



DIRECTIVE 2020-041

July 17, 2020

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY TO REDUCE THE NON-RESIDENT GRADUATE SURCHARGE FOR CERTAIN 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 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, Bowling Green State University ("BGSU") requests to reduce non-resident graduate surcharge for certain degree-seeking 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, starting with fall 2020, and includes all summer sessions prior to June 30, 2021.

All Master of Business Administration programs are excluded from this request. Programs that are delivered fully online have also been excluded from this request, and students from these programs will be charged previously determined tuition rates.

BGSU has demonstrated the following:

- BGSU's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on May 15, 2020. A copy of the resolution is attached.

BGSU has submitted a specific request to reduce the domestic 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 degree-seeking graduate program (see table below). This reduction of the non-resident surcharge does not apply to non-degree seeking students, MBA programs, and it does not apply to students entering a fully online program.

	Academic Year 20/21 Estimated Domestic Non- resident Surcharge	Surcharge After Waiver
Per Credit Hour Rate (1-12 credit hours)	\$332.85 per credit hour	\$1.00
Full-time Rate (12-18 credit hours)	\$3,994.20 total	\$12.00

- The specific amount being waived per credit hour may change depending on BGSU's tuition rates, but in any event, the range of \$1.00 per credit hour capped at \$12.00 for the state surcharge to domestic nonresidents is applicable.
- BGSU proposes that the duration of the waiver be for academic year 2020-2021, starting with fall session 2020 and includes all summer sessions starting prior to June 30, 2021.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 50-100 students. This estimate is based on the current number of eligible students.
- The goal of this domestic non-resident surcharge reduction is to incentivize domestic non-resident students who earned a bachelor's or master's degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution to stay and earn a graduate degree. BGSU is committed to attracting a diverse pool of graduate students, and this incentive is one important part of that commitment.
- The success of this initiative will be measured by identifying increases in the number of enrolled students from the target population and the overall number of graduate students in BGSU's programs.

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.

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Based upon my review of staff recommendations, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from Bowling Green 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



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*Approved
4/28/2020*

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

April 27, 2020

TO: Rodney K. Rogers, Ph.D.
President

FROM: Sherideen Stoll
Vice President

RE: Special Graduate Out of State Fee Waiver

Please accept our submittal of the Special Graduate Out of State Fee Waiver for approval at the May 15, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting. This action item has my endorsement.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
Board of Trustees
May 15, 2020
Background Information for Resolution 2020

Special Graduate Out of State Fee Waiver for FY 2021

General Information

All public universities in Ohio have been asked to consider providing a special graduate out of state fee waiver for FY 2021, effective for the fall semester. The fee waiver request would apply to certain degree-seeking graduate students who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution.

Pursuant to the continued authority in §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 and Directive 2009-011, Bowling Green State University will submit a request to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education authorizing the special graduate out of state fee waiver for FY 2021 following approval by the University's Board of Trustees.

As permitted, BGSU has identified those academic programs which will be excluded from eligibility for the out of state graduate fee waiver request. The following programs are specifically excluded: 1) all Master of Business Administration programs, 2) all graduate programs that are delivered as part of BGSU's eCampus/Distance or Extended Campus. These programs have been excluded based on one or more of the following reasons: 1) the program targets a professional audience; 2) the program is a highly competitive program with high demand; or 3) the program already receives significantly reduced non-resident fees.

Proposed Revisions:

	<u>Current non-resident surcharge</u>	<u>Proposed non-resident surcharge*</u>
1-12 credits	\$ 332.85 per credit	\$ 1.00 per credit
12-18 credits	\$ 3994.20 maximum	\$ 12.00 maximum

*subject to exceptions listed above

This reduction of the non-resident surcharge does not apply to non-degree seeking students. As stated above, it would not apply to a student enrolled in any of the MBA programs, nor does it apply to students entering an eCampus/Distance or Extended Campus program.

We anticipate this will impact between 50 and 100 students and cost approximately \$100k (net).

The goal of this non-resident surcharge reduction is to incentivize non-resident students who have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution to stay in Ohio and earn a graduate degree. BGSU is committed to attracting a diverse pool of graduate students and this incentive is one important part of that commitment.

Alternatives and Consequences

If the proposed special graduate out of state fee waiver is not approved, the University will continue using the rates currently in effect.

Specific Recommendation and Justification

It is recommended that the proposed special graduate out of state fee waiver as presented and described above for the Bowling Green Campus be approved by the Board of Trustees and implemented effective for FY 2021 effective for fall semester 2020.

Timetable and Action Required

Approval by the Board of Trustees is requested at its meeting on May 15, 2020.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
Board of Trustees
May 15, 2020
Resolution 2020

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Approval of Special Graduate Out of State Fee Waiver for FY 2021

MOTION: _____ moved and _____ seconded that:

WHEREAS, all public universities in Ohio have been asked to consider providing a special graduate out of state fee waiver for FY 2021, effective for the fall semester for certain degree-seeking graduate students who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the continued authority in §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 and Directive 2009-011, Bowling Green State University will submit a request to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education authorizing the special graduate out of state fee waiver for FY 2021 following approval by the University's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, BGSU has identified those academic programs which will be excluded from eligibility for the out of state graduate fee waiver request including 1) all Master of Business Administration programs and 2) all graduate programs that are delivered as part of BGSU's eCampus/Distance or Extended Campus based on one or more of the following reasons: 1) the program targets a professional audience; 2) the program is a highly competitive program with high demand; or 3) the program already receives significantly reduced non-resident fees; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the proposed revision to the out of state graduate fee waiver is to incentivize non-resident students who have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in

Ohio from an Ohio institution to stay in Ohio and earn a graduate degree. BGSU is committed to attracting a diverse pool of graduate students and this incentive is one important part of that commitment; and

WHEREAS, the revisions proposed include:

	<u>Current non-resident surcharge</u>	<u>Proposed non-resident surcharge</u>
1-12 credits	\$ 332.85 per credit	\$ 1.00 per credit
12-18 credits	\$ 3994.20 maximum	\$ 12.00 maximum

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the special graduate out state fee waiver as described and presented in the attached background for FY 2021 effective for the fall 2020 semester on the Bowling Green Campus.

[ROLL CALL VOTE]

Action _____
Date of Action _____
For the Board of Trustees _____