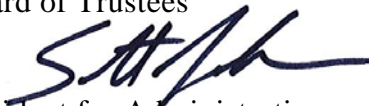




December 11, 2019

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Scott A. Jordan   
Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer

RE: Extension of Statutory Tuition Waivers

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the extension of tuition and fee waivers for the summer and winter intersessions for statutory waiver recipients in cohort programs to bring their waiver treatment in line with waivers for veterans and others.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the extension of tuition and fee waivers for the summer and winter intersessions for statutory waiver recipients in cohort programs.”

BACKGROUND:

Since 1971, the Connecticut General Assembly has made provisions by waiving tuition and/or fees on state-supported educational programs for various groups. Connecticut General Statute 10a-105 (e) waives tuition for veterans and their dependents, members of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard, senior citizens, and others.

The Board of Trustees passed resolutions in July 1994, February 2013, and March 2017 to update and extend the provisions of the statute for qualifying veterans. Specifically, the Board of Trustees approved the 1994 resolution that provided waivers for veterans enrolled in fee-based programs (such as the part-time MBA) up to the maximum in-state undergraduate and graduate tuition amount for the spring and fall semesters. This allowed veterans to access academic programs that are fee-based rather than tuition-based. Likewise, in 2013, the Board of Trustees approved extending tuition and fee waivers to the summer and/or winter intersession semesters for cohort based professional programs (such as Nursing and Education Administrator programs).

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These resolutions left inconsistent treatment of the other statutory waiver recipients in cohort programs. Statutory waiver recipients who have been extended waivers can only apply them in the fall and spring semesters, even when their cohort program requires summer or intersession classes, and this resolution seeks to resolve this inconsistent treatment.

Connecticut General Statute 10a-105 defines the additional waiver recipients as follows:

- Any resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such students.
- Any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty.
- Any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state.
- Any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005.
- Any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state.

Table 1 summarizes the fiscal impacts of waivers by group, and it suggests a very small fiscal impact of extending waivers during summer and winter intersession courses at the University of Connecticut.

*Table 1. Summary of Tuition Waivers*

	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Graduate Assistant</b>	\$ 47,474,189	\$ 50,250,755	\$ 52,415,608	\$ 56,039,159	\$ 56,961,859
<b>Veteran</b>	\$ 1,384,795	\$ 2,088,468	\$ 2,501,475	\$ 2,843,618	\$ 3,379,827
<b>National Guard</b>	\$ 1,143,735	\$ 1,121,373	\$ 1,396,355	\$ 1,830,614	\$ 1,978,291
<b>Over 62</b>	\$ 295,828	\$ 270,738	\$ 267,190	\$ 330,268	\$ 296,640
<b>Dependent</b>	\$ 3,130,542	\$ 3,665,768	\$ 3,780,583	\$ 3,971,924	\$ 4,100,363
<b>Employee</b>	\$ 700,640	\$ 743,690	\$ 924,703	\$ 1,048,274	\$ 1,122,022
<b>Spousal</b>	\$ 31,777	\$ 24,566	\$ 25,294	\$ 40,530	\$ 73,248
<b>Other*</b>	\$ 351,536	\$ 512,054	\$ 614,108	\$ 780,710	\$ 836,922
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,513,042</b>	<b>\$ 58,677,412</b>	<b>\$ 61,925,316</b>	<b>\$ 66,885,097</b>	<b>\$ 68,749,172</b>
<i>*Other includes Early College Experience, UTC Discount, and other misc adjustments.</i>					