



DIRECTIVE 2015-035

June 19, 2015

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES AND OFFER A REDUCTION IN THE OUT-OF-STATE SURCHARGE BY \$240.00 PER CREDIT HOUR TO RESIDENTS IN THE AFFORDABLE TUITION ADVANTAGE REGION.

§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.

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 to continue for academic years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 the previous waiver approved in Directive 2013-009. This directive authorized that the out-of-state surcharge be reduced for residents in the Affordable Tuition Advantage Region. YSU has demonstrated the following:

- YSU's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing a continuation of the tuition waiver at its meeting on June 2, 2015. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- YSU has submitted a specific request to continue to reduce the out-of-state surcharge by \$240.00 per credit hour (currently \$250.00 per credit hour and the reduced rate will be \$8.76 per credit hour) for residents of certain counties in Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia in an effort to attract talented students from a larger region by making educational opportunities more affordable.
- YSU proposes that the duration of the continued waiver be any summer term beginning after June 30, 2015 as well as for academic years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, including any summer term beginning prior to June 30, 2017.
- It is anticipated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 1,043 students each term the waiver is in effect.

- YSU's initial goal for the previously approved waiver was to grow enrollment from the specified counties. This goal was achieved as the number of students from the Affordable Tuition Advantage region increased by nearly 7% in Fall 2013 and stabilized in Fall 2014. YSU's goal for the continuation is to maintain that enrollment gain. Some additional gains are expected.
- YSU will use enrollment data to measure if it has accomplished its goal of maintaining the higher 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 upon my review of staff recommendations, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from Youngstown State University for any summer term beginning after June 30, 2015 as well as for academic years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 for residents of the Affordable Tuition Advantage region, 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 of the Ohio Board of Regents

AGENDA ITEM: C.2.b.

AGENDA TOPIC: Review of Fee Waiver Renewals for FY 2016 and FY 2017

STAFF CONTACT(S): Neal McNally, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration

BACKGROUND: Section 363.230 of the current state budget bill, House Bill 59, states in part:

“The board of trustees of a state institution of higher education shall not authorize a waiver or nonpayment of instructional fees or general fees for any particular student or any class of students other than waivers specifically authorized by law or approved by the Chancellor [of the Ohio Board of Regents].”

During the FY 2014 – FY 2015 biennium, the Chancellor approved five (5) fee waivers for Youngstown State University. Each waiver was approved by the YSU Board of Trustees and is intended to achieve certain strategic goals, namely growth and stability vis-à-vis enrolled students and tuition revenue. Additionally, YSU has requested the Chancellor’s approval of a sixth waiver for the Jump Start program, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in March 2015.

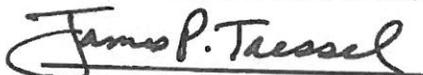
Management anticipates that the above language will be retained in the next budget bill for the FY 2016 and FY 2017 biennium. In order to continue these waivers for the upcoming biennium, Regents staff has advised that the Board of Trustees should review YSU’s existing waivers. Board of Trustees’ approval of these waivers for FY 2016 is included in a separate agenda item: Resolution to Approve Changes to Tuition and Fees for the 2015-2016 Academic and Fiscal Year.

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS: A summary of each preexisting fee waiver appears in the table below. University management believes that each waiver has produced desired outcomes, both in terms of students served and revenue generated.

Waiver	Fee Waived	Amount Waived per Credit	Number of Students Served	Estimated annual revenue
Distance Education	General Fee	\$56.97	140	\$609,286
Affordable Tuition Advantage	Portion of Undergrad Nonresident Surcharge	\$240.00	1,043	\$8,885,838
Youngstown Early College	Blended to create special YEC fee	\$230.97	170-180	\$257,097
College of Ed. Regional Delivery	General Fee	\$56.97	117	\$995,833
Master of Respiratory Care - CCHMC	Portion of Grad Nonresident Surcharge	\$132.76	9-10	\$20,236

RESOLUTION: N/A – DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY

REVIEWED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:


James P. Tressel, President



Board of Regents

University System of Ohio

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

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 6.19.2015

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY:

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Summary of public comments:

None