

AGENDA ITEM: C.2.b.2.

AGENDA TOPIC: Resolution to Approve Partial Waiver of Dual Enrollment Tuition

STAFF CONTACT(S): Dr. Martin A. Abraham, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Karla Krodel, Director of Metro Credit

BACKGROUND: In 2006, Youngstown State University began to intentionally pursue partnerships with regional school districts for the purpose of offering dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities to high school students. The program has grown from the initial 56 students to nearly 1,500 this academic year. Students who earn college credit in high school are more likely to attend and complete college. Increasing the number of college graduates in the region is a proven economic development strategy. Furthermore, credits earned in high school may reduce the time it takes to earn a degree and reduce student debt. Overall, 94% of Youngstown State University's dual enrollment students matriculate to college directly upon graduating high school, and 31% of students in the program matriculate to YSU.

Recently, Ohio passed College Credit Plus legislation stating the Ohio Department of Higher Education shall pay an institution of higher education enrolling a student under the College Credit Plus program a per credit hour amount. Division (A)(1) of section 3365.07 of the Revised Code established a "ceiling" amount which is equal to 83% of the state's per pupil foundation funding for classes taught on the college campus, a "middle" amount which is 41.5% of the per pupil foundation amount for classes taught online or in-person by college faculty and delivered in the high school, and a "floor" amount of 23% of the per pupil foundation amount for classes taught in the high school by high school teachers.

Based on the state's per pupil foundation funding amount of \$5,800 for the 2015-16 school year, the College Credit Plus per credit tuition payment amounts are as follows:

Ceiling = \$160

Middle = \$80

Floor = \$40

According to division (A)(1) of section 3365.07 of the Revised Code, this per credit hour tuition structure applies to all students in Ohio public schools attending public universities and to the subset of private school, home school, and charter school students who apply and are awarded funding from the state. College Credit Plus tuition structure does NOT apply to private school, home school, and charter school students who are not awarded funding from the state, nor to out-of-state students. Those students are considered to be outside of the College Credit Plus program, and thus they are required to pay full tuition even if the high school teacher offers the class in the high school.

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS: Dual enrollment increases educational attainment and is part of a wider regional economic development strategy. College Credit Plus is a valuable recruitment tool to attract academically qualified students to YSU. Establishing a uniform tuition structure

for all students enrolling in dual enrollment courses, regardless of the source of the tuition payment, promotes fairness and provides clear and consistent information to assist students and families as they navigate the dual enrollment landscape. In alignment with college credit plus legislation in section 3365.07 of the Revised Code, the proposed tuition structure for all dual enrollment students, regardless of funding source, is based upon the following percentages of the state's per pupil foundation funding.

Ceiling = 83% of per pupil foundation funding	Middle = 41.5% of per pupil foundation funding	Floor = 23% of per pupil foundation funding
For students taking classes on the YSU campus from YSU faculty	For students taking classes in the high school or online from YSU faculty	For students taking classes in the high school from high school teacher

RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARTIAL WAIVER OF
DUAL ENROLLMENT TUITION**

WHEREAS, the College Credit Plus program is housed within the Metro Credit Education Outreach Office and reports to the Office of the Provost; and

WHEREAS, Youngstown State University wishes to increase the numbers of students able to take advantage of dual enrollment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, providing a uniform rate of tuition for dual enrollment courses regardless of who is paying the tuition is a fair and desirable practice; and

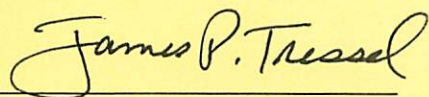
WHEREAS, it is the mission of Youngstown State University to attract the best and brightest students; and

WHEREAS, the uniform dual enrollment tuition structure is recommended by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and has the approval of the President; and

WHEREAS, the uniform dual enrollment tuition structure will fulfill the mission of the university and help advance the strategic plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve a partial tuition waiver for students enrolled in an approved dual enrollment program, thereby making tuition levels consistent with the College Credit Plus tuition structure, as recommended by the President and the Provost of Youngstown State University, effective summer 2016.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL:

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James P. Tressel, President

**Board of Trustees Meeting
December 16, 2015
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