



Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES AND OFFER A REDUCTION TO FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN WINTER, SPRING, AND SUMMER QUARTERS 2010.

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th 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. § 371.30.10 of Am. Sub. H.B 1 of the 128th General Assembly continues the authority stated in §375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly.

Pursuant to Section 371.30.10 of Am. Sub. H.B 1 of the 128th General Assembly and Directive 2009-011, the University of Cincinnati has requested that for the 2010 Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters a 3.5% tuition waiver for all students enrolling in classes. The college has demonstrated the following:

- The College’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution increasing tuition by 3.5% effective Winter Quarter 2010 and authorizing a tuition waiver of that 3.5% increase at its meeting on September 22, 2009. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- The College’s has submitted a specific request to waive the 3.5% increase effective Winter Quarter 2010 as described in the following table:

Undergraduate Program	In-State Waiver	Out-of-State Waiver
Uptown Campus	\$9 per credit hour	\$23 per credit hour
Center for Access and Transition	\$7 per credit hour	\$23 per credit hour
Clermont College	\$4 per credit hour	\$11 per credit hour
Raymond Walters College	\$5 per credit hour	\$13 per credit hour

- The College proposes that the duration of the waiver be for the 2010 Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters.
- The proposed waiver will affect approximately 28,500 students each term the waiver is in effect.
- The College’s goal is to encourage continued enrollment growth by charging the Fall 2009 per credit hour rate without losing the ability to increase tuition if such increase proves necessary.
- The College will use enrollment data to measure if it has accomplished its goal of increasing enrollment. In addition to measuring enrollment growth for this academic year compared to last academic year, the college will measure the accomplishment of its goal by demonstrating that it was able to accommodate a significant increase in enrollment while maintaining a balanced budget. This will require that State Support, which includes federal stimulus funds, is received commensurate with levels of support projected to be received by the University of Cincinnati this academic year.

RECOMMENDATION

The request meets the Chancellor’s standards, and the staff recommends the tuition waiver of 3.5% for all students during Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters 2010 at the University of Cincinnati.



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November 6, 2009

Eric D. Fingerhut
 Chancellor
 Ohio Board of Regents
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RE: REQUEST TO WAIVE STANDARD UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES AND OFFER A REDUCTION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN WINTER, SPRING, AND SUMMER QUARTERS 2010

Dear Chancellor Fingerhut,

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th 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. §371.30.10 of Am. Sub. H. B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly continues the authority stated in §375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H. B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly.

Pursuant to §371.30.10 of Am. Sub. H. B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly and Directive 2009-011, the University of Cincinnati is requesting a 3.5% tuition waiver for all undergraduate students enrolling in classes during the 2010 Winter, Spring, and Summer quarters. The university demonstrates the following:

- The university's Board of Trustees approved a resolution increasing undergraduate tuition by 3.5% effective Winter quarter 2010 and authorizing a tuition waiver of that 3.5% increase at its meeting on September 22, 2009. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- The university submits a specific request to waive the 3.5% increase beginning Winter quarter 2010 as indicated in the following table.

Undergraduate Program	In-State Waiver	Out-of-State Waiver
Uptown Campus	\$9 per credit hour	\$23 per credit hour
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- The university proposes that the duration of the waiver be for the 2010 Winter, Spring, and Summer quarters.
- The proposed waiver will affect approximately 28,500 students in each of the Winter and Spring terms the waiver is in effect.

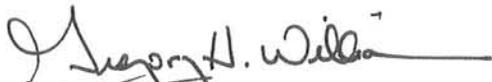


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- The university's goal is to encourage continued enrollment growth by charging the Fall 2009 per credit hour rate without losing the ability to increase tuition if such an increase proves necessary.
- The university will use enrollment data to determine if it has accomplished its goal of increasing enrollment. In addition to measuring enrollment growth for this academic year compared to last academic year, the university will measure the accomplishment of its goal by demonstrating that it was able to accommodate a significant increase in enrollment while maintaining a balanced budget. This will require that State Support, which includes federal stimulus funds, is received commensurate with levels of support projected to be received by the University of Cincinnati this academic year.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory H. Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory H. Williams
President

cc: Danielle Greene – OBR
James Plummer, Vice President for Finance
Karen L. Sullivan, Janalyn Diegmuller, Robin Pittman – Office of Budget Management

Attach.

University of Cincinnati
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees
For Action

Date: September 15, 2009

Title: UNDERGRADUATE TUITION INCREASE AND WAIVER

Synopsis: Request to increase undergraduate tuition 3.5% effective Winter Quarter 2010 contingent upon an approval of a tuition waiver by the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

In the latest State of Ohio biennial budget, all public Ohio universities were granted the ability to increase resident undergraduate tuition up to a maximum fee cap of 3.5% each academic year within the current biennium. To date, the University of Cincinnati has chosen not to implement this tuition increase for the 2010 academic year. Remember that the last time undergraduate tuition was increased at the University of Cincinnati was in the 2007 fiscal year.

