

Board of Regents University System of Georgia

Out of State Tuition Waivers

Background

- December 2013 Performance Audit Issues Addressed:
 - Policies regarding out-of-state tuition waivers
 - Types of students receiving waivers
 - Whether waivers are authorized by statute or BOR policy
 - Administrative policies used to grant waivers
 - Value of waivers (i.e. – Potential Revenue Foregone)
 - Waiver practices of other states
- Audit Report Consists of Answers to Questions – Not Findings
- Developed policy revisions to address issues – reflects significant input from institutions

Out-of-State Tuition Waivers

- Out-of-State Tuition Waivers Used to Recruit Students
 - Recruit Highly Competitive Students (Not Likely to Attend USG)
 - Economic Development (7% of waivers), Military (22% of waivers)
 - Maintain and Increase Enrollment (Help Offset Cost of Facilities)

Policy Manual Establishes Conditions for Waivers

- Primary Groupings/Purposes:
 - Military
 - Economic Development
 - Reciprocal/Border Counties/Employees
 - Superior and International Students (Discretionary) – No specific criteria for awarding and maintaining waiver exists

Policy Revisions

Key Provisions:

- Institutions required to develop procedures for approval by USG Chief Academic Officer
- Newly named "Presidential Waivers" offered as academic, athletic, or international waivers
 - All recipients must demonstrate ability to succeed and talent - students receiving academic waiver must be in top 50% of students matriculating (institution or program)
 - Number of Athletics waivers limited to 1/3 of waivers available in the "Presidential Waiver"

Policy Revisions (continued)

Key Provisions (Continued):

- Recently separated military eligible for waiver 36 months after separation (versus current 12 months)
- Waivers assigned to 8 simplified categories, e.g., Military, Economic Development, etc.
- ICAPP® Waiver eliminated
- Worked with institutions to clean up language
- Study Abroad waivers added to "Reciprocal" waiver category

Additional Points:

- Proposed for BOR approval Sep. 2014
- Effective Fall 2015 (presidents may choose to implement specific provisions earlier, e.g., military changes)
- Continuously enrolled current students grandfathered

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Questions?

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