



## **DIRECTIVE 2021-017**

May 28, 2021

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES FOR ELIGIBLE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS.

§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 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, Owens Community College (“OCC”) requests to continue to waive standard tuition rates for Ohio nonpublic high school students and home school students who did not receive funding under College Credit Plus. The request applies to academic year 2020-2021.

OCC has demonstrated the following:

- OCC’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on May 5, 2020. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- OCC has submitted a specific request to continue to reduce tuition for Ohio resident, nonpublic high school and home school students who were not funded under College Credit Plus. The alternative payment structure for the 2020-2021 academic year for the College Credit Plus program is as follows:
  - a. \$140 per credit hour rate: for college course delivered on the college campus
  - b. \$80 per credit hour rate: for college course delivered on-line
  - c. \$80 per credit hour rate: for college course delivered at the district high school and taught by credentialed college faculty
  - d. Default floor rate (\$41.64) per credit hour rate: for college course delivered at the district school and taught by credentialed district school faculty.
    - Exhibit 1 attached hereto details the specific per credit hour rates and waiver amounts.

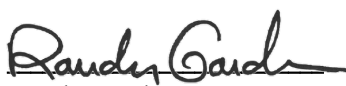
- The specific amount being waived per credit hour may change depending on OCC's tuition rates and College Credit Plus funding levels, but in any event, the above per credit hour rates will be utilized and the required minimum of a \$1 out of state surcharge to nonresidents as applicable.
- OCC proposes that the duration of the continued waiver be for academic year 2020-2021. This includes all summer sessions beginning prior to June 30, 2021.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 183 students for the 2020-2021 academic year. This is based on the approximate number of currently eligible students.
- The goal of this continued tuition waiver is to maintain and increase OCC's enrollment of this population of students.
  - This waiver assists in providing a high quality and affordable education for students seeking career credentials and university transfer. This waiver also facilitates the State's initiatives of reducing the cost of college and time to attain a degree, earning college credentials early and providing a low-cost, but rigorous academic pathway from high school to a community college (earning an associate degree) toward transferring to a four-year university. Additionally, a student who utilizes the CCP waiver and has earned nine or more credit hours at OCC, will have the opportunity to qualify for the College's Start Here Scholarship, designed to provide financial and student service support for CCP students to start, continue, and complete their associate degree at OCC.
  - OCC reports that the goals of the previous waiver were met, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the numbers were not as great as expected. During the 2019-2020 academic year, OCC waived tuition for 143 credit hours pursuant to this waiver, and 164 credit hours during the 2018-2019 academic year. OCC believes that without the waiver, a large portion of these credit hours would not have been taken at OCC.
- OCC will measure the attainment of this goal by reviewing the number of credit hours accepted by these students compared to previous like terms.

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 the Owens Community College, which allows OCC to continue to reduce standard tuition rates for eligible nonpublic school students and home school students who do not receive funding under College Credit Plus for academic year 2020-2021, including all summer sessions beginning prior to June 30, 2021, as set forth above.

This directive will take immediate effect.



Randy Gardner  
Chancellor



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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS - TUITION WAIVER RECOMMENDATION**

RESOLUTION 2020-05-05-07

**SYNOPSIS:** Contingent upon the approvals of the Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education (in accordance with Directive 2009-011), and the Owens Community College Board of Trustees, the College seeks to continue to waive standard tuition rates for eligible Ohio non-public school students and home school students (grades 7-12) who apply to participate in Ohio's College Credit Plus program and who are not funded due to the State's limited funding of the College Credit Plus program for academic year 2020-2021.

WHEREAS, the purpose of continuing to provide a tuition waiver for unfunded College Credit Plus students is two-fold:

- 1) It serves the College's mission of providing a high quality and affordable education and it supports the College's vision of being the first choice for students seeking career credentials and university transfer; and,
- 2) It facilitates the State's initiatives of reducing the cost of college and time to attain a degree, earning college credentials early and providing a low-cost, but rigorous academic pathway from high school to a community college (earning an associate degree) toward transferring to a four-year university; and,

WHEREAS, the President recommends to provide a reduced tuition rate for nonpublic school and home school students in accordance with the terms of the alternative payment structure for the 2020-2021 academic year, as authorized by the Board of Trustees with Resolution 2019-12-03-06;