Communication from the Ohio Board of Regents has indicated that the Chancellor is willing to allow a university to adopt up to a 3.5% undergraduate increase for 2010 but then waive the increase, thereby not actually collecting the increase from its undergraduate students. Then, the university's tuition base for the 2011 academic year would include the increased amount even though the higher rate would not have been collected from students in 2010. Subsequently, in 2011, the university would have the option of implementing both the 2010 tuition increase of 3.5% then waived as well as the additional 3.5% tuition increase allowed in 2011. This action would allow UC to have the opportunity to increase tuition up to just over 7% compounded over two years with up to a 3.5% tuition increase being recorded in each year, but with the total increase collected only in the second year of the biennium and thus benefiting undergraduate students in 2010 with the lower tuition rates collected.

Implementing a 3.5% undergraduate tuition increase and then requesting a tuition waiver in 2010 makes it possible to receive in excess of \$6 million of additional tuition revenue in 2011 and all years thereafter as compared to taking no action in 2010. The university administration considers raising tuition to be a tactic of the last resort when addressing financial difficulties, but the budget challenges of FY2011 may require it. Thus, the option of implementing and collecting the 3.5% tuition increase for 2010 will only occur after Board approval and appropriate discussions with students, faculty, and administration based on the need to cover further cuts in university funding as necessitated by the current economic crisis.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a 3.5% tuition increase for both resident and nonresident undergraduate students on both the Uptown and branch campuses effective Winter Quarter 2010 per the attached schedules and contingent upon the approval of a tuition waiver by the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Prepared by Karen L. Sullivan
Karen L. Sullivan
Sr. Associate Vice President
Office of Budget and
Financial Services

Reviewed by [Signature]
James D. Plummer
Vice President for Finance

APPROVED

SEP 22 2009

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FOR BOARD OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Recommendation Number: <u>09.09.22.16</u>	
Date of Board Approval: <u>September 9, 2009</u>	Submitted by: <u>[Signature]</u> President

**PROPOSED SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY STUDENT FEES
ALL CAMPUSES EFFECTIVE WINTER QUARTER 2010**

FULL-TIME RESIDENT TUITION & FEES			FULL-TIME NON-RESIDENT TUITION & FEES		
Autumn FY 10 Tuition & Fees	Winter FY 10 Tuition & Fees	Percent Change	Autumn FY 10 Tuition & Fees	Winter FY 10 Tuition & Fees	Percent Change

Undergraduate

Uptown Campus

Center for Access and Transition

Clermont College¹

Raymond Walters College¹

3,133	3,242	3.5%	7,974	8,253	3.5%
2,464	2,550	3.5%	7,974	8,253	3.5%
1,514	1,567	3.5%	3,798	3,931	3.5%
1,744	1,805	3.5%	4,522	4,680	3.5%

Professional Programs

Law²

Medicine (MD)

Pharmacy (PharmD)

Graduate Programs³

9,971	9,971	0.0%	17,388	17,388	0.0%
9,795	9,795	0.0%	15,045	15,045	0.0%
4,241	4,241	0.0%	7,685	7,685	0.0%
4,241	4,241	0.0%	7,685	7,685	0.0%

**PROPOSED SUMMARY OF ANNUAL STUDENT FEES
ALL CAMPUSES EFFECTIVE WINTER QUARTER 2010**

FULL-TIME RESIDENT TUITION & FEES			FULL-TIME NON-RESIDENT TUITION & FEES		
Autumn FY 10 Tuition & Fees	Winter FY 10 Tuition & Fees	Percent Change	Autumn FY 10 Tuition & Fees	Winter FY 10 Tuition & Fees	Percent Change

Undergraduate

Uptown Campus

Center for Access and Transition

Clermont College¹

Raymond Walters College¹

9,399	9,726	3.5%	23,922	24,759	3.5%
7,392	7,650	3.5%	23,922	24,759	3.5%
4,542	4,701	3.5%	11,394	11,793	3.5%
5,232	5,415	3.5%	13,566	14,040	3.5%

Professional Programs

Law²

Medicine (MD)

Pharmacy (PharmD)

Graduate Programs³

19,942	19,942	0.0%	34,776	34,776	0.0%
29,385	29,385	0.0%	45,135	45,135	0.0%
12,723	12,723	0.0%	23,055	23,055	0.0%
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(1) A parking fee of \$33 per quarter is assessed by the branch campuses (included in the above amounts).

(2) College of Law tuition calculated on the semester basis.

(3) Medicine Graduate Programs do not charge the IT&IE Fee.