



Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY CLARK STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES AND OFFER A REDUCTION TO FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS PER CREDIT HOUR FOR WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE PERSONNEL ENROLLING IN ACADEMIC YEARS 2009-2010 AND 2010-2011.

§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, Clark State Community College has requested that for the academic years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 the credit cost would be waived by thirty-two dollars and fifty cents. The college has demonstrated the following:

- The College's Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing a tuition waiver at its meeting on June 16, 2009. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- The College's has submitted a specific request to waive thirty-two dollars and fifty cents per credit hour for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) personnel thereby reducing the cost per credit hour from \$77.50 to \$45.
- The College proposes that the duration of the waiver be for academic years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
- The proposed waiver will affect approximately 6,500 WPAFB personnel throughout the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years.
- The College's goal is to increase by 100 non-duplicated headcount by Spring of 2010 as a result of the reduction in tuition.
- The College will measure headcount and credit hours each term to determine if it has accomplished its goal of increasing enrollment.

## RECOMMENDATION

**The request meets the Chancellor's standards, and the staff recommends the tuition waiver of \$32.50 per credit hour for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base personnel during academic years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 at Clark State Community College.**

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# Reduced Tuition for WPAFB Personnel Proposal

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*Submitted to The Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents From Clark State Community College*

## Proposal Background

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There is a great need to provide the military personnel stationed with the Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) with convenient educational offerings. All Air Force personnel are supported and encouraged to complete at least an Associate Degree from the Community College of the Air Force. These degrees combine the technical coursework garnered from the Air Force with general education offerings taken from area higher education institutions to complete the CCAF degree requirements.

Clark State is in a unique position to serve these needs due to both the physical location of the College's Greene Center adjacent to the Base and the extensive online offerings in general education. The military personnel receive an annual allotment for tuition costs and, as with all such programs, they desire to maximize their opportunities with lower costs. To serve this need, Clark State is requesting to be empowered to reduce tuition for the Air Force personnel stationed with WPAFB.

## Proposal Rationale

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Clark State Community College is requesting to be empowered to reduce tuition to \$45 per quarter credit hour beginning with Fall Quarter 2009 for Air Force personnel stationed with WPAFB. The Clark State Community College Board of Trustees approved a Flexible Tuition Policy Resolution on June 16, 2009. This request is a reduction of \$32.50 per credit hour from the current rates. This approval will enable the college to provide the Air Force personnel with the cost effective offerings desired and eliminate the current statutory requirement to scholarship the amount of tuition reduced. If the college's tuition is increased in the future, this reduced tuition would be expected to increase in proportion.

This proposal is intended to serve the needs of Air Force personnel directly as they pursue their educational goals. The College will use the Air Force Educational Web Portal to connect with the Air Force men and women as well as directly market to the Base via all forms of media.

## Time Period for the Request

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This tuition reduction request is intended to be in effect for two years (September 2009 – August 31, 2011) at which time the results of the initiative will be evaluated to determine if the reduction will be extended. As stated above, this reduction would be adjusted in proportion to any future increase in the College's tuition.

## Number of Students Served

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As of this date, there are more than 6,500 Air Force personnel stationed with WPAFB. All lower-level enlisted personnel are enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force where they receive their technical credit toward their Associate of Applied Science degrees. They must enroll in other institutions such as CSCC to garner their general education hours. Due to CSCC's Greene Center's location adjacent to the Base, as well as, the extensive online offerings, it is anticipated that enrollment will be achieved via this initiative. The goal is to increase Air Force personnel enrollment at CSCC to one hundred non-duplicated headcount by the Spring of 2010.

## Goals of Proposal

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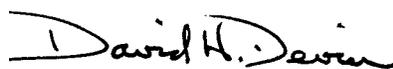
The major goal of this proposal is to increase the College's service to the Air Force personnel stationed with WPAFB as part of the USO's goal for overall increased enrollment in higher education with public institutions. Currently, CSCC enrolls a limited number of Air Force personnel and this initiative is intended to dramatically increase the numbers. The College has established a strong presence at the Air Force education website and begun a targeted marketing program to the Base.

Enrollments will be measured each academic term and reported by headcount and credit hours to determine the success of this initiative. As stated above, the goal is to increase Air Force personnel enrollment at CSCC to one hundred non-duplicated headcount by the Spring of 2010.

## Summary

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Clark State Community College is requesting permission from the Chancellor to reduce tuition for Air Force personnel stationed with WPAFB to \$45.00 per quarter credit hour beginning Fall 2009. This initiative is intended to enable the College to better serve the educational needs of Air Force men and women in a cost effective manner.



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*Resolution of the  
Clark State Community College Board of Trustees*

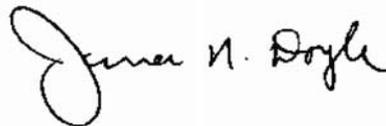
Whereas on April 17, 2009, Chancellor Eric Fingerhut issued Directive 2009-011 concerning "Differentiated Tuition for State Institutions of Higher Education," which empowers Boards of Trustees of University System of Ohio (USO) institutions to request tuition waivers for specialized initiatives that will benefit students and the state; and

Whereas by adopting this Resolution, the Board of Trustees is establishing a process for the College to directly impact students by increasing access to College for specialized populations that heretofore have not been served;

Be it resolved that Clark State Community College requests of the Ohio Board of Regents the ability to offer flexible tuition to be determined by the specialized initiatives crafted to address the goals of the USO Strategic Plan. This action additionally requires that any tuition adjustments related to this resolution be approved by the Board prior to submission to the Ohio Board of Regents.

Be it further resolved that the Clark State Board of Trustees directs the Administration to request of the Chancellor permission to reduce tuition for personnel stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base to the rate of \$45.00 per credit hour.

By action of the Board of Trustees on June 16, 2009.



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James N. Doyle,  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Clark State Community College