DIRECTIVE 2020-053

November 2, 2020

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY STARK STATE COLLEGE TO REDUCE THE NON-RESIDENT SURCHARGE FOR ACTIVE UNITED STATES NAVY SAILORS, UNITED STATES MARINES, AND UNITED STATES COAST GUARDSMEN.

§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 the biennium.

Pursuant to §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 as well as Directive 2009-011, Stark State College (“SSC”) has requested for fall semester 2020, spring semester 2021, and summer semester 2021 beginning prior to June 30, 2021, to reduce the domestic non-resident surcharge for active United States Navy Sailors, United States Marines, and United States Coast Guardsmen.

SSC has demonstrated the following:

- SSC’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing a tuition waiver at its meeting on August 12, 2020. A copy of the resolution is attached.

- SSC has submitted a specific request to reduce the non-resident surcharge to $1.00 for students who are active United States Navy Sailors, United States Marines, and United States Coast Guardsmen.

- SSC’s 2020-2021 current non-resident surcharge and specific amount being waived is shown below:

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The specific amount to be waived may change depending on the tuition rates, but in any event, $1.00 per credit hour for the state surcharge to non-resident students is applicable.

- SCC proposes that the duration of the waiver be fall semester 2020, spring semester 2021, and summer semester 2021 beginning prior to June 30, 2021.

- SCC expects the tuition waiver will affect approximately 200 students per academic year. This estimate is based on the tracking of eligible students.

SCC’s goal with this waiver is to expand their market for online coursework and potential access to face-to-face sections if requested by the United State Navy Community College. This waiver also has a goal to attract non-residents to live and work in Ohio.

- Measurements of the program will include tracking enrollment, completion rates, and retention in the various modalities.

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 Stark State College be granted for fall semester 2020, spring semester 2021, and summer semester 2021 beginning prior to June 30, 2021 as set forth above.

This directive will take immediate effect.

Randy Gardner
Chancellor
RESOLUTION
TO REQUEST OUT-OF-STATE FEE WAIVERS FOR SAILORS, MARINES AND COAST GUARDSMEN TAKING COURSES AT STARK STATE COLLEGE THROUGH THE US NAVY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly requires that any waiver of tuition for a student or class of students at a state-assisted institution of higher education be approved by the institution’s board of trustees and the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Stark State College is one of 119 American higher education institutions selected to partner with the United States Navy in establishing the US Navy Community College (USNCC); and

WHEREAS, Stark State College seeks to provide high-quality educational programs and services to Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen from all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, the College would like to waive up to $128 of the $129 per credit hour of the out-of-state fee to make the College competitive with community colleges and universities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the College’s current out-of-state fee is $129 per credit hour and the College expects to serve approximately 200 students who take approximately two courses per semester (six credit hours per semester, 12 credit hours total) for the two semesters, up to $307,200 in out-of-state fees would be waived in the current biennium (Spring 2020 through Spring 2021, and all summer terms beginning before June 30, 2021);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Stark State College authorizes the College President to request that the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education approve the out-of-state fee waivers for Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen taking courses at Stark State through the USNCC for the timeframe of October 1st 2020 through June 30, 2021.

This resolution is enacted on this 12th day of August, 2020.

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