



DIRECTIVE 2009-018
June 3, 2009

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES AND OFFER A REDUCTION BY FIVE DOLLARS PER CREDIT HOUR FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010.

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly requires 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 the Ohio Board of Regents. On April 17, 2009, the Chancellor signed Directive 2009-011 establishing procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates.

Pursuant to Section 375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly and Directive 2009-011, Northwest State Community College has requested that for the academic year 2009-2010 the credit cost would be waived by five dollars. The college has demonstrated the following:

- The College currently has the second highest tuition rate among Ohio community college and to address this, the College's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing a tuition waiver at its meeting on April 2, 2009. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- The College's has submitted a specific request to waive five dollars per credit hour thereby reducing the cost per credit hour from \$136 to \$131.
- The College proposes that the duration of the waiver be for academic year 2009-2010 (Summer 2009, Fall 2009, and Spring 2010).
- The proposed waiver will affect approximately 4,500 students throughout the 2009-2010 academic year.
- The College's goal is to increase FTE enrollment by 10% as a result of the reduction in tuition.
- The College will use a comparison of the 14-day headcounts for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 to determine if it has accomplished its goal of increasing enrollment by 10%.

Agency staff reviewed the request and posted its recommendations to the Regents' web site for purposes of providing a period of public comment before final approval by the Chancellor. No public comments were received.

This directive will take effect immediately.

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Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents