

Connecticut State University System

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BR 11-035

RESOLUTION

concerning

THE YELLOW RIBBON G.I. EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

May 5, 2011

- WHEREAS, The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows degree granting institutions of higher learning in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the Veterans Administration (VA) to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution, and
- WHEREAS, On June 11, 2009, the Board of Trustees, through BR #09-45, authorized the four CSUS universities to enter into a Yellow Ribbon Agreement with the VA, with the IHL contribution provided in the form of a Yellow Ribbon Waiver. The maximum number of individuals for whom the Yellow Ribbon Waiver was authorized, and the maximum amount of Yellow Ribbon waiver that was to be provided per individual in any given academic year was as follows:
 - CCSU: 50 individuals, maximum waiver \$2,000
 - ECSU: 25 individuals, maximum waiver \$2,000
 - SCSU: 50 individuals, maximum waiver \$2,000
 - WCSU: 25 individuals, maximum waiver \$2,000, and
- WHEREAS, When originally implemented, the Yellow Ribbon Program funded tuition and required fee expenses that exceeded the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition and fee rates, which was the maximum amount that the Post-9/11 GI Bill would cover for eligible veterans, and
- WHEREAS, Effective August 1, 2011, a new law passed by Congress provides for full payment of in-state tuition and fees (undergraduate, graduate or doctoral) at public institutions through the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and

- WHEREAS, Any eligible veteran who is an out-of-state student will exceed this new maximum, and
- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System has the highest respect and esteem for our veterans, who have sacrificed much to ensure our basic freedoms, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That BR#09-45 is rescinded, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the four CSUS universities shall enter into a Yellow Ribbon Agreement with VA, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That a Yellow Ribbon Waiver is established, which will constitute the contributions toward the program made by each university on behalf of the veterans participating in the Program, and be it further
- RESOLVED That the maximum number of individuals for whom the Yellow Ribbon Waiver will be authorized in any given academic year shall be as follows:
 - CCSU: 50 individuals
 ECSU: 25 individuals
 - SCSU: 50 individuals
 - WCSU: 25 individuals, and be it further
- RESOLVED That the maximum amount of Yellow Ribbon waiver that will be provided per individual in any given academic year shall be equal to one-half of the differential between in-state and out-of-state tuition and required fees for the particular program in which the student is enrolled.

A Certified True Copy:

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