



**Wharton County
Junior College**

**Proposed Agenda Item
Board of Trustees Meeting**

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Date of Board Meeting: March 22, 2016 Date of This Proposal: March 10, 2016

SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda):

Approval to waive all tuition and fees for students enrolled in dual credit classes effective fall 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend waiving the dual credit tuition and fees for all WCJC dual credit enrollments effective fall 2016.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Wharton County Junior College currently provides dual credit classes for high schools in our tax district (Wharton County and the Needville ISD). In addition, we provide dual credit classes for our service area including Ft. Bend ISD and Lamar CISD in Fort Bend County; Matagorda County ISDs; Brazos ISD; and Rice CISD. Some surrounding community colleges and universities have changed their tuition and fee charges for dual credit classes and are currently offering to provide dual credit within our service area and tax base at a reduced cost or at no cost to the student. In order to maintain and grow our enrollments and visibility in our service area and tax district, WCJC must deliver dual credit at a competitive rate. While current data does indicate that the larger portion of dual credit students is in the more affluent high schools, there is evidence to show that the cost has made dual credit unaffordable for some cohorts of students. Federal Student Financial Aid does not assist with the cost of dual credit. The student can only benefit from these programs following graduation.

For fall 2015 and spring 2016, WCJC enrolled 1,189 and 1,098 students in dual credit classes, respectively. These enrollments generated \$1,174,215 in tuition and fees for FY2016

Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$1,200,000

Reduction in general operating revenue would be offset with an increase in general service fees.

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Betty A. McCrohan, President

SIGNATURES:

Betty A. McCrohan
Originator

3-10-16
Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL: Betty A. McCrohan