



Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES AND OFFER A REDUCTION TO FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN SUMMER TERM 2010.

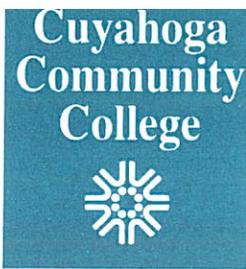
§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly requires any waiver of tuition for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education be approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. On April 17, 2009, the Chancellor 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, Cuyahoga Community College has requested that for the 2010 Summer term a 2.5% 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 2.5% effective Summer term 2010 and authorizing a tuition waiver of that 2.5% increase at its meeting on May 20, 2010. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- The College's has submitted a specific request to waive the 2.5% increase effective Summer term 2010, specifically \$2.01 per credit hour of the tuition rate to in-county, \$2.66 per credit hour of tuition rate to out-of-county but in-state students, and \$5.45 per credit hour of the tuition surcharge to out-of-state students.
- The College proposes that the duration of the waiver be for the 2010 Summer term.
- The proposed waiver will affect approximately 17,000 students each term the waiver is in effect.
- The College's goal is to encourage continued enrollment growth by waiving the increase and encourage students to continue their education during the summer term. Summer term enrollment increases the likelihood of a student continuing to pursue education in fall term. Retention of students from Summer to Fall semesters is an important step in student success, leading to increased degree completion overall.
- The College will use enrollment data to measure if it has accomplished its goal of increasing enrollment and continued enrollment and graduation rates.

RECOMMENDATION

The request meets the Chancellor's standards, and the staff recommends the tuition waiver of 2.5% for all students during Summer term 2010 at Cuyahoga Community College.



June 11, 2010

Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor
Ohio Board of Regents
30 E. Broad Street, 36th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chancellor Fingerhut:

Section 371.30.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of the 128th 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 May 20, 2010, the Cuyahoga Community College District Board of Trustees (the "Board") approved the FY 11 Annual Budget for Cuyahoga Community College District (the "College"). In connection with the approval of the FY 11 Budget, the Board also approved a two-and-one-half (2 ½ %) percent tuition increase for the Academic Year 2009-2010 Summer Semester with a provision that the tuition increase would be waived until the 2010-2011 Academic Year. A copy of the Board Resolution approving the tuition increase is attached. I am writing on behalf of the College to request your approval of a tuition waiver for the Summer 2009-2010 session as contemplated by our Board.

Should you approve the waiver, the College's fees schedule for the 2009-2010 Summer Semester would remain at the following rates:

2009-2010 Summer Semester
Fee For Credit Hour with
Tuition Increase Waived

Total In-County Credit Hour Fee*	80.54
Out-of-County Surcharge	25.94
Out-of-State Surcharge	137.50

* Includes Instructional, General and Technology Fees.

Specifically, the College is asking you to waive the following amounts of tuition, per credit hour, for the 2009-2010 Summer Semester: \$2.01 for in-county tuition; \$2.66 for in-state but out-of-county students; and \$5.45 for out-of-state students.

In support of the requested waiver, the College provides the following.

Administration and Finance

District Administrative Services

700 Carnegie Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2878

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Rationale for the Requested Waiver

- The College's mission is to provide high quality, accessible and affordable educational opportunities within Northeast Ohio.
- During the past year, the College has experienced a significant increase in both student enrollment and the demand for additional student support services. Overall, the College's enrollment is up 20%.
- The College has not raised tuition in four years. During that same time, tuition and fees have jumped nationally by an average of 29%. Over the last academic year, undergraduate tuition and fees increased nationally an average of 6.3%.
- The College has the lowest tuition in Northeast Ohio, and is the only college or university in the area to have frozen tuition for four years. Tri-C has the second-lowest tuition in the state of Ohio. Even with a 2.5% increase, Tri-C tuition will remain well below the national community college tuition average.
- The revenue generated from student tuition funds only 26% of the costs of educating students at Tri-C.
- In order to continue to meet the demand of our expanding student enrollment, while minimizing the impact of a tuition increase to our students, we are respectfully asking you to waive the implementation of the necessary tuition increase until the start of the 2010-2011 Academic Year.
- In addition, research on student success demonstrates that if students attend classes during a summer session, they are more likely to thereafter continue their college education and graduate. As a result, the College strongly encourages students to attend in the summer. By postponing the tuition increase to the Fall 2010-2011 Semester, the College believes it can keep more students in school during the Summer Session and thus see more students continue their education and ultimately graduate.
- The College is able to postpone the tuition increase until the 2010-2011 Academic Year because, as stated previously, we have been experiencing record enrollment growth. In addition, we have been implementing efficiency measures across the College that will allow us to serve more students within our existing capacity during the Summer 2009-2010 session without the additional revenues a tuition increase would bring.

