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Mike DeWine, Governor
Randy Gardner, Chancellor

DIRECTIVE 2019-038

September 17, 2019

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE TO WAIVE TUITION FOR ADULT STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE COLLEGE'S ADULT TUITION FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

§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 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. Section §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for this biennium.

Pursuant to the continued authority in §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 and Directive 2009-011, North Central State College ("NCSC") requests to waive tuition for adult students selected for NCSC's Adult Tuition Freedom Scholarship Programs. The request applies to academic year 2019-2020.

NCSC has demonstrated the following:

- NCSC's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on February 27, 2019. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- NCSC has submitted a specific request to continue to reduce tuition as follows: Eligible students (defined below) will have $166.60 per credit hour (instructional fee of $134.06 and general fee of $32.54 only) up to 30 credit hours per year waived:
    - Eligible student is defined as a student 25 years of age or older that meets the following:
        - has completed at least 25% of his or her last-enrolled college program while maintaining at least a 2.75 grade point average in good academic standing;
        - have no institutional hold from NCSC preventing re-enrollment;
        - have current adjusted gross income below $50,000.00;
        - have no current post-secondary degree(s);
        - had attended NCSC a minimum of 1 term at NCSC since Fall 2012 but be at least one year removed from his or her last date of attendance at NCSC, and
        - successfully complete the FAFSA process.
    - In order to maintain eligibility the student must enroll for at least 6 credit hours per term, assuming available courses, complete at least 18 credits an academic year (including summer terms) and have a 2.75 cumulative GPA.

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- NCSC will first apply any federal, state or private monies that the student is awarded for their post-secondary education before giving the waiver.
- The specific amount being waived per credit hour may change depending on NCSC's tuition rates, but in any event, the specific amount waived will increase by the amount tuition is increased.

- NCSC proposes that the duration of the waiver be academic year 2019-2020, including any - summer term beginning prior to June 30, 2020.
- The proposed waiver is anticipated to affect approximately 60 adult students per year in which the waiver is in effect.
- NCSC believes this waiver will give equal chance to adult students throughout its service area to have access to an affordable higher education opportunity.
- NCSC will annually review the academic and financial impacts of the waiver to determine continuance or adjustment of the waiver for future adult student cohorts. In addition, the impact and success of the waiver will be reviewed annually.

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

Based upon my review of staff recommendations and public comments received, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from North Central State Community College as set forth above for academic year 2019-2020, including summer terms beginning before June 30, 2020.

This directive will take immediate effect.

Randy Gardner

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Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education

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Office of the President

March 4, 2019

Chancellor Randy Gardner
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Re: Consideration of a Request by North Central State College to Waive Tuition for Adult Students Selected for the College's Adult Tuition Freedom Scholarship Program.

Chancellor Gardner,

Section 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 Department 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. Section 381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly continues the authority of the Chancellor for the upcoming biennium.

Pursuant to the continued authority in §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 as well as Directive 2009-011, North Central State College (NCSC) requests to waive tuition for adult students selected for NCSC's Adult Tuition Freedom Scholarship Program. This request applies to academic year 2019-2020.

North Central State College has demonstrated the following:

- NCSC's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on February 27, 2019. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- With this letter, NCSC submits a specific request to waive tuition for adult students selected for NCSC's Adult Tuition Freedom Scholarship Program. The tuition rate is $166.60 per credit hour.
- NCSC proposes that the duration of the waiver be academic year 2019-2020, including any summer term beginning prior to June 30, 2020.
- The proposed waiver is anticipated to affect approximately 60 adult students per year in which the waiver is in effect.

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- NCSC believes this waiver will give equal chance to adult students throughout its service area to have access to an affordable higher education opportunity. NCSC will annually review the academic and financial impacts of the waiver to determine continuance or adjustment of the waiver for future adult student cohorts. In addition, the impact and success of the waiver will be reviewed annually.

Thank you for your consideration of NCSC's tuition waiver request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dorey Diab
President

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WHEREAS, *North Central State College (NCSC) wishes to increase course and degree completions and provide opportunities for qualified adult students to attend and complete college without financial barriers, and*

WHEREAS, *the administration has recommended the NCSC Reconnect to College Scholarship Program annually provide a tuition waiver covering tuition only in an amount up to $4,998.00 per year (up to 30 credit hours each year) to eligible adults age 25 years or older, and*

WHEREAS*, under this scholarship model, NCSC anticipates approximately 60 adult students each academic year will have the opportunity to further their education, and*

WHEREAS*, any federal, state or private monies granted to the student based on need or talent intended to help pay tuition shall be applied to the bill first, and*

WHEREAS*, NCSC's initial goals related to the scholarship program include the following: encouraging local adult students to aspire to academic excellence and workforce preparedness by completing a major certificate in one year or associate's degree in two years; and, encouraging local adult students to transition to the workforce or to a four-year college program, and*

WHEREAS, *administration has recommended that the scholarship be awarded by the North Central State College Scholarship Committee consisting of NCSC staff. In determining eligibility, the Committee will evaluate high school and college transcripts of the adult students, as well as applications and transcripts for adult students with other potential applicable credit. In addition, an eligible adult student:*
(1) will have completed at least 25% of his or her last-enrolled college program while maintaining at least a 2.75 grade point average in good academic standing,
(2) have no institutional hold from NCSC preventing re-enrollment,
(3) have current adjusted gross income below $50,000.00,
(4) have no current post-secondary degree(s),
(5) had attended NCSC under semesters but be at least one year removed from his or her last date of attendance at NCSC, and
(6) successfully complete the FAFSA process. Once awarded the scholarship, adult students must enroll for at least six credits a term assuming available courses, complete at least 18 credits a year and have a 2.75 cumulative GPA to remain eligible for the scholarship, and

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***WHEREAS**, NCSC proposes that the duration of the tuition waiver for the scholarship program be academic year 2019-2020. NCSC shall annually review the academic and financial impacts of the scholarship to determine continuance or adjustment of the scholarship for future adult student cohorts. In addition, the impact and success of the scholarship program will be reviewed annually, and*

***WHEREAS,** §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"), and on April 17, 2009, the Chancellor signed OBR Directive 2009-011 establishing procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates, and*

***WHEREAS**, §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly continues the authority of the Chancellor for the current biennium, and*

***WHEREAS**, consistent with the procedures set forth in OBR Directive 2009-011 NCSC will submit a tuition waiver request to the Chancellor of Higher Education.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the NCSC Board of Trustees does hereby approve the NCSC Reconnect to College Scholarship Program for the 2019-2020 academic year.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that as required by law, the administration will seek approval from the Chancellor of Higher Education for a tuition waiver relative to the NCSC Reconnect to College Scholarship Program.*

ROLL CALL – Aye: 7
Nay: 0

Certified by:

North Central State College
Board of Trustees
February 27, 2019

Stephen R. Williams