FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT

DATE: September 18, 2012

7.008 Waiver of Tuition and Fees

- (1) Each university board of trustees is authorized to waive tuition, non-resident tuition and associated fees for purposes that support and enhance the mission of the university. All tuition, non-resident tuition and associated fees waived must be based on regulations that are adopted by the university board of trustees and where applicable, consistent with regulations adopted by the Board of Governors.
- (2) Sponsored Credit Institutes and Programs Each university board of trustees is authorized to waive tuition, associated fees and material and supply fees for participants in sponsored credit institutes and programs.
 - (a) Sponsored credit institutes and programs are entities where substantially all the direct costs are paid by the external sponsoring entity, where there is no direct expenditure of Educational and General funds for the conduct of the programs, and where no fees or other assessments are collected from students by the sponsoring entity, the university, or any other entity.
 - (b) In determining whether the direct costs are paid by the sponsoring entity, funds paid directly to the participants in a form such as, but not limited to, stipends, travel or book allowances should not be taken into account. "Direct costs" refer to the costs associated with the instruction or training which a participant receives. All funds collected from sponsoring entities for sponsored credit institutes will be remitted to the university's contract and grants trust fund and/or auxiliary trust funds.
 - (c) Funds collected from courses offered through continuing education should be budgeted in the Auxiliary Trust Fund.
 - (d) Neither the number of participants nor student credit hours in these institutes and programs may be counted for state-funding purposes.
- (3) Deceased Law Enforcement, Correctional, or Correctional Probation Officers Employed by the State or Political Subdivision thereof Each university board of trustees shall waive certain educational expenses that the child or spouse of the deceased officer incurs while obtaining an undergraduate education or a postgraduate education if a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer is accidentally killed or receives accidental bodily injury which results in the loss of the officer's life while engaged in the performance of the

- provided to a child under this section shall continue until the child's 25th birthday. The benefits provided to a spouse under this subsection must commence within 5 years after the death occurs, and entitlement thereto shall continue until the 10th anniversary of that death.
- (b) Upon failure of any child or spouse benefited by the provisions of this subsection to comply with the ordinary and minimum requirements of the institution attended, both as to discipline and scholarship, the benefits shall be withdrawn as to the child or spouse and no further moneys may be expended for the child's or spouse's benefits so long as such failure or delinquency continues.
- (c) Only a student in good standing in his or her respective university may receive the benefits.
- (d) A child or spouse receiving benefits under this subsection must be enrolled according to the customary rules and requirements of the university attended.

- (5) Acceleration Each university board of trustees shall waive tuition and associated fees for students who earn credit in courses toward both a Florida high school diploma and an associate or baccalaureate degree, or students enrolled in a dual enrollment or early admission program.
- (6) Florida Department of Children and Family Service Adoptions Each university board of trustees shall waive tuition and associated fees for any student who is or was at the time he or she reached the age of 18 in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services or a relative under s. 39.5085; who was adopted from the Department of Children and Family Services after May 5, 1997; or was placed in a guardianship by a court after spending at least 6 months in the custody of the Department after reaching 16 years of age. Additionally, material and supply fees and fees associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction shall be waived. Any student requesting such a waiver must provide certification of eligibility from the Department of Children and Family Services to the university in which the student seeks to enroll. This waiver shall remain valid up until the time the student reaches the age of 28, and shall be limited to undergraduate degree programs, and shall not exceed 120 credit hours.
- (7) School Psychology Training Program Each university board of trustees shall waive tuition and associated fees for internship credit hours applicable to an internship in the public school system under the supervision of the Florida Department of Education certified school psychologist employed by the school system for any graduate student.
- <u>(8) Florida National Guard certain members of the active Florida National Guard pursuant to Regulation 7.015.</u>
- (89) Florida Linkage Institutes Each university board of trustees shall exempt from non-resident tuition and non-resident financial aid fee up to 25 full-time equivalent students per year enrolled through the Florida Linkage Institutes Program.
- (910) Deceased Teacher or School Administrator Employed by a Florida District School Board Each university board of trustees shall waive certain educational expenses that the child of the deceased teacher or school administrator incurs while obtaining an undergraduate education or a postgraduate education if the teacher or school administrator is killed or is injured and dies as a result of an unlawful and intentional act, provided such killing or injury inflicted by another person and the motivation for the act is related in whole or part to the fact that the individual is a teacher or school administrator, or such act is inflicted while

he or she is engaged in the performance of teaching duties or school administration duties while employed by a Florida district school board. The amount waived by the university shall be an amount equal to the cost of tuition

- member would suffice until an updated DD-214 could be obtained and presented to the postsecondary institution. However, the updated DD-214 must be submitted to the postsecondary institution by the start of the student's next term of enrollment for continued eligibility for the waiver. In situations where a service member is on active duty and has not been issued a DD-214, the official (service specific) transmitting correspondence that would normally accompany such an award or a certification of the appropriate combat award by the service specific administrative record holder [e.g., Adjutant, G-1 (general staff officer personnel), or JAG (Judge Advocate General)] would meet the documentation requirement.
- (d) A waiver for a Purple Heart recipient or recipient of another combat decoration superior in precedence shall be applicable for 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled. This waiver is considered "countable aid" for student financial aid purposes. Therefore, if this waiver is administered by an office other than the college financial aid office, college officials must notify the Director of Financial Aid that a student has qualified for the waiver. The waiver covers only tuition and fees associated with credit hour instruction provided directly by the university and does not include any additional fees that may be charged for specialized programs or by external organizations. This includes, but is not limited to, flight school, study abroad travel and living expenses, and courses taken elsewhere as a transient student.
- (1<u>2</u>3) State Employees Each university board of trustees shall waive tuition and associated fees for up to 6 credit hours per term on a space available basis for state employees.
- (134) University Employees Each university board of trustees may allow full-time university employees to enroll up to 6 credit hours of tuition-free courses per term on a space available basis.
- (145) Florida residents 60 years of age or older Each university board of trustees may waive any or all application, tuition, and associated fees for persons 60 years of age or older who are residents of this state and who enroll to audit courses being offered for college credit. No academic credit shall be awarded for attendance in classes for which fees are waived under this subsection. This