Goals for the Requested Waiver

- The College's goals in seeking your authorization for a tuition increase waiver until the 2010-2011 Academic Year are as follows:
 - Minimize the immediate impact a tuition increase will have on our students until the Fall Semester so that students are better able to plan for the increase.
 - Meet, if not exceed, the College's student enrollment goals for the 2009-2010 Summer Session by continuing to offer tuition at affordable rates.
 - Capture a greater number of Tri-C students who were enrolled in the Spring 2009-2010 Semester in the Summer Semester by holding tuition at the same rate.
 - Increase the 2009-2010 Summer Semester enrollment of four-year college students who reside in the greater Cleveland by offering the lowest tuition in the Northeast Ohio area.
 - Increase the number of students who continue their education after the Summer Semester and thereafter graduate.

Method to Gather Data to Evaluate Goals

- In order to demonstrate whether the College is able to achieve its stated goals in waiving the tuition increase until the 2010-2011 Academic Year, the College will measure the following:
 - The actual number of students who enroll in the 2009-2010 Summer Semester, as compared to both prior Summer Semesters and the College's enrollment growth goals.
 - The number of students who were enrolled in the 2009-2010 Spring Semester and who also enrolled in the 2009-2010 Summer Semester, as compared to both prior Academic Years and the College's enrollment growth goals.
 - The number of four-year college students who enrolled in the College's 2009-2010 Summer Semester, as compared to both prior Summer Semesters and the College's enrollment growth goals.
 - The number of students who enroll in the 2009-2010 Summer Semester and who thereafter continue their education and graduate, as compared to prior Academic Years.

Time Period for the Request

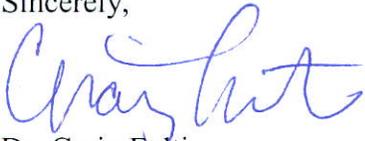
- The tuition waiver would be in effect for only the 2009-2010 Summer Semester.

Number of Students to Benefit from the Waiver

- Based upon historical data, we anticipate the waiver will affect approximately 17,000 students who typically enroll in our summer session.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. Craig Foltin
Executive Vice President
Administration & Finance

Enclosure

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MATERIAL FOR REVIEW
BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Academic and Student Affairs Committee
- Community Affairs Committee
- Management Committee
- Investment Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of a FY 2011 Student Tuition and Fee Increase

COMMITTEE ACTION:

- Review for formal recommendation to the full Board of Trustees at the next regular scheduled Board meeting.
- Background material for future Board of Trustees action item.
- Update information/status report. For informational purposes only.

SYNOPSIS:

During the past year, the College has experienced record enrollment growth along with a surge in the demand for student support services. At the same time, the volatility of funding from the State of Ohio has negatively impacted the Colleges finances. As a result, the administration is recommending that the Board approve a five (5%) percent per credit hour increase, which includes a two-and-one-half (2.5%) increase in tuition and general fees for the Academic Year 2009-2010 Summer Semester, and a two-and-one-half (2.5%) increase in tuition and general fees for the Academic Year 2010-2011 Fall, Winter and Summer semesters. The administration is further recommending that the Board waive the increase for the Summer Semester.

The newly recommended fee schedule for both the Academic Year 2009-2010 Summer Semester and Academic Year 2010-2011 will continue to be among the lowest for institutions of higher education in the State of Ohio and will continue to provide affordable educational opportunities for the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

Prepared by: Mark Polatajko
Office: VP, Administration & Finance

Approved: _____
Date: _____



Approval of a FY 2011 Student Tuition and Fee Increase

I. SUMMARY BACKGROUND

During the past year, the College has experienced a significant increase in both student enrollment and the demand for additional student support services. Overall, enrollment is up 20%. The revenue generated from student tuition, however, funds only 26% of the costs of educating students at Tri-C. As a result, the increased enrollment has been straining the College's resources.

In addition, the College's finances have been stretched thin in several other areas. While the College succeeded in passing its levy in November 2009, the College will not receive any dollars generated by that levy until 2011. Even then, given an 8% devaluation of property in Cuyahoga County, along with a doubling of the tax delinquency rate, the levy will merely help maintain the College's budget at present levels.

