MEMORANDUM

June 29, 2020

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Kristina M. Johnson, Chancellor

SUBJECT: Amendments to 8 NYCRR Part 302: Waiver of Application Fees for Military and Military-Connected Students

Action Requested

This resolution authorizes the filing of a Notice of Emergency Adoption and Proposed Rulemaking to revise 8 NYCRR Part 302 to waive application fees at SUNY State-operated campuses for active-duty military service members, and their dependents. It would also extend the application fee waiver to all dependents of military veterans. This resolution also strongly encourages the Boards of the SUNY community colleges and the independent Boards of the Statutory Colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University, to adopt similar waivers.

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**Whereas** NYS Education Law section 355 gives the Board of Trustees authority to regulate all tuition and fees at the State-operated campuses of the SUNY System; and

**Whereas** NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo has recognized SUNY college application fee waivers as a way to recognize the brave New Yorkers who “…have fought to preserve the freedoms and ideals of this state and nation at great personal sacrifice…” and to “help them and their families take the next steps in adapting back to civilian life,” and

**Whereas** SUNY colleges and universities proudly serve members of the military and recognize the valuable diversity of knowledge and experiences they bring to our campus communities; now, therefore, be it
Resolved that the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to prepare, in accordance with the provisions of the State Administrative Procedure Act, a Notice of Emergency Adoption and Proposed Rulemaking, as well as any re-issuance of such Notice of Emergency Adoption as may be necessary during the pendency of the Proposed Rulemaking, with respect to amendments to Part 302 of Title 8 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, to read as follows:

8 NYCRR Section 302.18 is amended to read as follows:

302.18 Waiver of application fees for military [veterans and spouses] and military-connected students. The admissions application fee shall be waived for all eligible military veterans, active-duty military, reserve and national guard members, and spouses and dependents of such eligible individuals, [military veterans,] as defined by the chancellor or designee, who apply for admission to a SUNY State-operated campus; and, be it further

Resolved that the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to adopt or amend policies, procedures, and/or guidelines which shall not be inconsistent with these regulations, as adopted; and, be it further

Resolved that the Boards of Trustees of SUNY Community Colleges and the independent Boards of Trustees of the New York State Statutory Colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University are strongly encouraged to adopt similar waivers of their application fee.

Background

Current SUNY regulations authorize the waiver of application fees at SUNY State-operated campuses for military veterans and their spouses. This resolution would authorize emergency rulemaking to further extend application fee waivers to active-duty military service members and their spouses and dependents. This resolution would also authorize application fee waivers for the dependents of military veterans. Finally, this resolution would encourage all SUNY Community Colleges and Statutory Colleges to adopt similar waivers.