

Directive 2011-014June 9, 2011

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY KENT STATE UNIVERSITY TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES AND OFFER A REDUCTION TO A \$10 PER CREDIT HOUR OUT-OF-STATE SURCHARGE FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING ONLY IN DISTANCE LEARNING CLASSES FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

§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. On April 17, 2009, the Chancellor signed Directive 2009-011 establishing procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates. § 371.30.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly continues the authority stated in §375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly. Currently Section 371.20.80 of House Bill 153 contains proposed language that continues the authority for the next biennium.

Contingent on the continued authority as proposed in Section 371.20.80 of House Bill 153 and Directive 2009-011, Kent State University has requested that for academic years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 the tuition surcharge per credit hour cost would be waived except for \$10 per credit hour charge for students enrolling only in distance learning classes. At the current 2010-11 rates, this is a waiver of 352.00 per credit hour for out-of-state undergraduate students and a waiver of \$332.00 for out-of-state graduate students. The college has demonstrated the following:

- The College's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing a continuation of the tuition waiver at its meeting on March 9, 2011. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- The College's has submitted a specific request to reduce the tuition surcharge to \$10.00 per credit hour for out-of-state undergraduate and graduate students enrolling only in distance learning classes.
- The College proposes that the duration of the continued waiver be for academic years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, ending June 30, 2013.
- The proposed waiver will affect approximately 175 students each term the waiver is in effect.
- The College's goal was to increase distance-learning enrollment by 25% by the end of fiscal year 2011 as a result of the reduction in tuition. The college exceeded that goal, increasing enrollment by 114.8%. The goal of the continued waiver is to maintain the increased enrollment.
- The College will use enrollment data to measure if it has accomplished its goal of maintaining the increased enrollment.

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 continue a tuition waiver for a reduction of the out-of-state tuition surcharge to \$10 per credit hour for students enrolling only in distance learning classes during academic years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

This directive will take effect immediately.



Jim Petro
Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents

TUITION WAIVER REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

The following requests have been posted for a 2-week public comment period and are recommended for approval. A summary of the public comments is below.

Recommenders: Michelle Chavanne *Michelle Chavanne* 6-9-11
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Kent State:

1. Request to reduce the out-of-state tuition surcharge for residents of northern West Virginia and western Pennsylvania by 80% during academic years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013
 - Continues a previously approved waiver, see Directive 2010-010, Approved 2/10/10
2. Request to reduce of the out-of-state tuition surcharge to \$10 per credit hour for students enrolling only in distance learning classes during academic years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.
 - Continues a previously approved waiver, see Directive 2009-034, Approved 9/29/09

Summary of public comments:

Request 1. No public comments

Request 2. No public comments