# BOARD OF REGENTS EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 6
DATE:

December 10, 2013

# RECOMMENDATION

## IN-STATE TUITION POLICY

# **ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the attached revisions to Board Policy 12.1.1 *In State Classification for Tuition Purposes*. The revisions provide for two additional categories of students who are eligible for in-state tuition: those who have attended a Michigan High School and those who have served in the active military, provided they have been medically separated or honorably discharged. The effective date of the revisions is the fall 2014 semester.

## STAFF SUMMARY

The purpose of this Recommendation is to provide the opportunity for students who have attended a Michigan High School for at least three years and have graduated from the high school or thereafter received a GED to qualify for in-state tuition rates. These are students who have deep connections to the state of Michigan and who have made contributions to the state by virtue of the time they and their families have spent in Michigan.

The Board of Regents approved the EMU Vet Connect Award on October 9, 2009. The Vet Connect establishes a tuition differential grant for non-Michigan resident United States Military veterans who have served at least one year of active (non-reserve) duty and have been medically separated or honorably discharged from service. The attached changes incorporate the terms of the Vet Connect Award into the In-State Tuition Policy.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the number of students eligible for in-state tuition may result in a slight reduction in revenues. However, any such reduction may be offset by an increase in enrollment by students who attended Michigan high schools.

## ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

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## V. Reclassification of In-State Status

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It shall be the responsibility of all students, prior to registering, to raise questions in Student Business Services regarding their right to be registered as an In-State student for tuition purposes.

The administration is authorized to establish procedures and delegate authority for determining the In-State status of students for tuition purposes.

A tuition reciprocity agreement with Ohio, entered into by the Michigan State Board of Education and the Ohio Board of Regent in 1980, allows an Ohio resident to attend Eastern Michigan University at Michigan resident tuition rates. Monroe County residents can attend the University of Toledo at Ohio resident tuition rates.

#### **Authority for Creation and Revision**

Minutes of the Board of Regents, November 17, 1971, para. .1047M. Minutes of the Board of Regents, August 26, 1987, para. .3537M

Minutes of the Board of Regents, December 2, 2003, para. .6201M. Minutes of the Board of Regents, January 20, 2004, para. .6222M. Minutes of the Board of Regents, June 17, 2008