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Ted Strickland, Governor
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

University System of Ohio

DIRECTIVE 2009-037
October 22, 2009

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES AND OFFER A REDUCTION TO FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN WINTER AND SPRING QUARTERS 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. § 371.30.10 of Am. Sub. H.B 1 of the 128th General Assembly continues the authority stated in §375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly.

Pursuant to Section 371.30.10 of Am. Sub. H.B 1 of the 128th General Assembly and Directive 2009-011, Columbus State Community College has requested for the 2010 Winter and Spring Quarters a 3.5% tuition waiver for all students enrolling in classes. The college has demonstrated the following:

- The College's Board of Trustees approved a resolution increasing tuition by 3.5% effective Winter Quarter 2010 and authorizing a tuition waiver of that 3.5% increase at its meeting on September 24, 2009. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- The College's has submitted a specific request to waive the 3.5% increase effective Winter Quarter 2010, specifically $2.75 per credit hour of the tuition rate to in-state students, $6.00 per credit hour of the tuition surcharge to out-of-state students, and $7.25 per credit hour of the tuition surcharge to international students.
- The College proposes that the duration of the waiver be for the 2010 Winter and Spring Quarters.
- The proposed waiver will affect approximately 26,500 students each term the waiver is in effect.
- The College's goal is to encourage continued enrollment growth by charging the Fall 2009 per credit hour rate without losing the ability to increase tuition if such increase proves necessary.
- The College will use enrollment data to measure if it has accomplished its goal of increasing enrollment. In addition to measuring enrollment growth for this academic year compared to last academic year, the college will measure the accomplishment of its goal by demonstrating that it was able to accommodate a significant increase in enrollment while maintaining a balanced budget. This will require that State Support, which includes federal stimulus funds, is received commensurate with levels of support projected to be received by Columbus State this academic year.

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.

Based on my review of staff recommendations, I hereby approve the request for a 3.5% tuition waiver for all students enrolled at Columbus State Community College for the 2010 Winter and Spring Quarters.

This directive will take effect immediately.

Eric D. Fingerhut
Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents

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