Funding from the state and federal governments has also proven to be volatile. When comparing the College's funding from the State of Ohio for FY 2001 to expected state funding allocations for FY 2011, the College is projecting that it will receive \$46.5 million less in inflation-adjusted dollars. Also, the American Graduation Initiative, which had been slated to provide \$12 billion to community colleges nationwide, was not approved by Congress.

Meanwhile, Tri-C has not raised tuition in four years. During that same time, tuition and fees have jumped nationally by an average of 29%. Over the last academic year, undergraduate tuition and fees increased nationally an average of 6.3%.

Tri-C has the lowest tuition in Northeast Ohio, and is the only college or university in the area to have frozen tuition for four years. Since Fall 2009, tuition has increased at Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Lakeland Community College and Lorain County Community College.

Tri-C has the second-lowest tuition in the state of Ohio. (Sinclair in Dayton is the only college with a lower tuition, and it approved a mid-year tuition and fee increase effective Winter 2010.) Even with the proposed 5% increase, Tri-C tuition will remain well below the national community college tuition average.

II. IMPACT OF THE TUITION INCREASE

The administration is recommending that the Board approve a 5% percent per credit hour increase, which includes a 2.5% increase in tuition and general fees for the Academic Year 2009-2010 Summer Semester, and a 2.5% increase in tuition and general fees for the Academic Year 2010-2011 Fall, Winter, and Summer semesters. The administration is further recommending that the Board waive the increase for the Summer Semester until Fall 2010.

Approval of a FY 2011 Student Tuition and Fee Increase (continued)

The recommended fee schedule for Academic Year 2010-2011 will continue to be among the lowest for institutions of higher education in the state of Ohio and will continue to provide affordable educational opportunities for the residents of Cuyahoga County. The College's current in-county fees are 14.6% below the State average for two-year colleges, 16.6% below Lakeland Community College and 2.8% below Lorain County Community College.

As a result of the 5% tuition and fee increase, an in-county resident student taking a three-hour semester course will pay an additional \$12.06 per semester; a full-time student (15 credit hours) will pay an additional \$60.30 per semester. Financial aid grants will cover the entire cost of tuition, books, and supplies for students who demonstrate full need.

While reflecting a modest increase for an individual student, this increase is estimated to generate approximately \$2.5 million per year for the College. The tuition increase is a necessary component to ensure the College's on-going financial stability.

The recommended fee schedule, to become effective Fall Semester 2010, is as follows:

	<u>Existing</u> <u>Mandatory</u> <u>Fee for</u> <u>Credit Hour</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Mandatory</u> <u>Fee for</u> <u>Credit Hour</u>
Total In-County Credit Hour Fee*	\$80.54	\$84.56
Out-of-County Surcharge	\$25.94	\$27.23
Out-of-State Surcharge	\$137.50	\$144.38

* Includes Instructional, General and Technology Fees

The statutory requirement for out-of-county and out-of-state surcharges reflects the fact that Cuyahoga County and State of Ohio taxpayers subsidize the education of their residents. It is recommended that these fees also be increased by 5% to maintain the current relationship to fees assessed to county residents. Students who reside outside of Cuyahoga County pay either the out-of-county or out-of-state surcharge, not both. The College's Fall 2009 enrollment included 16% percent of out-of-county students and 3% out-of-state students.

Approval of a FY 2011 Student Tuition and Fee Increase (continued)

III. BOARD RESOLUTION

Now, therefore, it is resolved by the Board of Trustees of Cuyahoga Community College District that:

- (A) The College shall increase its tuition and fees five (5%) percent per credit hour, as follows:
- a. A two-and-one-half (2.5%) increase in tuition and fees for the Academic Year 2009-2010 Summer Semester, with such increase waived until the 2010 Fall Semester; and
 - b. A two-and-one-half (2.5%) increase in tuition and fees for the Academic Year 2010-2011 Fall, Winter, and Summer semesters.
- (B) The following fee schedule will be effective Fall Semester 2010.

	<u>Mandatory Fees Per Credit Hour</u>
Instructional Fee	\$76.51
General and Technology Fee	\$8.05
Out-of-County Surcharge	\$27.23
Out-of-State Surcharge	\$144.38

- (C) The President, or her designee, is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary and appropriate to implement this resolution.