



## DIRECTIVE 2020-035

May 29, 2020

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES FOR STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS EXCLUSIVELY ENROLLED IN ONLINE CLASSES.

§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. 166 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for the biennium.

Pursuant to §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 as well as Directive 2009-011, Shawnee State University (“SSU”) has requested that for academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 the standard tuition rates continue to be waived for resident and nonresident students exclusively enrolled in online courses.

SSU has demonstrated the following:

- SSU’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the continuation of the tuition waiver at its meeting on June 14, 2019. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- SSU has submitted a specific request to continue to reduce tuition for students solely enrolled in online courses.
  - For Ohio resident undergraduate students the online rate will be \$278.00/credit hour.
    - This is a waiver for \$66.36/credit hour for students in the tuition guarantee program.
    - This is a waiver of \$22.22/credit hour for continuing students not included in the tuition guarantee program.
  - For nonresident undergraduate students the online rate will be \$283.00/credit hour. This is comprised of the Ohio resident rate of \$278.00/credit hour plus \$5.00/credit hour for the out-of-state tuition surcharge.
    - This is a waiver of \$303.37/credit hour for students in the tuition guarantee program.
    - This is a waiver of \$264.07/credit hour for continuing students not in the tuition guarantee program.

- The specific amount to be waived is subject to change depending upon the tuition rate. In any event, the tuition charged will be \$278 per credit hour for residents or \$283 per credit hour for nonresidents.
- SSU proposes that the duration of the waiver be for academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, including summer term courses beginning prior to June 30, 2021.
- It is estimated the proposed waiver will affect approximately 150 students.
- SSU's goals are to meet student needs and market demands for online course and degree opportunities and to offer tuition rates that are comparative with similar programs.
- Measurements of the program will include enrollment of students in online courses as well as financial data.

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 continuation of the tuition waiver request from Shawnee State University be granted for academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 as set forth above.

This directive will take immediate effect.

  
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Randy Gardner  
Chancellor

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June 27, 2019

Mr. Randy Gardner, Chancellor  
Ohio Department of Higher Education  
25 South Front Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO CONTINUE WAIVER OF THE STANDARD UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE TUITION RATE FOR EXCLUSIVELY DELIVERED ON-LINE PROGRAMS (E-CAMPUS)

Dear Chancellor Gardner:

Pursuant to the authority in 369.180 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 as well as Directive 2009-011, Shawnee State University ("University") is requesting to continue the waiver of the standard undergraduate in-state tuition rate for students enrolled in programs delivered exclusively online through the University's e-campus for the AY20-AY21 biennium.

This waiver applies to students who are enrolled through the e-campus program and does not apply to students enrolled for on-site programs that may include some courses provided online (hybrid courses/programs).

In support of the University's tuition waiver request, the following information is provided:

- At its June 14, 2019 meeting, the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees adopted Resolution F14-19 (copy attached) authorizing the continuation of the waiver of the standard undergraduate tuition rate for programs delivered exclusively online (e-campus).
- The impact of the extended waiver for AY19-20 would be:
  - For Ohio resident undergraduate students, the Fall 2019 online in-state tuition rate will be \$278.00/credit hour instead of the AY19 guarantee rate of \$346.90/credit hour.
  - For non-Ohio resident undergraduate students, the Fall 2019 online out-of-state tuition rate would be \$283.00/credit hour instead of the AY19 guarantee rate of \$603.43.



- The University proposes that the duration of the waiver of the standard undergraduate in-state tuition rate take effect fall 2019 and continue through academic year 2021, including summer term.

We appreciate your consideration of our request. If additional information or documentation to support our request is required, please contact either Becky Thiel, Interim Provost at ([bthiel@shawnee.edu](mailto:bthiel@shawnee.edu)) or me at ([eboyles@shawnee.edu](mailto:eboyles@shawnee.edu)).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Elinda C. Boyles'.

Elinda C. Boyles, Ph.D.

Vice President for Finance & Administration

Att. Resolution F14-19  
AY19-20 Tuition rate schedules

**RESOLUTION F14-19**

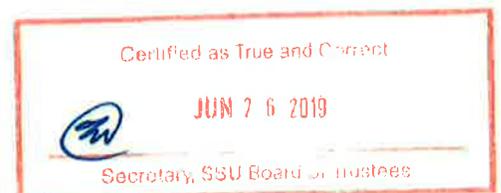
**APPROVAL TO EXTEND TUITION WAIVER:  
ONLINE (E-CAMPUS) UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the University desires to continue the online tuition rates (schedule attached) for undergraduate programs that are delivered exclusively online; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the online (e-campus) rates beyond June 30, 2019, approval to extend the waiver of the standard in-state undergraduate tuition rates is required;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves extending the waiver of the standard in-state tuition rate for undergraduate programs that are delivered exclusively online for the AY20 – AY21 biennium, pending approval by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

(June 14, 2019)





**E-Campus Online Tuition Schedule\***  
*effective Fall 2019*

<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Credit Hour</b>	<b>Course</b>
<b><i>In-State Tuition</i></b>	\$278.00	\$834.00
<b><i>Out-of-State Surcharge</i></b>	\$5.00	\$15.00

\*This schedule is applicable only to programs delivered exclusively online



**2019-20 Academic Year  
Shawnee Advantage**  
*effective fall 2019 through spring 2023*

**Full-Time** (12 - 18 credit hours) **AY 2019-20**  
(per semester)

***In-State Tuition***

**Total In-State Tuition** **\$4,132.35**

***Out-of-State Surcharge*** (does not apply to students from counties included in reciprocal agreements; Kentucky residents may be eligible for the Kentucky Scholars Program)

per AY 19-20 schedule

**Part-Time** (up to and including 11 and over 18 credit hours) **AY 2019-20**  
(per credit hour)

***In-State Tuition***

**Total In-State Tuition (up to and including 11 credit hours)** **\$344.36**

**Total In-State Tuition (over 18 credit hours)** **\$331.86**

***Out-of-State Surcharge*** (does not apply to students from counties included in reciprocal agreements; Kentucky residents may be eligible for the Kentucky Scholars Program)

per AY 19-20 schedule

**NOTE: Course and Special Program fees will be charged for designated courses/programs.**