



DIRECTIVE 2020-021

April 30, 2020

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY KENT STATE UNIVERSITY TO REDUCE THE NON-RESIDENT GRADUATE SURCHARGE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS ADMITTED BEGINNING IN THE SUMMER 2020 WHO HAVE COMPLETED AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN OHIO FROM AN OHIO INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR.

§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. §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, Kent State University (“KSU”) requests to reduce non-resident graduate surcharge for new graduate students who have completed an undergraduate degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution. The request applies to academic year 2020-2021, starting with summer 2020. This request will not include students admitted to the College of Podiatric Medicine and students who are not degree seeking.

KSU has demonstrated the following:

- KSU’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on April 9, 2020. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- KSU has submitted a specific request to reduce the non-resident surcharge for students who have completed an undergraduate degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution and enroll in a graduate program. This tuition surcharge reduction would not apply to students admitted to the College of Podiatric Medicine, students who are not degree seeking, and graduate students enrolled prior to summer 2020.

	Academic Year 20/21 Estimated Non-resident Surcharge	Requested Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
Per Credit Hour Rate (1-11 credit hours)	\$472.00	\$471.00	\$1.00
Full-time Rate (11-18 credit hours)	\$5,192.00	\$5,181.00	\$11.00

- The specific amount being waived per credit hour may change depending on KSU's tuition rates, but in any event, the range of \$1.00 to \$11.00 per credit hour for the state surcharge to nonresidents is applicable.
- KSU proposes that the duration of the waiver be for academic year 2020-2021, starting with summer session 2020 and including all summer sessions beginning before June 30, 2021. If the program is successful, KSU intends to request the waiver be renewed for subsequent years.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 86 students, with the anticipation for additional students in subsequent years. KSU determined this number to be reasonable based on the 86 graduate students currently enrolled at KSU who would have met the criteria for this surcharge reduction if newly enrolled.
- The goal of this tuition waiver is to incentivize non-resident students who earned an undergraduate degree in Ohio to stay in Ohio and earn a graduate degree. Increasing enrollment at KSU is also a goal.

- KSU will measure the attainment of this goal by monitoring the marketing of this surcharge reduction and track the students who qualify for this surcharge reduction to determine if the goal of 86 students is met. The information from this measurement will be utilized in the determination of future goals and objectives.

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, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from Kent State University be granted for academic year 2020-2021 as set forth above.

This directive will take immediate effect.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Randy Gardner", is written over a horizontal line.

Randy Gardner
Chancellor

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**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 9, 2020**

Resolution 2020-33

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SURCHARGE RATE FOR NON-OHIO RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for approving fees for instruction and other educational services; and

WHEREAS, reductions from instructional and general fees as well as out-of-state surcharge rates are allowable if approved by the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education issued a memorandum asking colleges and universities to adopt policies to provide in-state tuition rates to newly enrolled graduate students who have received their bachelor's degrees in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, to retain talent in the state of Ohio and to increase graduate enrollment, Kent State University proposes to add a special graduate out-of-state surcharge rate for students who obtained an undergraduate degree from an institution of higher education in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the university proposes to apply a reduced rate of \$1 per credit hour, not to exceed \$11 per term, for new non-Ohio residents enrolled in a graduate degree program, except non-degree programs or those at the College of Podiatric Medicine, who obtained their undergraduate degree from an institution of higher education in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education conditionally approved the Kent State University waiver request; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the special out-of-state surcharge rate for new graduate students with an undergraduate degree from an Ohio institution of higher education for the 2020-21 academic year, effective with summer terms beginning after June 30, 2020, subject to any required approvals from the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Adopted April 9, 2020, by members of the Kent State University Board of Trustees present this date:

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Dr. Charlene K. Reed
Vice President and University Secretary