



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Academic Deans and Department Heads
FROM: Provost Michael D. Amiridis *Mike Amiridis*
DATE: May 26, 2010
RE: Departmental Scholarships and Tuition Reduction Policy

In response to questions about departmental scholarships and tuition reductions I would like to clarify that Colleges are not required to link scholarships with tuition reduction for non-resident students. However, I require that you clearly inform students of all costs associated with their studies and hold them harmless of any future changes once scholarship decisions and commitments are made.

For departmental scholarships awarded to non-resident undergraduates, the initial decision of whether or not to grant a tuition reduction should hold for the length of time the student continues to be awarded that particular scholarship. For example, if a student is awarded a renewable scholarship and is offered the tuition reduction in the first year of awarding, the tuition reduction would continue for the remaining years the student receives the award. This approach enables the college and the student to financially plan for the remainder of the awarding period. It also prevents a student from being financially challenged by a tuition bill that is more than \$10,000 more than what he/she paid in the previous year, while the same scholarship is continuing.

For departmental scholarships that are awarded for a one-year period and have a selection and awarding process on an annual basis, the tuition reduction decision can be evaluated and potentially changed on an annual basis. This approach recognizes that many departmental scholarships are one-year awards and there is no expectation on the part of the college or the student that the award would continue with a particular student for more than one year. I do request however, that these rules are made perfectly clear to the students at the time of the award.

For questions about departmental scholarships and tuition reductions, please contact Ed Miller at 777-8134 or ewmiller@mailbox.sc.edu.