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Faculty Senate Issue Log Form

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Title-of-Issue: Eligibility of High School Students for the Tuition Assistance Program

Description: Currently, to be eligible for the Tuition Assistance Program, an individual must be admitted to the ODU as a degree seeking student. Students who have yet to graduate from high school, according to admissions policy, may not be admitted as degree seeking students. Thus, there is no way for otherwise eligible individuals who are in high school to use the Tuition Assistance Program. I have verified this impasse with those administering the tuition assistance program and undergraduate admissions.

To solve this problem, I propose that the Tuition Assistance Program be amended so that the degree seeking enrollment requirement be lifted for otherwise eligible high school students. The current requirement ("Must be admitted to the university as a degree seeking student") can be altered so that it includes the additional language, thus: "Must be (1) admitted to the university as a degree seeking student or (2) enrolled in high school."

Rationale: Currently the program cannot be used for high school students who can earn college credit at ODU. It would greatly benefit ODU employees to be able to use this benefit for their high school children. Moreover, this amendment would enhance the usefulness of the program as a recruiting tool in an area in which ODU is already disadvantaged relative to most higher education employers.

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