

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Special Formal Session
July 24, 2009**

EXPANSION OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Recommendation

1. Division and Department: Academic Affairs

2. Introduction: In June 2000, in an effort to expand and diversify Oakland University's student base, the University created a program to attract senior citizens. The program is a wonderful friend building activity for the University. The program provides a wealth of experience and wisdom from which students benefit, and it builds a sense of community with external constituencies. Senior citizens in the classroom add to the experience and diversity of the educational experience for all students.

The program established discounts for non-matriculated senior citizens. Course fees for non-matriculated senior citizens who audit courses were waived entirely and they also received a 50% discount on the tuition-based charge for participating in the course. Matriculated senior citizens taking courses for credit received no discount. The Board of Trustees subsequently eliminated all mandatory course fees in November 2005 and all other course fees in May 2008 (recovering the resulting revenue decrease through management of state appropriations, tuition revenue and cost containment initiatives).

The University would like to expand the senior citizen discount program to eliminate all charges for non-matriculated senior citizens auditing courses (increase the tuition-based discount for participating in the course from 50% to 100%), and establish a 50% tuition discount for matriculated senior citizens taking courses for credit.

The discount program would continue to be available only for Michigan resident senior citizens age 60 and older. Non-matriculated senior citizens would continue to audit courses only on a space availability basis that does not limit availability of courses for matriculated students.

3. Previous Board Action: The Board of Trustees approved the Senior Citizen Tuition Discount Program on June 8, 2000.

4. Budget Implications: The financial impact to the University should be minimal. However, the University could experience some increase in revenue due to the potential increase in the number of senior citizens who would otherwise not participate.

5. Educational Implications: None

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6. **Personnel Implications:** None

7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The proposal for the Expansion of the Senior Citizen Discount Program was reviewed by the President's Council, and approved by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

8. **Recommendation:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the attached Senior Citizen Discount Program, to be effective Fall 2009.

9. **Attachments:**


A. Proposed Senior Citizen Discount Program

Submitted to the President
on 7/17, 2009 by



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Senior Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 7/13, 2009
to the Board for approval by



Gary D. Russi
President

Attachment A

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT PROGRAM **Approved by the Board of Trustees on June 8, 2000** **Revised by the Board of Trustees on July 24, 2009**

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

1. Eligibility. Michigan residents age 60 or older are eligible to participate in the senior citizen discount 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 a 50% tuition discount.
4. Administration. The President or the President's designee shall name and otherwise administer the senior citizen discount program consistent with the foregoing parameters.