



DIRECTIVE 2014-004

March 26, 2014

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES FOR THE TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE FIRST YEAR OF ENROLLMENT OF NEW, FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN ORDER FOR CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO IMPLEMENT A GUARANTEED TUITION PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 2014-2015 THROUGH 2016-2017.

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly required 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. §371.20.80 of House Bill 153 of the 129th General Assembly continued the authority stated in §375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly. §363.230 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly continues the authority of the Chancellor until June 30, 2015.

Pursuant to the continued authority in §363.230 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 and Directive 2009-011, Cuyahoga Community College has requested that beginning in academic year 2014-2015 and proceeding through academic year 2016-2017 that it may be allowed to implement a Tuition Guarantee Program for all new, first-time, full-time students (new from high school or delayed from high school) who begin taking classes in the Fall or Spring semesters during the waiver term. In order to implement this program, the College has requested a tuition waiver for the two years after the first year of new first-time students. The College has demonstrated the following:

- The College's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on January 30, 2014. A copy of the resolution is attached.

The College has submitted a specific request to guarantee tuition rates and surcharges for new, first-time, full-time college students admitted in the fall or spring semester at Cuyahoga Community College, including students new from high school or delayed from high school. Specifically, each group of new students who participate in the program will pay the same tuition and surcharge as their first term of enrollment for three consecutive years of full-time study and not pay any increase to the per credit hour tuition rate or surcharge while participating in the program. This program will be available for new, first-time, full-time

students who enroll in fall or spring semester of Fall 2014 through Spring 2017. Each new group of students may have a different enrollment rate. Thus, a tuition waiver is necessary for the two years of study following the first year that new, first-time, full-time students enroll to implement the tuition guarantee program.

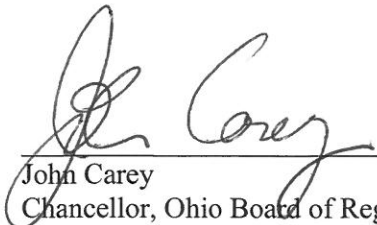
- The College proposes that the tuition waiver become effective the two years following the first year for new, first-time, full-time students enrolling in classes in academic year 2014-2015 through academic year 2016-2017. The proposed waiver will affect approximately 2,000 eligible first-time students per academic year that it is in effect until the 2017-2018 academic year.
- The College's goal is for the tuition guarantee program to increase enrollment of new, first-time, full-time students and to increase the number of students who remain at the college full time and complete a degree in three years.
- The methods that will be used to gather data and make determinations about whether such goals are accomplished will include, but not be limited to, comparisons between students who receive the tuition guarantee and those that do not to measure: enrollment numbers, student persistence, length of time to graduation, and student feedback.

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

My authority to approve tuition waivers expires at the end of the current biennium on June 30, 2015. Since the first year the waiver will be implemented is academic year 2015-2016, my approval is contingent upon continued authority provided by the General Assembly beyond June 30, 2015.

Based on my review of staff recommendations, my approval to waive tuition for the two years following the first year enrollment of a new, first-time, full-time students at Cuyahoga Community College is contingent upon continued authority provided by the General Assembly. Without this continued authority, Cuyahoga Community College's Tuition Guarantee Program will not be capable of implementation.

This Directive will take immediate effect.



John Carey
Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents