MEMORANDUM

TO: Randolph G. Moore
Chairperson, Board of Regents

VIA: David Lassner
President

VIA: Risa Dickson
Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Joanne Itano
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGENTS POLICIES 6.208 (BOARD EXEMPTIONS TO THE NON-RESIDENT TUITION)

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Board of Regents approve the attached amendments regarding veteran’s tuition to Regents Policy, Chapter 6, Section 6.208 which sets forth policy regarding exemptions to non-resident tuition.

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:

July 1, 2015

ADDITIONAL COST:

Since Spring 2015, the initial term in which the policy to provide selected Veterans with a waiver of the non-resident tuition differential was enacted, 208 Veterans have received this benefit. Implementation of the proposed amendments will not significantly increase the number of Veterans benefiting from this policy, as they have already been utilizing this benefit.

The main impact will be from the two new categories of students who will be eligible for the waiver; certain spouses and children of Veterans eligible to use transferred Post 9/11 or Montgomery GI Bill® educational benefits, and certain spouses and children eligible to use Post 9/11 or Montgomery GI Bill® educational benefits under the John D Fry Scholarship.
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Based upon the available data, there are 396 non-resident spouses and dependents of veterans currently enrolled at the University. If 10% of these students qualify for the proposed waiver plus an additional 10% for students who are not currently enrolled, the projected loss of tuition revenue for full time enrollment is estimated to be $265,449. If 25% these students qualify for the proposed waiver plus an additional 10% for students who are not currently enrolled, the projected loss of tuition revenue for full time enrollment is estimated to be $663,623.

BACKGROUND:

On October 16, 2014, the Board of Regents approved RP 6.208 B. 6. which extended a waiver to the non-resident tuition differential to certain Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The policy went into effect Spring 2015. On July 1, 2015, a federal law known as the “Choice Act” will be in place. Under Section 702 of the Choice Act, public institutions of higher learning will be required to offer the same tuition rate as residents to certain Veterans, certain spouses/children of Veterans, and certain recipients of the John D. Fry Scholarship. Public educational institutions not in compliance with this federal law will see their programs disapproved for training under the Post-911 GI Bill® and the Montgomery GI Bill®.

The draft policy amendments were transmitted for review and input to the Council of Chancellors, Council of Senior Student Affairs Officers (CSSAO), the Council of Chief Academic Officers (CCAO), and the campus registrars on April 22, 2015. In addition, the draft policy amendments were presented to the UH Serving Veteran Committee on April 21, 2015, and the UH Student Caucus on April 25, 2015. No comments in opposition were received.

The Veterans Administration reviewed the proposed policy update.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

In order to comply with Section 702 of the Choice Act, it is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the attached amendments to RP 6.208; and delegate to the President or President’s designee, responsibility for establishing implementation guidelines. The proposed changes will place the University in compliance with federal law by clarifying which Veterans are eligible, adding certain spouses and children of veterans, and adding certain recipients of the John D. Fry Scholarship.

Attachments show the original version of RP 6.208 as amended and a clean copy.
Attachments—RP 6.208 amended (in redlined format)
   RP 6.208 amended (clean copy if approved)

  c: Executive Administrator & Secretary of the Board Quinn
I. Purpose

To set forth policy regarding exemptions to non-resident tuition.

II. Definitions:

No policy specific or unique definitions apply.

III. Policy:

A. The students affected by the following guidelines are classified as non-residents for admission and tuition purposes. In accordance with board policy, nonresident students are admitted on a space available basis with the understanding that priority for admission is given to qualified residents.

B. The following categories of students will receive a waiver of the nonresident tuition differential:

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2. United States military personnel stationed in Hawai‘i on active duty, and their authorized dependents during the period that the personnel are stationed in Hawai‘i;

3. Members of the Hawai‘i National Guard and the Hawai‘i Reserves;

4. Native Hawaiians whose domicile is outside of Hawai‘i;

5. Employees of the university, their spouses, and their dependents;

6. Veterans eligible to use Post 9/11 or Montgomery GI Bill® educational benefits of the United States Armed Forces who live in Hawai‘i, and enroll at
the University within three years of their honorable discharge and who use GI Bill education benefits from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

7. Individuals eligible to use transferred Post 9/11 or Montgomery GI Bill® educational benefits, who live in Hawai‘i, and enroll at the University within three years of the transferor’s discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

6-8. Individuals eligible to use Post 9/11 or Montgomery GI Bill® educational benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, who live in Hawai‘i, and enroll at the University within three years of the Servicemember’s death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more. Additionally, said veterans will need to demonstrate their intent to become residents of Hawai‘i for tuition purposes within twelve months after their college enrollment; otherwise, they will revert to non-resident status.

C. With the written approval of the chancellor, campuses may, for those nonresident students whose special talents and/or unique skills will make a significant contribution to campus life, exempt the nonresident portion of tuition. If instituted, the total number of exemptions granted in any given year should be established in accordance with the campus’s strategic enrollment management goals, not exceed two percent of campus enrollment in any given year, and be reviewed/prorated on a biennial basis.

D. Citizens from an eligible Pacific Island district, commonwealth, territory, or insular jurisdiction, state or nation which provides no public higher education institution granting baccalaureate degrees are charged 150 percent of the resident tuition rate. The Office of the President updates and distributes the list of eligible Pacific Island jurisdictions.

IV. Delegation of Authority:

There is no policy specific delegation of authority.

V. Contact Information:

Office of the Board of Regents, 956-8213, bor@hawaii.edu

VI. References:
http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/
EP 6.207

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