

**AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE TUITION DIFFERENTIAL FOR THE
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY - BEAUMONT NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM**

A Recommendation

1. **Divisions and Departments:** Academic Affairs, School of Nursing.
2. **Introduction:** The Oakland University - Beaumont Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia (OUBGPNA) began in 1991 as a collaborative initiative between the Oakland University School of Nursing (SON) and Beaumont Hospital. The Nurse Anesthesia Program was approved at Oakland University in 1990 and the first students started coursework in 1991. The Nurse Anesthesia Program enjoys full accreditation by the *Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs* for the maximum number of years possible and the *Council on Collegiate Nursing Education*. The Nurse Anesthesia Program is twenty-eight months in duration, 58 credits and has graduated over 450 students. The Nurse Anesthesia Program boasts a national certification pass rate of 92% compared to a national pass rate of 86%.

Oakland University and Beaumont Hospitals operate the program together. Students take foundational courses and specialty courses which are taught by the SON faculty. Classrooms, conference rooms, labs, offices, and clinical rotations are provided by Beaumont Hospital.

There is great diversity across universities in their tuition rates for students. Local Michigan universities charge from \$42,992 to \$56,476 for the program while other out of state programs charge from \$43,769 to \$98,878. The OUBGPNA currently charges \$6,800 per semester or \$47,600.

The proposed tuition of \$7,650 per semester (\$53,550) will be charged to all current and incoming students. The Nurse Anesthesia Program admits approximately 22 students per year.

3. **Previous Board Action:** None.
4. **Budget Implications:** By increasing the tuition rate to a flat fee of \$7,650 per semester, for seven semesters, the Nurse Anesthesia Program will generate sufficient revenue to cover the academic expenses of the program. Beaumont Hospital will continue to collaborate with the SON and provide clinical rotations and space allocations.

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5. **Educational Implications:** None.

6. **Personnel Implications:** None.

7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The Oakland University – Beaumont Nurse Anesthesia proposal was developed by the SON and reviewed by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and the President.

8. **Recommendation:**

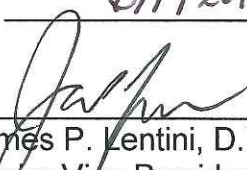
WHEREAS, the Oakland University – Beaumont Nurse Anesthesia Program will respond to industry demand for nurse anesthetists in Michigan and across the country, and that the anesthesia major is consistent with Oakland University's Strategic Plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to assess a tuition differential for the Nurse Anesthesia Program in the amount of \$7,650/semester or \$53,550 for the program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tuition differential will be increased each year at no more than the percentage increase to graduate tuition rates, as approved by the Board of Trustees.


9. **Attachments:** None

Submitted to the President
on 6/11/2015, 2015 by



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Recommended on 6/11, 2015
to the Board for approval by



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