

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 29**

**SUBJECT: Compliance with Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014**

**WHEREAS**, District of Columbia law (D.C. Official Code §1202.06(8)) provides for the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia to fix tuition, and fees in addition to tuition, to be paid by resident and nonresident students attending the University; provided, that such tuition and fees are adopted by the Trustees in accordance with the provisions of D.C. Official Code §2-505(a); and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the enhanced educational opportunities and to assure compliance with the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 that all qualifying veterans and eligible dependents that meet the requirements of Section 702 be charged in-state resident rates effective as of 1 July 2015. This applies to eligible students enrolled at all UDC schools, including the Flagship, the David A. Clarke School of Law, and the Community College, the Board of Trustees adopts a tuition policy change to support Veterans and their dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, 38 U.S.C. 3679(c), the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 ("the Act") requires the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to disapprove programs of education for payment of benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty at public institutions of higher education if such institutions charge qualifying veterans and other qualified individuals ("covered individuals") tuition and fees in excess of the rate for in-state students for terms beginning after July 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, "covered individuals" under the Act include:

- A veteran who lives in the District of Columbia, regardless of formal state of residence or domicile, and enrolls in this institution within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more using benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty.
- Anyone using transferred benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty who lives in the District of Columbia, regardless of formal state of residence or domicile, and enrolls in this institution within three years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the District of Columbia, regardless of formal state of residence or domicile, and enrolls in this institution within three years of the Service member's death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more; and

- Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must have enrolled in the school prior to the expiration of the three year period following discharge, release, or death described above and must be using educational benefits under either chapter 30 or chapter 33, of title 38, United States Code; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tuition and fee rate for the following categories of students shall be equal to the tuition and fee rate charged to in-state students:

- Anyone using transferred benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty who lives in the District of Columbia regardless of formal state of residence or domicile, and enrolls in this institution within three years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the District of Columbia, regardless of formal state of residence, and enrolls in this institution within three years of the Service member's death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must have enrolled in the school prior to the expiration of the three year period following discharge, release, or death described above and must be using educational benefits under either chapter 30 or chapter 33, of title 38, United States Code.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** , that the Board of Trustees adopt this policy change to comply with the tuition requirements of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 and that the University of the District of Columbia and the University of the District of Columbia Community College shall charge tuition and fees to uniformed services veterans and other qualified individuals covered under 38 U.S.C. 3679(c) at a rate equal to in-state tuition and fees for that course of education.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby directs the University to incorporate the above policy changes into the University Tuition Schedule.

Approved by the Executive Committee:

September 3, 2015

Ratified by the Board of Trustees

December 8, 2015

  
Elaine A. Crider  
Chairperson of the Board