



May 27, 2011

James M. Petro
Chancellor
Ohio Board of Regents
30 E. Broad Street, 36th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chancellor Petro:

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.

Pursuant to action taken on May 26, 2011 by the Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees, a copy of which is attached, I respectfully request an extension of the waiver approved in the Chancellor's Directive 2009-037 and extended in Directive 2010-022 to be extended again to apply to the five academic terms beginning Summer Quarter 2011 through Summer Quarter 2012. Specifically, the amounts of tuition that would continue to be waived through Summer Quarter 2012 are as follows: \$2.75 per credit hour for in-state tuition, \$6.00 per credit hour for out-of-state tuition, and \$7.25 per credit hour for international students. To support this request, the College demonstrates the following:

- The College seeks to keep tuition affordable, and can provide its students a tuition rate equal to the rates per credit hour that have been in effect for the past five years. This is possible because the college has experienced significant enrollment growth which has yielded receipt of revenues and implemented major efficiency initiatives that have allowed for reallocations within existing resources. Together these variables will allow for operations to be sustained through Summer Quarter 2012, all other things being equal, allowing the college to serve its students within existing capacity.
- The College proposes that the duration of the waiver be for five academic quarters beginning Summer Quarter 2011 through Summer Quarter 2012.
- If enrollment in academic year 2011-2012 mirrors the enrollment of the current academic year, almost 30,000 students per quarter will be affected by the waiver.

- The 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 14th day census data and comparing them to the prior year's enrollment and to the enrollment growth that was projected for the quarter.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David T. Harrison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David T. Harrison
President

Attachment: Board Action (authorized May 26, 2011)