

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

RESOLUTION 10-12-15

HB 64 Five-percent Reduction Plan

WHEREAS, House Bill 64 Section 369.600 requires the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education to develop and implement a plan to provide all in-state, undergraduate students the opportunity to reduce the student cost of earning a degree by five percent; and

WHEREAS, The University of Akron has taken numerous steps to reduce expenses and to enable students to attain degrees at lower costs, some of which already have been documented in the attached form to show an opportunity to decrease student cost of earning a degree by up to 12.5 percent; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached form is approved by the Board of Trustees for submission to the Chancellor by October 15, 2015.


Paul A. Herold, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Name of Institution: *The University of Akron*

Legislative Requirements

House Bill 64 Section 369.600 requires the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education to develop and implement a plan to provide all in-state, undergraduate students the opportunity to reduce the student cost of earning a degree by five percent.

Plans are due to the chancellor by **October 15, 2015**.

This template is intended to provide guidance for institutions' reports to the chancellor, based on the legislation – please modify and add additional detail as necessary.

Total Cost of Attendance at Institution*

Please provide a breakdown of average tuition, fees, room, board, textbooks, etc, for a full-time student, living on campus. (Add explanation as necessary.)

Type of Cost	Average Cost (Dollar Amount)
Tuition and Fees	\$11,215
Room and Board	\$11,576
Books	\$1,000
Transportation	\$1,000
Personal	\$1,520
Total:	\$26,311

* Based on 16 credits per semester For FY16. Source: University of Akron: Office of Financial Aid

Outline Options for reducing student costs:

(1) Reducing the credit hours required to complete an associate or baccalaureate degree offered by the institution

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
The University is in the process of lowering many degree-completion criteria from 128 to 120 credit hours (SCH). See Note 1 below.	Not quantified	Not quantified

Note 1: To date, it is estimated 60 degree offerings have been lowered to 120 SCH.

(2) Offering a tuition discount or rebate to any student that completes a full load of coursework, as determined by the board of trustees

("Tuition" means the instructional and general fees charged by a state institution of higher education.)

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Increased Plateau from 16 to 18 SCH resulting in potential savings of 2 SCH per semester	\$1,436	5.5%

(3) Offering a tuition discount or rebate or reduced tuition option to students enrolling in a summer semester or quarter

("Tuition" means the instructional and general fees charged by a state institution of higher education.)

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Not pursued	Not pursued	Not pursued

(4) Offering online courses or degrees

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Certain General Education Courses (GenEd Core) offered at \$50 per SCH (See Note 2 below.)	\$1,854	7.0%

Note 2: Assumes two GenEd Core courses taken during an academic year.

(5) Reducing the cost of textbooks using cost-saving measures identified and implemented by the board of trustees

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Offering textbooks in alternate mediums (digital rental, rental, used)	Not quantified	Not quantified

(6) Incorporation of remediation in the coursework and curriculum of credit-bearing courses

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Did not pursue	Did not pursue	Did not pursue

(7) Offering a fixed rate of instructional and general fees for any additional credits taken by students above a full course load, as determined by the board of trustees

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Did not pursue	Did not pursue	Did not pursue

(8) Offering fast-track degree completion programs

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Developed accelerated programs to help students earn a baccalaureate degree in three years (See Note 3 below.)	Not quantified	Not quantified

Note 3: Approximately 70 degree programs can be completed in three years.

(9) Eliminating, reducing or freezing auxiliary fees

("Auxiliary fees" means charges assessed by a state institution of higher education to a student for various educational expenses including, but not limited to, course-related fees, laboratory fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, enrollment application fees, and other miscellaneous charges. "Auxiliary fees" do not include instructional or general fees uniformly assessed to all students.)

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Transportation fee: Expanded to include unlimited use of all of the City's regional bus system routes	Not quantified	Not quantified

(10) Increased participation in the college credit plus program

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Partner with additional schools and increase course options available to students	Not quantified	Not quantified

(11) Offering programs to reduce or eliminate the need for remediation coursework

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Did not pursue	Did not pursue	Did not pursue

Options offered in previous academic years:

Please be sure to quantify savings as they roll forward into the current academic year. (For instance, a tuition freeze last year would result in \$X and Y% cost avoidance to students in this academic year.) Add additional fields and details as necessary.

(12) Academic Year 2013-2014

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Did not pursue	Did not pursue	Did not pursue

(13) Academic Year 2014-2015

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Did not pursue	Did not pursue	Did not pursue

Total Possible Cost Savings for Students – Please add the previous columns and capture total possible student cost savings here.

Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
\$3,290	12.5%