



DIRECTIVE 2024

July 2024

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY STARK STATE COLLEGE TO REDUCE TUITION RATES FOR FORMER IN-STATE STUDENTS OF EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHO ARE ATTENDING STARK STATE COLLEGE AS PART OF A TEACH-OUT AGREEMENT.

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly required 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 Higher Education (the "Chancellor"). On April 17, 2009, the Chancellor signed Directive 2009-011 establishing procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates. §381.270 of Am. Sub. H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for this biennium.

Pursuant to the continued authority in §381.270 of Am. Sub. H.B. 33 and Directive 2009-011, Stark State College ("SSC") requests to reduce tuition rates for students attending SSC as part of the teach-out agreement with Eastern Gateway Community College. This request applies to all terms beginning Summer 2024 through any summer session beginning before June 30, 2025. This request only applies to the in-state rates. All other fees and charges not mentioned herein are still applicable.

SSC has demonstrated the following:

- SSC’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on April 12, 2024. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- SSC has submitted a specific request to reduce tuition rates for in-state students attending SSC as part of the teach-out Agreement with Eastern Gateway Community College as shown below. The reduction of tuition per this request is only applicable to the in-state rates. All other fees and charges are applicable.

Program	Standard Tuition (per credit hour)	Amount being reduced per credit hour	Total Amount of Tuition After Reduction (per credit hour)
Undergraduate	General Fee: \$73.10 Instructional Fee: \$126.50	General Fee: \$62.60 Instructional Fee: \$0.00	General Fee: \$10.50 Instructional Fee: \$126.50

- The specific per credit hour amount being waived may change depending on SSC's tuition rates, but in any event, the same proportion of reduction, as compared to SSC's tuition rates is applicable.
- SSC proposes that the duration of the reduction apply to all terms beginning Summer 2024 through any summer session beginning before June 30, 2025.
- It is estimated that the proposed reduction will impact 10-100 in-state students. This estimation is based on the number of potentially eligible students per enrollment numbers at Eastern Gateway Community College, as well as recent trends in enrollment at SSC within this population of eligible students.
- SSC is seeking this reduction in order to provide educational programming and services to the former in-state students of Eastern Gateway Community College who are not able to continue at Eastern Gateway Community College due to recent Board Actions at Eastern Gateway Community College.
- SSC will measure the attainment of this goal by tracking student registration and monitoring course completions and progress toward certificates and degrees for this student population.
- SSC understands they must remain in compliance with all state and federal laws, including federal financial aid laws. SSC understands the Ohio Department of Higher Education is only addressing a state requirement with this tuition waiver, and is not considering in its determination and approval whether or not the administration of this waiver by the college is in compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations of federal financial aid. Any determination that the administration of federal financial aid is not compliant will suspend the approval of this waiver until the college receives assurances that its administration of the waiver is not interfering with its compliance with federal financial aid.

RECOMMENDATION

Agency staff advises that the request meets the Chancellor's standards and recommends the tuition waiver request from Stark State College which allows SSC for terms beginning Summer 2024 through all summer sessions beginning prior to June 30, 2025 to reduce tuition for in-state students enrolled at SSC as part of the teach-out Agreement with Eastern Gateway Community College, as detailed above.



April 24, 2024

REQUEST FOR PARTIAL IN-STATE TUITION WAIVERS FOR TEACH-OUT AND TRANSFER STUDENTS FROM EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHO COMMENCE ENROLLMENT FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2024 SEMESTERS

Stark State College respectfully requests the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education grant a tuition waiver for teach-out and transfer students from Eastern Gateway Community College who commence enrollment for summer or fall 2024 semesters. The Board of Trustees of Stark State College passed the following resolution at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 12, 2024 directing the College to request approval from the Chancellor for a partial tuition in the amount of \$57.60 per credit hour for EGCC teach-out and transfer students who were enrolled at EGCC in Spring 2024 semester and who transfer to and enroll at Stark State College for either of the Summer or Fall 2024 semesters. The resolution reads (signed copy included at the end of this request):

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WHEREAS, §381.270 of Am. Sub. H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly provides that the board of trustees of a state institution of higher education shall not authorize a waiver or nonpayment of instructional fees or general fees for any particular student or any class of students other than waivers specifically authorized by law or approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Stark State College desires to request that the Chancellor approve partial tuition waivers for transfer and teach-out students of Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) who were enrolled at EGCC in the Spring 2024 semester and who transfer to and enroll at Stark State College for either of the Summer or Fall 2024 semesters. The partial waiver will match the in-state rates of instructional and general fees from EGCC for Summer 2024 and the in-state rates plus \$5 per credit hour for Fall 2024, Spring 2025 and Summer 2025, each semester in the current biennium (Summer 2024 through Spring 2025, and all summer terms beginning before June 30, 2025); and

WHEREAS, the College estimates the tuition charges for 7,200 credit hours will be waived in the current biennium using the standard tuition rate differential of \$57.60 to calculate the amount of tuition charges to be waived. Tuition charges are the sum of the Instructional Fee and the General Fee. At the current tuition rate differential of \$57.60, the total tuition waived for 7,200 credit hours would be \$414,720. If tuition increases during the term of the Agreement, the tuition waived will not increase; and

WHEREAS, the College desires to waive the tuition just for these students during this time period specified; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Stark State College authorizes the College President to request that the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education approve partial tuition waivers of \$57.60 per credit hour of in-state tuition for teach-out and transfer students who attended EGCC during the Spring 2024 semester who commence enrollment for the Summer or Fall 2024 semester for all semesters starting in the time frame of June 3, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

This resolution is enacted on this 12th day of April, 2024.

The rationale for this request is as follows:

- Stark State College is one higher education institution selected by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), ODHE, and Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) to teach-out certain programs under a written agreement;
- The expectation and language of the agreement states tuition and fees for teach-out students will be as close as possible to the equivalent listed tuition and fees those students would have paid had they continued to complete program requirements at EGCC;
- Stark State College desires to help these impacted students complete their course of study at rates in-line with what they had originally committed so these students are not adversely impacted by the unfortunate events at EGCC.

The budgetary impact of this waiver is estimated to be \$414,720 in waived tuition. This is based on 7,200 credit hours (240 FTE) in the current biennium using the standard tuition rate differential of \$57.60 to calculate the amount of tuition charges to be waived. The Standard Per-Credit Hour Tuition charges are a sum of the Instructional Fee and the General Fee.

Tuition Category	Standard Per-Credit Amount	Waiver	Total Amount After Waiver
Undergraduate	\$194.60	\$57.60	\$137.00

The College does not expect these students would take classes at Stark State College if this initiative is not approved due to the adverse financial impact on this student population. The College can serve these students well and anticipates the incremental costs in doing so is less, on average, than our typical student population.



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Harun Rashid
Chair, Board of Trustees

Para M. Jones, Ph.D.
President



Please contact me if there are any questions or if further information is needed. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin D. Gardner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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