



**Department of  
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
John Carey, Chancellor

**DIRECTIVE 2017-083**

August 15, 2017

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES FOR STUDENTS WHO ENROLL IN THIRD PARTY PROVIDER/DIRECT ENROLL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS.

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127<sup>th</sup> 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 Higher Education (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. §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for the biennium.

Pursuant to §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 as well as Directive 2009-011, the Ohio State University (“OSU”) has requested to continue for summer terms beginning after June 30, 2017 and academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 the previous waiver which authorized that tuition be waived for students who enroll in Third Party Provider/Direct Enroll study abroad programs. This includes the waiver of both instructional and general fees. Students will continue to pay the standard study abroad application fee of \$150. The waiver is requested to continue because, without it, students are either forced to pay tuition both to OSU and the host institution or to dis-enroll from OSU while studying abroad.

OSU has demonstrated the following:

- OSU’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing this tuition waiver at its meeting on July 11, 2017. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- OSU has submitted a specific request to continue to waive all tuition for students enrolled in Third Party Provider/Direct Enroll study abroad programs.
- OSU proposes that the duration of the continued waiver be for any summer term beginning after June 30, 2017 as well as academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 288 students each semester.
- The goals of this tuition waiver are as follows:

- increase the number of students studying abroad by making it more affordable and making more options available to students who need financial aid to be able to go abroad, and
  - eliminate the double tuition charge to students, and
  - enable more students to choose to stay enrolled rather than pursuing transfer credit, allowing them to access their student financial aid, and
  - improve risk management by having students stay enrolled for tracking and risk management purposes
    - The goals from the previous waiver were the same and were achieved. OSU provided data showing enrollment in Third Party Provider/Direct Enroll study abroad programs increased by 27% which is more than the 5% increase it aimed to achieve.
- OSU will track student enrollment in Third Party Provider/Direct Enroll study abroad programs to assess whether the stated goals are being met.

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

Based upon my review and staff recommendations, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from the Ohio State University as set forth above for academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

This directive will take immediate effect.

  
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John Carey  
Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education



**WAIVER OF TUITION FOR STUDY ABROAD**

Resolution No. 2018-004

Synopsis: Waiver of tuition for Ohio State students who enroll in university approved Third Party Provider/Direct Enroll Study Abroad Programs for fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019, is proposed.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University supports the university's continued implementation of the Academic Plan and its initiatives to meet the needs of Ohio State students; and

WHEREAS the students are also required to pay the tuition at the host institution; and

WHEREAS Ohio State requested and received a waiver of tuition for the Third Party Provider/ Direct Enroll Study Abroad Programs from the Ohio Board of Regents (BOR) for fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017 that allowed these students to remain enrolled, earn Ohio State credit, and access financial aid; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees is required to approve a resolution prior to seeking approval of a tuition waiver from the Ohio Board of Regents (BOR) per Ohio Revised Code and BOR directive 2009-011.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees wishes the renewal of this tuition waiver to begin the first day after the expiration date of the previous waiver of June 30, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE,

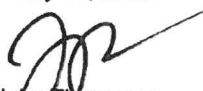
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves to waive tuition at the Ohio State University for students enrolled in a Third Party Provider/Direct Enroll Study Abroad Program and allow the students to remain enrolled at the university while participating in these programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this approval will become effective for all Summer Terms 2017, beginning July 1, 2017, through Spring Term 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration will seek approval of a tuition waiver from the Ohio Board of Regents for state fiscal years 2018 and 2019, as required.

**CERTIFIED**

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate excerpt from the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held July 11, 2017.

  
Blake Thompson  
Secretary



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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* August 15, 2017

**Ohio State University**

- OSU has submitted a specific request to waive all tuition for students enrolled in Third Party Provider/Direct Enroll study abroad programs.

Comments received:  
None