

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
December 3, 2012**

REVISION OF SENIOR CITIZEN TUITION DISCOUNT PROGRAM

A Recommendation

1. **Division and Department:** Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

2. **Introduction:** In an effort to expand and diversify Oakland University's (OU) student base, in 2000 the Board of Trustees (Board) approved a tuition discount program to attract senior citizens. The program was amended in 2009 and is a wonderful friend-building activity for OU. It provides a wealth of experience and wisdom from which fellow students in class benefit and it builds a sense of community with external constituencies. Senior citizens add to the experience and diversity of the educational experience for all students. The program as designed created difficulties for senior citizens wanting to take courses and created unanticipated administrative demands on the admissions, financial aid and the registrar's offices.

The 2012 proposed revisions include the following:

- Change the name of the program to the Senior Citizen Scholarship Program
 - Must be 65 years of age prior to the first day of the semester
 - Must be admitted to a degree or certificate program
 - Must be enrolled at least half time
 - Scholarship applies only to courses taken for credit
 - Award covers 25% of any tuition balance after all other OU awards and benefits
 - Must be a Michigan resident
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees approved the Senior Citizen Discount Program on June 8, 2000. The Board of Trustees approved the revised Senior Citizen Tuition Discount Program on July 24, 2009.

 4. **Budget Implications:** The financial impact to the University should be minimal.

 5. **Educational Implications:** None.

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6. **Personnel Implications:** None.

7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** This proposal was developed in the Academic Affairs office in cooperation with relevant service offices within Student Affairs and Finance and Administration.

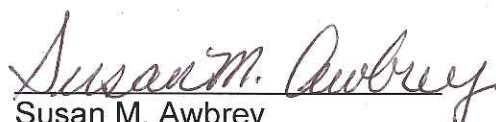
8. **Recommendation:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Revised Senior Citizen Scholarship Program as attached, to be effective Winter 2013.

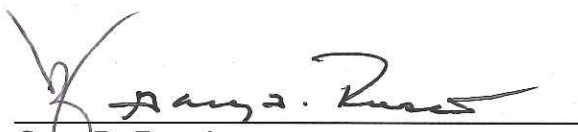
9. **Attachments:**

- A. Redline Senior Citizen Discount Program
- B. Revised Senior Citizen Discount Program

Submitted to the President
on 11/23, 2012 by


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Recommendation on 11/23, 2012
to the Board for Approval by



Gary D. Russi
President

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT PROGRAM SENIOR CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Approved by the Board of Trustees on June 8, 2000

Revised by the Board of Trustees on July 24, 2009

Revised by the Board of Trustees on December 3, 2012

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Senior Citizen ~~Discount Program~~ Scholarship Program, subject to the following parameters:

1. Eligibility. Michigan residents age ~~60-65~~ or older, prior to the first day of the semester, must be admitted to a degree or certificate program, and enrolled at least half time, are eligible to participate in the senior citizen ~~discount program~~ scholarship program.
2. Non-matriculated. Eligible senior citizens who audit courses shall not pay any tuition-based charges. Participation is on a space availability basis and shall not limit course availability for matriculated students. Eligible senior citizens who audit courses are not eligible to receive benefits and/or participate in other programs reserved for matriculated students.
3. Matriculated. Eligible senior citizens taking courses for credit shall receive an award that covers 25% of any tuition balance after all other OU awards and benefits. ~~a 50% tuition discount~~.
4. Administration. The President or the President's designee shall name and otherwise administer the senior citizen ~~discount programs~~ scholarship program consistent with the foregoing parameters.

Attachment B

SENIOR CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Approved by the Board of Trustees on June 8, 2000
Revised by the Board of Trustees on July 24, 2009
Revised by the Board of Trustees on December 3, 2012

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Senior Citizen Scholarship Program, subject to the following parameters:

1. Eligibility. Michigan residents age 65 or older, prior to the first day of the semester, must be admitted to a degree or certificate program, and enrolled at least half time, are eligible to participate in the senior citizen scholarship program.
2. Non-matriculated. Eligible senior citizens who audit courses shall not pay any tuition-based charges. Participation is on a space availability basis and shall not limit course availability for matriculated students. Eligible senior citizens who audit courses are not eligible to receive benefits and/or participate in other programs reserved for matriculated students.
3. Matriculated. Eligible senior citizens taking courses for credit shall receive an award that covers 25% of any tuition balance after all other OU awards and benefits.
4. Administration. The President or the President's designee shall name and otherwise administer the senior citizen scholarship program consistent with the foregoing parameters.