



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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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%.

**TUITION REDUCTION FOR THE 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**09-30**

**Background Information:** Chancellor Fingerhut has introduced HB1 in an effort to provide Ohio students with help toward the cost of their education. Northwest State's current yearly tuition is \$4,140 with only one Ohio community college having a higher yearly tuition. Another portion of HB1 provides the Chancellor with the authority to set the tuition rate at the two-year colleges. (As it is currently written.)

The college administration has determined that reducing our tuition by \$5 per semester credit hour would cost the college \$350,000 in revenue for 2009-2010. During an all-campus meeting, the question was asked to the 80+ faculty and staff in attendance if the college could work together to reduce expenses and increase enrollment for the upcoming year so that a tuition reduction could be accomplished. Ninety-five percent (95%) of those in attendance agreed that we should proceed with the reduction and are willing to do their part to balance our budget. At this new rate the yearly tuition at Northwest State would be \$3,990.

**Resolution Recommendation:**

Mr. Faber moved and Mr. McCartney seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS, Northwest State Community College desires to offer affordable education to our constituents; and

WHEREAS, the campus community has agreed to work together to reduce expenses and increase enrollment for the 2009-2010 academic year; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Northwest State Community College seek approval from the Ohio Board of Regents for a tuition differential to lower tuition from \$136 per semester credit hour to \$131 per semester credit hour for Summer 2009, Fall 2009, and Spring 2010.

ROLL CALL: Aye; Ennen, Faber, R. Hall, Lucas, McCartney, O'Neil, Derck.  
Nay; None. Thereupon the Chair declared the motion approved.



**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

April 23, 2009

TO: Michelle Chavanne

RE: TUITION DIFFERENTIAL - \$5 DISCOUNT FOR 2009-2010

Northwest State Community College desires to offer affordable education to our constituents. Attached you will find the resolution approved by the Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees approving a \$5 tuition discount for the 2009-2010 academic year. This will reduce our tuition from \$136 per semester credit hour to \$131 per semester credit hour. Please note that Northwest State's academic year is defined as Summer 2009, Fall 2009, and Spring 2010.

This action will affect approximately 4,500 students throughout the 2009-2010 academic year. The College's goal is to increase our FTE enrollment by 10% as a result of this reduction in tuition

We will use a comparison of the 14-day FTE counts for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 to determine if we have accomplished our goal of increasing enrollment by 10%.

If you have further questions, please advise.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom Stuckey'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a light gray rectangular box.

Thomas L. Stuckey, Ph.D.  
President