

**TO: Council on Academic Affairs**

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**Interim University Registrar  
Eastern Kentucky University**

**DATE: February 19, 2009**

**SUBJECT: EKU Now! Program – Discussion Item for 02-19-09 Council on Academic Affairs Meeting**

The Office of the Registrar submits the following agenda item for consideration at the February 19, 2009 meeting of the Council on Academic Affairs:

**EKU Now! Program – *Catalog* language proposal**

*The proposed language would provide information in the Catalog regarding the EKU Now! Scholarship program. This information will be beneficial to high school students considering future enrollment at Eastern Kentucky University and would outline the process for applying for the scholarship.*

*(EKU Undergraduate Catalog 2008-09, Section 2 – Admission and Residency, p.11)**Current catalog language:***OTHER TYPES OF ADMISSION****1. High School Specials**

Students who have one unit less than the number required for high school graduation with superior grades (i.e., 3.0+ grade point average) may be admitted upon the written recommendation of the high school principal.

**2. Jump Start Students**

High school seniors in Eastern Kentucky University's service region who have an interest in taking college-level course work while still enrolled in high school may enroll in the Jump Start program. Students may enroll in courses at any Eastern Kentucky University campus site including Richmond, Manchester, Corbin and Danville. Applicants must submit a Jump Start Recommendation Form to be eligible to participate in the program and must be in good academic standing with their high school in order to participate in the Jump Start Program. Tuition is waived for students participating in the program. Students are responsible for the cost of textbooks, parking permit, and any associated course fees.

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**2. ECU Now!**

The **ECU Now!** program is designed for high school juniors and seniors within Eastern Kentucky University's service region and combines features of ECU's previous Dual Credit and Jump Start programs. This scholarship program provides the opportunity for juniors and seniors to enroll in one course each fall or spring semester with course tuition waived.

To qualify for this program, high school juniors/seniors must have a GPA of 3.0 and ACT scores on file with ECU at the time they apply for the program. To qualify for ECU Now! students must have minimum ACT scores of 18 in English, 19 in Mathematics, 20 in Reading and a composite ACT score of 21. High school seniors may take a 2<sup>nd</sup> course each semester, at no cost, if they have a composite ACT score of 24 or higher at the time of application to the program. If the high school senior has an ACT score of 21 - 23 at the time of application to the program, the 2<sup>nd</sup> course will cost 50% of the current in-state tuition rate.

**ECU Now!** students may enroll for fall or spring classes at any ECU campus including Richmond, Manchester, Lancaster, Corbin and Danville. An ECU Now! admission application should be submitted along with a high school

transcript at least one month before the beginning of the ECU school term. A new application and high school transcript is required for each subsequent academic year of participation prior to the first semester of attendance. ECU will waive the admission application fee for each ECU Now! admission application. While the ECU Now! participants have their course tuition waived, these students will still be held responsible for the cost of textbooks, parking permits and any associated course fees.

**EKU Now!** participants will be offered seats in established ECU courses on an availability basis and for which the student meets all prerequisites. Students in the program attend specific advising sessions and register for courses during a specified timeframe just prior to the beginning of an academic semester. Advising and registration sessions will be available on each of ECU's campuses.

Continued participation in the **EKU Now!** scholarship program is dependent upon successful completion of courses. Each student is expected to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative ECU GPA. Students who earns a "D" or "F" grade may not continue their participation until they have repeated the "D" or "F" and earned at least a 2.0 term GPA. Students who elect to repeat a course should contact the Office of the Registrar for registration assistance. Courses repeated by ECU Now! participants are subject to a 50% tuition charge at the current in-state rate.

#### **Presidential Scholarship Opportunity**

**EKU Now!** students who meet specific criteria will be awarded an ECU Presidential Scholarship which provides half tuition and is renewable for up to eight semesters. To qualify for this Presidential Scholarship, the ECU Now! students must: earn at least 9 credit hours at ECU; have no ECU grade lower than a "C"; have not repeated any ECU course; earn a cumulative ECU GPA of at least a 3.0; have a final high school GPA of at least a 3.0; and have a composite ACT score of at least 23 before graduating from high school. This ECU scholarship will be awarded to qualified ECU Now! students who enroll at ECU as first-time freshmen degree-seeking students upon graduation of high school.