

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 9, 2020**

Resolution

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SURCHARGE RATE FOR NON-OHIO RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for approving fees for instruction and other educational services; and

WHEREAS, reductions from instructional and general fees as well as out-of-state surcharge rates are allowable if approved by the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education issued a memorandum asking colleges and universities to adopt policies to provide in-state tuition rates to newly enrolled graduate students who have received their bachelor's degrees in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, to retain talent in the state of Ohio and to increase graduate enrollment, Kent State University proposes to add a special graduate out-of-state surcharge rate for students who obtained an undergraduate degree from an institution of higher education in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the university proposes to apply a reduced rate of \$1 per credit hour, not to exceed \$11 per term, for new non-Ohio residents enrolled in a graduate degree program, except non-degree programs or those at the College of Podiatric Medicine, who obtained their undergraduate degree from an institution of higher education in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education conditionally approved the Kent State University waiver request; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the special out-of-state surcharge rate for new graduate students with an undergraduate degree from an Ohio institution of higher education for the 2020-21 academic year, effective with summer terms beginning after June 30, 2020, subject to any required approvals from the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

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Background

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General Information

Public colleges and universities adjust tuition, program and course fees, room and board, and other student fees within legislative guidelines as needed, to support the quality and breadth of the academic and non-academic programs. Discounts or waivers of regular tuition rates to students must be approved by the Board of Trustees and by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Waiver requests approved by the Chancellor are in effect for the duration of the biennium and must be requested again if a waiver is to continue.

On March 27, 2020, the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education issued a memorandum asking colleges and universities to adopt policies to provide in-state tuition rates to newly enrolled graduate students who have received their bachelor's degrees in Ohio. Kent State University responded with the submission of a request for a new special surcharge for non-Ohio resident graduate students who have earned an undergraduate degree from an institution of higher education in the state of Ohio. Approval is requested for the 2020-2021 academic year, effective with summer sessions beginning after June 30, 2020.

Non-Ohio Residents Surcharge – Special Rates

Graduate Surcharge Rate for New Students with an Undergraduate Degree from an Ohio Institution of Higher Education

For new students enrolled in a graduate degree program, not including the College of Podiatric Medicine, with an undergraduate degree from an Ohio institution of higher education, the regular surcharge rate would be reduced to \$1 per credit hour, not to exceed \$11 per term. This reduced rate is being sought to give non-Ohio students an incentive to stay in Ohio for graduate school and to increase enrollment at Kent State University.

The waiver is currently being requested for the 2020-2021 academic year, effective with summer sessions beginning after June 30, 2020. If the program is successful, Kent State University would intend to request the waiver be renewed for subsequent years.

Alternatives and Consequences

Failure to approve the proposed fee changes could negatively affect enrollment in these particular areas.

Specific Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposed changes be approved as outlined above.

Timetable and Action Required

Approval of the resolution by the Board of Trustees is requested at its special meeting on April 9, 2020.