Directive

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES AND OFFER A REDUCTION TO FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012.

§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. Currently Section 371.20.80 of House Bill 153 contains proposed language that continues the authority for the next biennium.

Contingent on the continued authority as proposed in Section 371.20.80 of House Bill 153 and Directive 2009-011, Columbus State Community College has requested that the previous waiver approved in Directive 2009-037 permitting a 3.5% tuition waiver for all students enrolling in classes for the 2010 Winter and Spring Quarters and extended for academic year 2010-2011 in Directive 2010-022 be extended again to apply to the five academic terms beginning Summer Quarter 2011 through Summer Quarter 2012. The college has demonstrated the following:

- The College's Board of Trustees approved a resolution increasing authorizing the extension of the previous tuition waiver at its meeting on May 26, 2011. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- The College's has submitted a specific request to continue to waive tuition by 3.5% effective Summer Quarter 2010, specifically $2.75 per credit hour of the tuition rate to in-state students, $6.00 per credit hour of the tuition surcharge to out-of-state students, and $7.25 per credit hour of the tuition surcharge to international students.
- The College proposes that the duration of the waiver be for five academic quarters beginning Summer Quarter 2011 through Summer Quarter 2012.
- The proposed waiver will affect over 30,000 each term the waiver is in effect.
- The College's goal is not only to reach the College's established enrollment growth goals that support the University System of Ohio's goals, but to exceed those goals whenever possible. Keeping tuition at affordable rates allows that growth to occur.
- Enrollment growth goals are measured by using the 14th day census data and comparing them to the prior year's enrollment and to the enrollment growth that was projected for the quarter.

RECOMMENDATION

The request meets the Chancellor's standards, and the staff recommends the tuition waiver of 3.5% for all students for the following five academic terms beginning Summer Quarter 2011 through Summer Quarter 2012 at Columbus State Community College, provided the Chancellor's authority is continued in House Bill 153 as currently proposed.