



Office of the President

October 14, 2015

John Carey, Chancellor
Ohio Board of Regents
25 Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chancellor Carey,

Attached is Central State University's (CSU's) plan to comply with House Bill 64 Section 369.600 to provide all in-state, undergraduate students the opportunity to reduce their cost of earning a degree by five percent.

A narrative for each opportunity is given below. The number to the right of each item in the list represents the entry in the attached plan. All calculations are based on the total cost of attendance for in-state students attending Central State University. The attendance cost (\$19,140 per year) encompasses full-time undergraduate tuition, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses. The calculation also uses the charge for in-state tuition, which is currently set at \$260 per credit hour. This plan will generate a savings of up to \$5,274, which represents 6.9% of a student's four-year cumulative cost of attendance (\$76,560).

1) Reduce the credit hours required to complete baccalaureate degree (1)

CSU offers 36 undergraduate degree programs each of which requires at least 124 credit hours to complete. The opportunity presented here is a reduction of the required number of credit hours for graduation from 124 to 120 credit hours for all programs except those for which accreditation stipulates a higher number. The savings to the student will be \$1,041 representing 1.4% of a four-year cost of attendance.

2) Increase the average credit hour load from 14 to 15 credit hours per semester (2) and offer Increase in Institutional Aid (2)

The University has been promoting a "15 X 8 = GradUate" slogan, encouraging students to register for a minimum of 15 credits per semester. An increase in the average credit hours from the current 14 to 15 or more will add value to students completing their degrees on time thereby, contributing to savings of \$1,040, which represents 1.4% of a four-year cost of attendance.

The University provides institutional aid to students in need of assistance in closing the financial gap. On average, the University contributes an average of \$1,500 per student. For in-state students who are eligible to receive institutional aid, a 10% increase in the institutional award will be applied. This will save a student \$600 over the four years, representing .7% of the total cost of attendance.

3) Provide 10 % reduction to students taking 6 credits hours or more during Summer School (3)

Consistent CSU's Compelling Priority 3: *Reduced Time to Degree*, students are encouraged to attend summer school to accelerate their college completion. A 10% reduction in the summer school rates should increase the opportunity for student to save on tuition and make progress toward their degree. This opportunity will be offered to in-state students taking 6 credit hours or more during summer term. The savings to a student will be \$360, which represents 0.4% of the four-year cost of attendance.

4) Provide 10% discount for online course (up to 12 credits) (4)

Central State University does not differentiate tuition between face-to-face courses and online courses. A 10% rate reduction for online courses will encourage more students to use this option for learning, decrease the demands on the brick-and-mortar interaction, and contribute to the opportunity for students to make progress toward their degrees. This discount will be given for credits between 1 credit and 12 credits. The saving to a student will be \$360, which represents 0.4 % of the four-year cost of attendance.

5) Provide 10% discount on textbooks for full-time students on target to graduate in four years (5)

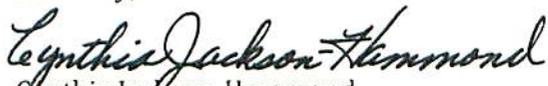
Students who are on target to complete their degrees identified as full-time students completing only courses prescribed by their plan of study each year will be offered a 10% book rebate. This incentive should encourage students who may not ordinarily purchase textbooks in a timely manner to do so. We should contribute to improvements in course completion, retention, and persistence rates. A saving to a student will be \$480, which represents 0.6% of the four-year cost of attendance.

6) Options offered in previous years - Summer school discount (13 & 14)

In academic years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 the University applied savings summer school tuition and room and board amounting to \$1,440 (\$720 each year) for students enrolled in summer school. This represents a saving of 1.0% of a four-year cost of attendance.

Although Central State University's cost of attendance is the most affordable college among Ohio's IUC Institutions, we continue to find opportunities to make college even more affordable for all students who attend. The resolution will be presented for approval to the Board of Trustees at our November 6, 2015 business session.

Sincerely,


Cynthia Jackson-Hammond
President

Mr. Jim Bennett, Vice Chancellor for Finance

Increase average student credit hour load from 14 to minimum of 15 per semester	\$1,040	1.4.% of 4 year cost of attendance
Provide Institutional Aid to students making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with their program of study	\$600	.7% of 4 year cost of attendance

(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
Provide 10 % reduction to students taking 6 credits hours or more during Summer School	\$360	.4% of 4 year cost of attendance

(4) Offering online courses or degrees

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Provide 10% discount for online course (up to 12 credits)	\$312	.4% of 4 year cost of attendance

(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
Provide 10% discount on textbooks for full-time students on target to graduate in four years as determined by students who are making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with their program of study	\$480	.6% of 4 year cost of attendance

(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
Remediation is not offered; however, supplementary instruction is provided for gateway courses and courses with high rigorous standards		

(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

(8) Offering fast-track degree completion programs

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance

(9) Eliminating, reducing or freezing auxiliary fees ("Auxiliary fees" mean 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
CSU froze all fees except auxiliary fees (ie. Parking, college fees, and service fees)	N/A Savings not captured in the information provided above.	

(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
College credit plus have been offered to three school districts for students interested in early college credits		

(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
Remedial courses are not offered at CSU		

(12) Other options offered by the institution (any other option that does not fall into the categories above can be captured here or on additional pages)

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student	Percentage of total
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(Dollar Amount)	cost of attendance

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.

(13) Academic Year 2013-2014

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Summer School lower cost per credit hour	\$720	1.0% of 4 year cost of attendance

(14) Academic Year 2014-2015

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Summer School lower cost per credit hour	\$720	1.0% of 4 year cost of attendance

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
\$5,274	6.9% of 4 year cost of attendance