



Board of Regents

Ted Strickland, Governor
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

University System of Ohio

DIRECTIVE 2009-004
January 20, 2009

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES AND OFFER DISCOUNTED CREDIT RATES FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THREE-CREDIT HOUR CLASSES ON FRIDAYS.

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly requires any waiver of tuition for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education be approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Northwest State Community College has requested that for the Spring term 2009, the three-credit cost would be reduced by 25 percent for classes held on Fridays. The college has demonstrated the following:

- The proposed tuition waiver would enhance affordability for those students opting to take three-credit hour courses on Fridays.
- The waiver would improve the utilization of classroom space at the college.
- The risks of negative financial impact on the college attributable to the tuition waiver are minimal.
- The College's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing this tuition waiver pilot project at its meeting on December 16, 2008, attached.
- The College has indicated that it will collect information that will allow for the evaluation of the success of this waiver.

Agency staff reviewed the request and posted its recommendations to the Regents' web site for purposes of providing a period of public comment before final approval by the Chancellor. No public comments were received.

Based on my review of staff recommendations, I hereby approve the Request to waive standard tuition rates and offer the specified discounted credit rate to students enrolling in three-credit hour classes on Friday at Northwest State Community College for Spring Term 2009.

This directive will take effect immediately.


Eric D. Fingerhut
Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents

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