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October 14, 2015

Chancellor John Carey
Ohio Department of Higher Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Wright State University Reducing College Cost Plan

Dear Chancellor Carey:

Wright State University submits the enclosed Reducing College Cost Plan, approved by the University Board of Trustees at its October 9, 2015 public session.

The enclosed document outlines eight programs and initiatives that will provide students the opportunity to reduce the cost of earning a Wright State University undergraduate degree.

The broad reach and varied nature of these programs and initiatives are designed to facilitate access to and realization of savings for the greatest number of students. They include reductions to the minimum course credit hour completion requirements for all programs, summer tuition discounts for students completing a full time schedule of courses in fall and spring semesters, increased availability of affordable textbook options, expanded partnership in College Credit Plus programs, expansion of accelerated learning programs to eliminate developmental prerequisites, and lower flat-rate tuition tiers. Most can be rapidly implemented, resulting in immediate savings to students.

Wright State University is committed to student access and success. These programs and initiatives developed by our faculty, staff, and administration are expected provide savings in excess of the 5% reduction threshold.

We appreciate the State's support and prioritization of access to high-quality education and look forward to continued partnership in transforming the lives of our students and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Sudkamp".

Thomas Sudkamp, Ph.D.
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Enclosures (2)

cc: Cindy McQuade

year will earn a 20% discount on their first course that following summer semester.

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
Increase availability of most affordable textbook mediums (e.g., used rental, digital rental) through textbook adoption policies targeting early adoption and longer span of use. Promote savings advantages of rental/used/digital options to students.	Approximately \$1,200 (savings vary by course; rental/used/digital typically cost 15%-50% less than new options)	1.4%

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
Offer the opportunity for any high school within a 50 mile radius of Dayton or Lake Campus to partner with Wright State University in English Composition (3hrs) and Mathematics (3hrs) College Credit Plus programs.	\$2,352	2.7%

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
Expand the use of the Accelerated Learning Program co-curricular pedagogy to ensure that all students take English Composition without developmental prerequisites.	Savings vary by student	Percentage varies by student

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.

(1) Academic Year 2013-2014

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Prior to the semester conversion implemented in academic year 2012-13, 100% of degree programs exceeded the minimum course credit hour requirement. All programs adopted a reduced credit hour completion plan; 49 programs met a 120 course credit hour requirement. The reduced credit hour requirements resulted in a favorable cost to degree impact for both current and subsequently enrolled students.	Savings vary by program	Percentage varies by student
In Fall 2013, Wright State designed and introduced intensive English Composition courses to incorporate remediation into the for credit course. For students needing remedial composition coursework, a reduction of 63% in the number of students enrolling in remedial composition was realized in the first year. In addition, the success rate for students increased by 13%.	\$394 (for students requiring remedial composition coursework)	0.4% (for students requiring remedial composition coursework)

(2) Academic Year 2014-2015

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Flat tuition rate tier begins at 11 credit hours rather than 12 resulting in potential cost reduction equivalent to 1 credit hour per semester. (All other IUC schools currently begin at 12, WSU opted to continue 11 hour tier to maintain savings for students)	\$3,152	3.6%

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
\$8,044*	9.1%*

*additional saving opportunities available vary by student and/or program



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Reducing College Costs Plan:

The following resolution was approved on October 9, 2015 by the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION 16-7

WHEREAS, Am. Sub. H. B. No. 64, Section 369.600 requires that the Board of Trustees of each state institution of higher education shall 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 per cent; and

WHEREAS, the plan may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Reducing the credit hours required to complete an associate or baccalaureate degree offered by the institution;
- (2) Offering a tuition discount or rebate to any student that completes a full load of coursework, as determined by the board of trustees;
- (3) Offering a tuition discount or rebate to students enrolling in a summer semester or quarter;
- (4) Offering online degree courses;
- (5) Reducing the cost of textbooks using cost-saving measures identified and implemented by the board of trustees;
- (6) Incorporation of remediation in the coursework and curriculum of credit-bearing courses;
- (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;
- (8) Offering fast-track degree completion programs;
- (9) Eliminating, reducing, or freezing auxiliary fees;
- (10) Increased participation in the college credit plus program established in Chapter 3365 of the Revised Code;
- (11) Offering programs to reduce or eliminate the need for remediation coursework; and

WHEREAS, not later than October 15, 2015, the Board of Trustees of each state institution of higher education shall submit the plan required under this section to the Chancellor of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the university has identified strategies to provide students the opportunity to reduce the cost of earning a degree by at least five per cent as described in the attached Wright State University Reducing College Costs Plan; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the attached Wright State University Reducing College Cost Plan dated September 25, 2015, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed.

Mrs. Broner moved for approval. Mr. Klaben seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.



Robert J. Sweeney
Executive Vice President for Planning
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