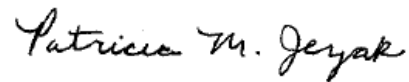
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Owens Community College Board of Trustees authorizes:

- (A) To continue to waive standard tuition rates for nonpublic school students and home school students who do not receive funding under the College Credit Plus program and who enroll at Owens Community College for the 2020-2021 academic year, contingent upon the approval of the Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education; and,
- (B) The President to submit a specific request to the Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education for approval to reduce tuition in accordance with the terms of the alternative payment structure for the College Credit Plus program for the 2020-2021 academic year, as follows:
  - a. \$140 per credit hour rate: for college course delivered on the college campus
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**SECRETARY’S CERTIFICATE**

I, Patricia M. Jezak, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Owens Community College, a state-supported institution of higher education, as recognized under Ohio Revised Code Section 3358, do hereby certify that the above was adopted by the Board of Trustees by majority vote of such Trustees at a meeting duly noted and held May 5, 2020. Such resolution(s) were adopted in an open meeting of the Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Board of Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Such resolution(s) have not been amended, modified or revoked and are in full force and effect on the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this certificate this May 12, 2020.



Patricia M. Jezak  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Exhibit 1

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE - SCHEDULE OF FEES - 2020-2021

CCP RATES AND WAIVER AMOUNTS - 2020-2021

CREDIT HOURS	INSTRUCTIONAL	GENERAL	TOTAL	a. \$140 per CR HR	a. Waiver Amount	b.&c. \$80 per CR HR	b.&c. Waiver Amount	d. \$41.64 per CR HR	d. Waiver Amount
1	\$157.50	\$15.50	\$173.00	\$140.00	\$33.00	80.00	\$93.00	41.64	\$131.36
2	315.00	31.00	346.00	140.00	206.00	80.00	266.00	41.64	304.36
3	472.50	46.50	519.00	140.00	379.00	80.00	439.00	41.64	477.36
4	630.00	62.00	692.00	140.00	552.00	80.00	612.00	41.64	650.36
5	787.50	77.50	865.00	140.00	725.00	80.00	785.00	41.64	823.36
6	945.00	93.00	1,038.00	140.00	898.00	80.00	958.00	41.64	996.36
7	1,102.50	108.50	1,211.00	140.00	1,071.00	80.00	1,131.00	41.64	1,169.36
8	1,260.00	124.00	1,384.00	140.00	1,244.00	80.00	1,304.00	41.64	1,342.36
9	1,417.50	139.50	1,557.00	140.00	1,417.00	80.00	1,477.00	41.64	1,515.36
10	1,575.00	155.00	1,730.00	140.00	1,590.00	80.00	1,650.00	41.64	1,688.36
11	1,732.50	170.50	1,903.00	140.00	1,763.00	80.00	1,823.00	41.64	1,861.36
12	1,890.00	186.00	2,076.00	140.00	1,936.00	80.00	1,996.00	41.64	2,034.36
13	2,047.50	201.50	2,249.00	140.00	2,109.00	80.00	2,169.00	41.64	2,207.36
14	2,205.00	217.00	2,422.00	140.00	2,282.00	80.00	2,342.00	41.64	2,380.36
15	2,205.00	217.00	2,422.00	140.00	2,282.00	80.00	2,342.00	41.64	2,380.36
16	2,205.00	217.00	2,422.00	140.00	2,282.00	80.00	2,342.00	41.64	2,380.36
17	2,205.00	217.00	2,422.00	140.00	2,282.00	80.00	2,342.00	41.64	2,380.36
18	2,205.00	217.00	2,422.00	140.00	2,282.00	80.00	2,342.00	41.64	2,380.36
19	2,362.50	217.00	2,579.50	140.00	2,439.50	80.00	2,499.50	41.64	2,537.86
20	2,520.00	217.00	2,737.00	140.00	2,597.00	80.00	2,657.00	41.64	2,695.36
21	2,677.50	217.00	2,894.50	140.00	2,754.50	80.00	2,814.50	41.64	2,852.86
22	2,835.00	217.00	3,052.00	140.00	2,912.00	80.00	2,972.00	41.64	3,010.36
23	2,992.50	217.00	3,209.50	140.00	3,069.50	80.00	3,129.50	41.64	3,167.86
24	3,150.00	217.00	3,367.00	140.00	3,227.00	80.00	3,287.00	41.64	3,325.36