



**DIRECTIVE 2020-040**

June 17, 2020

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY TO REDUCE THE NON-RESIDENT GRADUATE SURCHARGE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A BACHELOR’S OR MASTER’S DEGREE IN OHIO FROM AN OHIO INSTITUTION FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR.

§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 this biennium.

Pursuant to the continued authority in §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 and Directive 2009-011, Shawnee State University (“SHAWNEE”) requests to reduce the non-resident graduate surcharge for graduate students who have completed a bachelor’s or master’s degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution. The request applies to academic year 2020-2021, and including any summer session beginning prior to June 30, 2021. SHAWNEE has demonstrated the following:

- SHAWNEE’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on May 8, 2020. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- SHAWNEE has submitted a specific request to reduce the non-resident surcharge to \$1.00 per credit hour for students who have completed a bachelor’s or master’s degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution and enroll in a graduate program at SHAWNEE. This waiver does not apply to any portion of the rate charged to an international graduate student.

	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
Master’s Degree on-ground	\$450.00	\$449.00	\$1.00

Master's Degree online*	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$1.00
Doctorate of Occupational Therapy online*	\$50.00	\$49.00	\$1.00

- \*Students enrolled online must be physically living in Ohio during enrollment to be eligible for this waiver.
- The specific per-credit hour amount being waived may change depending on SHAWNEE's tuition rates, but in any event, \$1.00 per credit hour for the state surcharge to domestic nonresidents is applicable. And in the event of a tuition increase, the amount waived will increase accordingly, such that the surcharge will remain \$1 per credit hour.
- SHAWNEE proposes that the duration of the waiver begin Fall 2020 and continue through Academic Year 2021, including all summer sessions beginning prior to June 30, 2021.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 20-30 students per year. This estimate is based on the number of currently eligible students.
- The goal of this tuition waiver is to incentivize non-resident students who earned bachelor's or master's degrees in Ohio from an Ohio institution to earn graduate or doctorate degrees in Ohio and encourage them to remain in the state as Ohio residents upon graduation. SHAWNEE is committed to attracting the talent needed for Ohio's future.
- SHAWNEE will measure the attainment of this goal by monitoring enrollments over the period to assess the effectiveness of the program.

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 Shawnee State University be granted for academic year 2020-2021, and any summer term that begins prior to June 30, 2021, as set forth above.

This directive will take immediate effect.

  
 Randy Gardner  
 Chancellor



May 13, 2020

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

Re: Request for waiver to reduce the non-resident surcharge for graduate students who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree from an Ohio institution

Dear Chancellor Gardner:

Pursuant to § 388.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Ohio General Assembly, Shawnee State University ("University") is requesting to waive non-resident surcharges for students not residents of Ohio and enrolled in the University's graduate programs if the students received their bachelor's degree from a university/college located in Ohio, beginning with the fall 2020 semester.

Shawnee State University's Board of Trustees approved Resolution F10-20 (copy attached) authorizing the waiver of the non-resident surcharge as specified above at its meeting on May 8, 2020, contingent upon approval of the Chancellor.

The University proposes to reduce the non-resident surcharge to \$1.00 per credit hour for students who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution and enroll in a graduate program at Shawnee State University. The waiver does not apply to any portion of the rate charged to an international graduate student. The proposed waivers are as follows:

	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
Master's Degree on-ground	\$450.00	\$449.00	\$1.00
Master's Degree online	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$1.00
Doctorate of Occupational Therapy online	\$50.00	\$49.00	\$1.00

The specific amount being waived per credit hour may change depending on Shawnee State's tuition rates, but in any event, the required minimum of a \$1 per credit hour non-resident surcharge to domestic nonresidents is applicable. And in the event of a tuition increase, the amount waived will increase accordingly, such that the surcharge will remain \$1 per credit hour.



Shawnee State proposes that the duration of the reduced tuition begin fall 2020 and continue through academic year (including summer) 2021.

It is estimated that the tuition waiver will affect approximately 20 - 30 students per year.

The goal of this tuition waiver is to incentivize non-resident students who earned bachelor's or master's degrees from an Ohio institution to earn graduate or doctorate degrees in Ohio. Shawnee State is committed to attracting the talent needed for Ohio's future.

Shawnee State will measure the attainment of this goal by monitoring enrollments and net revenue implications over the period to assess the effectiveness of the program.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Barhorst', is written over the text 'We appreciate your consideration of our request.'

Michael D. Barhorst  
Vice President for Finance & Administration

Att. Resolution F10-20

## **RESOLUTION F10-20**

### **AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY TO THE CHANCELLOR OF ODHE FOR A WAIVER TO REDUCE DOMESTIC GRADUATE STUDENTS' NON-RESIDENT SURCHARGE**

WHEREAS, §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly requires any waiver of tuition for any particular student or any class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education to be approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE); and

WHEREAS, Shawnee State University seeks authorization to make a request of the Chancellor for reduction of the non-resident surcharge for domestic graduate students who do not reside in Ohio and who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the waiver will provide an incentive for eligible students to earn a graduate degree and remain in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that between 25 – 30 students could be impacted by such waiver and the amount reduced would be \$4,041 per student, per semester for on-ground graduate programs, \$27 for each 3-hour online master's course, and \$147 for each 3-hour online doctoral course;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University supports the initiative to expand the number of graduate students by charging a per credit hour non-resident surcharge to eligible domestic graduate students of not more than \$1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University authorizes the vice president for finance and administration to seek approval to reduce the AY20-21 non-resident surcharge rates for domestic graduate students who do not reside in Ohio and who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree in Ohio to \$1 per credit hour, effective Fall 2020 and continuing through Summer semester 2021.

(May 8, 2020)