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**Cal U Council of Trustees approves price break for service members**

*Tuition reduction at California University of Pennsylvania will bring the cost of tuition in line with military reimbursement*

CALIFORNIA, Pa. (March 6, 2013) ... California University of Pennsylvania’s Council of Trustees last night officially approved a two-year pilot program that will reduce tuition costs for active-duty military members and their families who enroll in the university’s 100 percent online degree programs, known collectively as Cal U Global Online.

The tuition reduction was approved without dissent at the council’s first quarterly meeting of 2014.

Washington County Commissioner Lawrence “Larry” Maggi, the council’s chair and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, said “the word is out” among veterans and service members, who recognize Cal U as a military-friendly institution.

Under the program, the cost of undergraduate tuition for active-duty members in all branches of the armed services, as well as their spouses and eligible dependents, will match the Military Tuition Assistance reimbursement rate offered by the U.S. military. Currently, the reimbursement rate is $250 per credit for undergraduate programs.

Also under the plan, active-duty service members and their families who enroll in Global Online graduate programs will pay about 90 percent of the in-state tuition rate, or $399 per credit.

The pilot program at Cal U was one of six “flexible tuition” initiatives approved on Jan. 24, 2014, by the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. For each of the programs, the board required approval by the relevant university’s Council of Trustees prior to implementation.

Once the pilot program begins this summer, University officials project a 5 percent annual increase in Global Online military enrollment, resulting in a 5 percent gain in revenue in the program’s second year.

**About Cal U and the military**

California University has long been a provider for GoArmyEd, the U.S. Army’s portal for online education. Victory Media has recognized Cal U as a “Military-Friendly School” for five consecutive years, and Military Times EDGE has consistently ranked Cal U among its “Best for Vets” colleges and universities. Cal U Global Online employs a dedicated military coordinator to assist veterans and their families with enrollment, financial aid and other issues. On campus, Cal U’s Office of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Club provide support for current and past members of the U.S. armed forces.

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