

AGENDA ITEM B4: ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

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TUITION AND FEE COMPARISONS

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The report first examines tuition and fee comparisons among Ohio technical colleges from 2007/2008 through 2011/2012. Data are then presented for average net price of attendance at Ohio two-year institutions, and comparisons are made within the two-year sector for the 2007/2008 through 2009/2010 academic years. Since the average net price of attendance is affected by financial aid awards, the final table shows comparable data for undergrads in 23 two-year institutions who received federal, state/local, and institutional financial aid. The final table breaks out the number and percent of undergrads in 2009/2010 who received institutional aid.

Table 1, Tuition and fees¹, Ohio technical colleges 2007/2008 through 2011/2012

	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
Belmont Technical College	\$3,784	\$3,784	\$3,784	\$3,908	\$4,043
Central Ohio Technical College	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,684	\$3,978	\$3,978
Cincinnati State Technical and Community College	\$3,867	\$3,867	\$3,909	\$4,123	\$4,259
Hocking College	\$3,546	\$3,546	\$3,669	\$3,795	\$3,993
James A Rhodes State College	\$4,229	\$4,229	\$4,229	\$4,313	\$4,413
Marion Technical College	\$3,660	\$3,660	\$3,716	\$3,876	\$4,020
North Central State College	\$3,634	\$3,634	\$3,719	\$3,893	\$4,091
Stark State College of Technology	\$3,810	\$3,810	\$3,874	\$4,073	\$4,215
Zane State College	\$3,825	\$3,825	\$3,915	\$4,050	\$4,230

Tuition and fees totals in Table 1 have been annualized which means that tuition and fees for 15 credit hours and the customary fees charged to all students on a quarterly basis at Belmont have been totaled and multiplied by three quarters to produce an *annualized* total. All of the two-year institutions in Ohio use the same methodology for calculating annualized tuition and fees. The method is prescribed by the Ohio Board of Regents and the totals are reported in the *Fall 2011 Survey of Student Charges*.

Chart 1, *Comparison of annualized in-state tuition and fees², Ohio technical colleges 2011/2012*, displays the lowest value (\$3,978), the middle, or median value (\$4,055), the maximum or highest (\$4,413), and the average (\$4,123) values for Ohio's **technical colleges** in a bar chart. Belmont's annualized tuition and fees, \$4,043 are on the far right.

¹ <http://regents.ohio.gov/perfrpt/statProfiles/FY%202010%20Tuition%20Report.pdf>

² http://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/default/files/uploads/financial/Fall_Survey_Student_Charges_Fall11_update.pdf

Chart 1, Comparison of annualized in-state tuition and fees, Ohio technical colleges 2011/2012

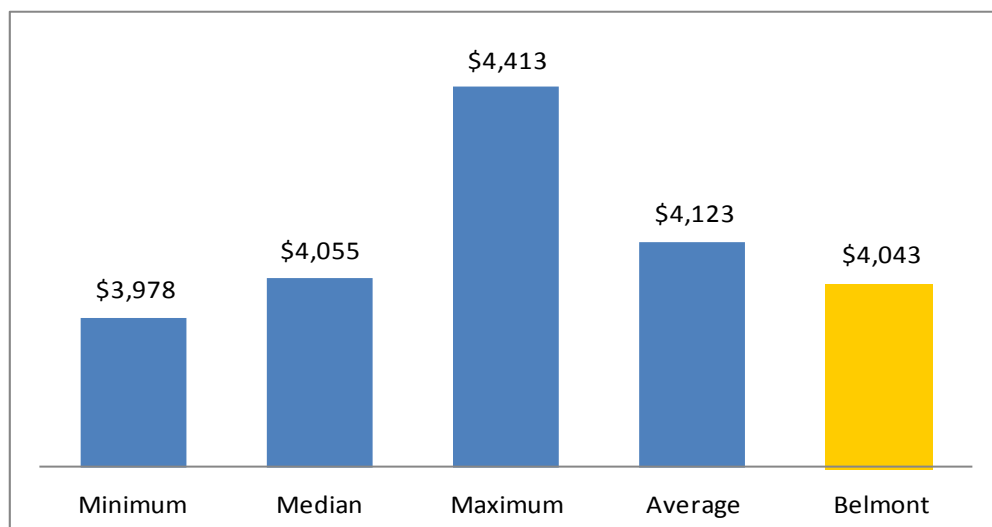


Table 2, Percent of students receiving institutional grant aid, 2009/2010

	Number of FT/FT undergrads receiving any financial aid	Percent of FT/FT undergrads receiving any financial aid	Number of FT/FT undergrads receiving institutional grant aid	Percent of FT/FT undergrads receiving institutional grant aid
Belmont Technical College	336	93%	102	28%
Central Ohio Technical College	565	88%	31	5%
Cincinnati State Technical and CC	1091	77%	84	6%
Clark State Community College	393	73%	59	11%
Columbus State Community College	1715	83%	116	6%
Cuyahoga Community College District	1409	66%	46	2%
Eastern Gateway Community College	290	84%	83	24%
Edison State Community College	327	72%	72	16%
Hocking College	1358	79%	342	20%
James A Rhodes State College	574	84%	78	11%
Lakeland Community College	662	64%	61	6%
Lorain County Community College	1123	71%	307	19%
Marion Technical College	338	86%	48	12%
North Central State College	397	87%	40	9%
Northwest State Community College	298	82%	19	5%
Owens Community College	2220	86%	277	11%
Sinclair Community College	1128	75%	120	8%
Southern State Community College	538	92%	151	26%
Stark State College of Technology	1283	84%	56	4%
Terra State Community College	336	83%	39	10%
Washington State Community College	208	77%	26	10%
West Virginia Northern Community College	398	91%	44	10%
Zane State College	541	98%	89	16%

DATA HIGHLIGHTS

1. Among Ohio's technical colleges for 2011/2012, annualized tuition and fees (Table 1) are lowest at Central Ohio Technical College and highest at James A. Rhodes State College. Three colleges of nine have lower annualized tuition and fees than Belmont Technical College.
2. At 93%, Belmont had the second highest percentage of undergrads receiving any financial aid during the 2009/2010 academic year.
3. Twenty-eight percent of the undergrads at Belmont received institutional grant aid. This was the highest percentage among the comparison group that includes 22 Ohio two-year institutions and West Virginia Northern Community College.

ACTIONS

1. Conduct studies on net tuition per student, i.e. tuition – financial aid.
2. Factor institutional scholarships in the analysis as a way of measuring the impact of tuition and tuition increases on students.
3. Develop an institutional philosophy on tuition and financial aid.
4. Conduct studies to determine the relationship between tuition, financial aid and the effect on degree completion.
5. Study the Trustee Scholarship and make improvements in the allocation of these funds.
6. Determine the needs for additional scholarship and grants funds.
7. Conduct financial analysis to determine the effect of no or low tuition increases.
8. Conduct a study of tuition revenue and non-tuition revenue per student.
9. Continue to develop the new integrated marketing function.