



September 23, 2021

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: KATHLEEN PLINSKE
President

RE: APPROVAL OF STUDENT FEE WAIVERS/DEFERRED STUDENT FEES

In accordance with applicable state law, the District Board of Trustees establishes, publishes, collects and budget student fees, and establishes dates for students to pay fees. The deadline for paying fees is required be no later than the last day of drop and add periods as established by the Board. The law also provides that the College is allowed to defer collections when there is a written promise of payment from business, industry, government unit, nonprofit organization or civic organization.

The College has implemented several deferred payment programs that facilitate the collection of fees after the drop and add periods as allowed by law. These deferred payment programs typically are implemented when business/industry partners or government entities provide written guarantees of payment on behalf of students. In each case, the funding source (such as Nelnet, Walt Disney World, Orlando Health, Veterans Administration, University of Central Florida and the United States Department of Education through the American Rescue Plan - Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds) all guarantee payment of student fees and allow for the deferral of payment. Each of the programs are supported by formal agreements and or confirmations from those entities that serve as the required guarantees of payment of fees. To date, no deficiencies in the collections of the deferred student fees implemented in this manner has occurred.

In the fall of 2021, the college and its thousands of its students continued to be impacted in many ways by the Coronavirus. To best serve students and consistent with the District Board of Trustees' prior approval on September 23, 2020, the College exercised its authority to waive late student registration fees to support enrollment during the fall 2021 Term. The estimated lost revenue to the College as a result of the waiver of late student registration fees is \$350,000, which amount will be reimbursed to the College through the HEERF Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College authorize the College to defer the payment of student fees as allowed by law when organizations pay student fees directly on behalf of students who may be their employees OR where express governmental unit guarantees of payment of student fees on behalf of students permit the collection of student fees after the drop period.

All such partnerships and payment arrangements will be entered into with strong business/industry or governmental partners and the College will obtain a formal agreement or acknowledgement of the payment programs and funds collection process. In addition, the President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College acknowledge and ratify the waiver of the late student registration fees for the fall 2021 Term, as presented.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Plinke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

President