



DIRECTIVE 2015-009

April 13, 2015

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES TO STUDENTS QUALIFYING FOR THE JUMP START ENROLLMENT INITIATIVE

§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 (the “Chancellor”). On April 17, 2009, the Chancellor signed Directive 2009-011 establishing procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates. §363.230 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly continues the authority of the Chancellor until June 30, 2015. Currently, §369.180 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly contains proposed language that continues the authority of the Chancellor for the upcoming biennium.

Pursuant to the continued authority in §363.230 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 and contingent upon the continued authority as proposed in §369.180 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 as well as Directive 2009-011, Youngstown State University (“YSU”) has requested that beginning in Summer 2015 and continuing through academic year 2016-2017 standard tuition rates be waived for students participating in the Jump Start Enrollment Initiative, who will then be charged a reduced flat rate determined by credit hour. YSU has demonstrated the following:

- YSU’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on March 11, 2015. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- YSU has submitted a specific request to waive standard tuition rates for students who participate in the Jump Start program. The Jump Start program is an early summer enrollment initiative for undergraduate freshman, including adult freshmen). Students may select up to a maximum of 6 credits, over the eight week summer term, from a menu of courses to complete on-campus, hybrid or asynchronous online.

Current tuition for one 3 credit-hour class including general fee and information services fee	\$1010.91
Proposed flat fee for one 3 credit-hour Jump Start class	\$500.00
Amount waived	\$510.91

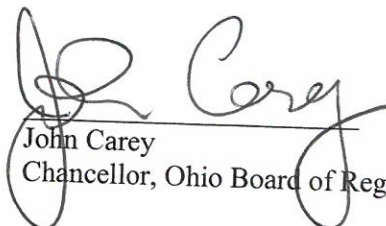
- The current tuition and amount waived could increase in future academic years, but the flat fee for the Jump Start 3 credit-hour class would remain \$500.
- Additionally, the out-of-state tuition surcharge would continue to be assessed to out-of-state students.
- YSU proposes that the tuition waiver become effective for academic year 2015-2016 (starting Summer 2015) and continuing through academic year 2016-2017 including any summer term that begins before June 30, 2017. Continuation of the Jump Start program past June 30, 2015 is contingent upon the Chancellor's continued authority to approve such tuition waivers.
- The proposed waiver will affect approximately 100-150 students annually.
- YSU has several goals related to this tuition waiver request including the following:
 - Improve enrollment and retention
 - Expedite the pathway to graduation
 - Help students reduce debt.

YSU will track student enrollment of admitted incoming freshmen, fall to fall retention rates of incoming freshmen, four to six year graduation rates of incoming freshmen, and student debt rates.

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 upon my review of staff recommendations, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from the Youngstown State University for Summer term 2015 and academic years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 including summer terms that begin prior to June 30, 2017 for students who participate in the YSU Jump Start program contingent upon the continued authority as proposed in §369.180 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64.

This Directive will take immediate effect.


 John Carey
 Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents

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TUITION WAIVER REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

The following request has been posted for a 2-week public comment period and is recommended for approval. No public comments were received.

Recommender: Amy Shaffer 4.13.2015

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Summary of public comments:

None