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University System of Georgia

Out of State Tuition Waivers
Policy Revisions
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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

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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

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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" category (institutions exceeding 1/3 limit have till Fall 2018 to implement)
  – Students receiving academic and international waivers must maintain 2.5 GPA; Athletic waiver recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress. Two-semester grade period exists for all waiver recipients.

• Expanded number of graduate waivers at UGA (160), Ga Tech (140), GSU (140), and GRU (40); added 20 waivers at each comprehensive university

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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?