

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UDC Resolution No. 2012-05

SUBJECT: Board of Trustees Approval of Student Application Fee Waiver Process

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees, pursuant to the provisions of D.C. *Code §38-1202.06 (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, many public universities in the United States provide a mechanism for high school students to request a waiver of application fees under several circumstances such as; qualifying for a fee waiver on the SAT or ACT examination, demonstrated eligibility for the school's free or reduced lunch program, or a participant in certain programs that aid economically disadvantaged students, such as Upward Bound or TRIO.

WHEREAS, officials from the Office of the State Superintendent for Education, the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and DC Public Charter School have requested that the University of the District of Columbia consider a process for DCPS and DC Public Charter School students applying to UDC who receive free and reduced lunches or demonstrate financial hardship to be eligible for a application fee waiver; and

WHEREAS, the University is considerate of potential difficulties the application fee may present for some high school students with high financial need as determined by those students receiving free or reduced lunches in the DC Public and Charter schools; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the enhanced educational opportunities available at the University and the potential deterrent to applying to the University for some students, the Board of Trustees intends to approve a process for the granting of application fee waivers for DCPS and DC Public Charter school students who demonstrate that the application fee presents a financial hardship to their applying to the University of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, students that meet income eligibility guidelines to qualify for a fee waiver necessary to apply to the University of the District of Columbia may be granted a

fee waiver consistent with the process adopted by the University of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR 126.1, a Committee Discussion Draft has been presented to the Student Affairs Committee for discussion prior to recommendation t action by the Board of Trustees and the Board wishes to establish a process which grants application fee waivers to District of Columbia Public School and Public Charter School students on the basis of family financial hardship and which will accommodate the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) application fee waiver forms as part of that process to the maximum extent possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees hereby further defines the application fee waiver process for applicants to UDC by adopting the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking attached and incorporated hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective immediately, a DCPS or DCPCD applicant who demonstrates financial hardship as determined by University officials shall be considered an extenuating circumstance and eligible for an application fee waiver;

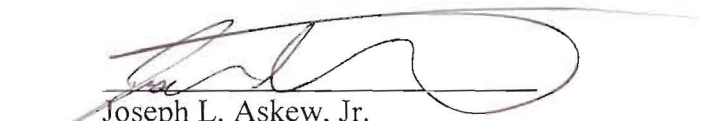
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the General Counsel is hereby directed to publish this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the District of Columbia Register as soon as is practicable for a comment period of not less than thirty (30) days, in accordance with the provisions of D.C. Official Code §2-505 (a).

Submitted by the Student Affairs Committee

January 4, 2012

Approved by the Board of Trustees

January 18, 2012


Joseph L. Askew, Jr.
Chairperson of the Board