



Department of Higher Education

Mike DeWine, Governor
Randy Gardner, Chancellor

DIRECTIVE 2019-045

October 31, 2019

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONTINUE TO REDUCE THE OUT-OF-STATE TUITION SURCHARGE FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN BORDER COUNTIES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

§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, Eastern Gateway Community College ("EGCC") has requested, for academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, and any summer term that begins prior to June 30, 2021, to continue to waive standard tuition rates for residents of certain border counties in Pennsylvania. EGCC has demonstrated the following:

- EGCC's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing a continuation of the tuition waiver at its meeting on May 13, 2019. A copy of the resolution is attached.
EGCC has submitted a specific request to waive up to the maximum amount of the out of state surcharge permitted by state law, therefore, EGCC is assessing a \$1/credit hour tuition surcharge on the out-of-state students covered by this waiver. Current tuition rates for Fall term 2019 are as follows:
Residents of Allegheny, Beaver, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer and Washington counties in Pennsylvania that attend EGCC will receive a waiver of the out-of-state tuition surcharge as set forth below:

Table with 3 columns: Standard out-of-state tuition rate, Amount EGCC seeks to charge these students, Amount waived. Row 1: \$240/credit hour, \$133/credit hour, \$107/credit hour.

- Any increase in the out of state surcharge in any term or academic year will result in increasing the amount being waived by an equal amount such that the out of state surcharge for the residents of Allegheny, Beaver, Green, Lawrence, Mercer and Washing counties in Pennsylvania are assessed a \$1 out of state surcharge.
- EGCC proposes that the duration of the continued waiver be academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 as well as any summer term that begins prior to June 30, 2021.
- EGCC expects the tuition waiver will affect approximately 60 students over the duration of the waiver.
- EGCC's goal pursuant to this waiver is to see enrollment growth at its Youngstown and Steubenville campuses from residents of the Pennsylvania counties included in the waiver.
- EGCC will monitor enrollment data from each term to determine if this goal is being met.

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. Several public comments in support were received.

Based upon my review of staff recommendations and public comments received, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from Eastern Gateway Community College be granted for academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, and any 2021 summer term that begins prior to June 30, 2021 as set forth above.

This directive will take immediate effect.



Randy Gardner
Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education

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EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

At the May 13, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Gateway Community College, moved and seconded the motion that the Board adopt the following resolution for the Tuition Waiver for PA Counties.

RESOLUTION#2019 - 10

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2018, the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education approved a tuition waiver for Eastern Gateway Community College (the "College) for the residents of the College's following border counties in Pennsylvania: Allegheny, Beaver, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer and Washington; and

WHEREAS, there are presently no State of Ohio reciprocity agreements with any of the six aforementioned Pennsylvania counties and the College believes it could grow its enrollment at its Steubenville and Youngstown campuses by reducing its out-of-state tuition surcharge for the residents of said counties providing them a quality and more affordable college tuition; and

WHEREAS, the College's current out-of-state tuition surcharge of \$235 per credit would be reduced to \$128 per credit hour, \$1 per credit hour surcharge rate above the in-state tuition rate of \$127 and a forty-six (45.5%) tuition discount for the residents of the six aforementioned Pennsylvania counties. Existing student fees would still apply; and

WHEREAS, to fully implement and expand the program, the College would need to pursue a tuition waiver renewal from the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Eastern Gateway Community College (the "Board") authorizes the College's Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Financial Officer to establish the guidelines and financial parameters for eligibility and participation the in reduced out-of-state tuition program set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to cover the cost of the tuition assistance portion of the Grant, the Board authorizes the College President to request the following tuition waivers from the Chancellor of the Ohio Department Higher Education effective for the 2019 Spring and Summer semesters:

\$107 per credit hour will be waived for the eligible students in the aforementioned six (6) Pennsylvania border counties. These students will be charged \$128 per credit hour.

Whatever tuition credit hour increases are included in the FY20-21 State Biennium Budget Bill – House Bill 166 - the current out-of-state surcharge tuition

credit hour rate would be appropriated adjusted to a per credit hour amount remaining at least \$1 higher than in-state tuition rate.

The roll was called as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Coy, Ms. Dennison, Mr. Lewis, Sr. McNicholas, Ms. Mastros, Ms. Mills
Dr. Meredith, Mr. Nurczyk, Ms. Maguschak, Chair Gasior

This I certify as Board Liaison of the Eastern Gateway Community College District as adopted by motion of the Board this 13th day of May 2019.



Georgenne M. Kamarados, Board Liaison
Eastern Gateway Community College District

Moved: Mr. Coy
Second: Ms. Dennison

Roll Call:
Ayes: 10
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Carried: Yes or No