaborate with businesses that have been in operation for three years or fewer.

-- The bill earmarks $250,000 in each fiscal year for students enrolled at institutions of higher education that develop a successful business plan in Ohio. Requires that each winner of the competition receive $50,000 and that awards not be distributed until a winner provides documentation that a business has been established with the winner's business plan.
NEW ITEM - Tech Transfer Equity Amendment

-- Allows public universities in Ohio to receive and hold shares in business start-ups to encourage successful growth and commercialization of research.

NEW ITEM - Course Classification System

-- Replaces a current law requirement that state institutions of higher education implement the "course applicability system" (CAS) for advising and transferring associate degree students with a requirement that institutions implement the information system selected by, contracted for, or adopted by the Chancellor.

NEW ITEM - Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program

-- Changes the allocation of 25% of the Nurse Education Assistance Fund from loans to students in prelicensure professional nurse education programs for licensed practical nurses to loans to students in any nurse education programs, as determined by the Chancellor. Requires the Chancellor to give preference to programs aimed at increasing enrollment in an area of need.

NEW ITEM - Chancellor's Tuition Setting Authority

-- Provides a procedure for the Chancellor to follow if the Chancellor intends to seek a fee adjustment for associate degree programs. Specifies that the Chancellor must notify the institution's board of trustees of intent to seek a fee adjustment, obtain information about the current fees, and convene a meeting with the board of trustees to reach an agreement on adjusting fees and on implementing a plan. Specifies that if an agreement is reached, the board of trustees must implement the plan for a fee adjustment and that if an agreement is not reached, the Chancellor must make a recommendation for adjusting the fees and, if rejected, may submit the recommendation to the Controlling Board for approval. Requires that the Chancellor recommend only plans that, if implemented, would not place the institution in fiscal watch. Requires that the board of trustees adjust fees if the Controlling Board approves the recommendation. Specifies that any restrictions on tuition increases applicable to a public institution of higher education's associate degree programs in FY 2012 or FY 2013 shall be applied to the instructional and general fees charged for the programs prior to an adjustment of those fees.