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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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**INFORMATION ITEM:**       **Proposed Revision Of ABOR Policy: - 4-301.H, “GPA’s for Renewal of Nonresident Tuition Scholarships” (First Reading)**

**ISSUE:**   The Board is asked to consider the proposed revision of ABOR Policy 4-301.H related to grade point average (GPA) requirements for the continuation of non-resident merit-based tuition scholarships.

### BACKGROUND

- The Regents previously adopted policy 4-301.H, which established cumulative GPA’s levels for continuation of merit waivers granted to nonresident undergraduates be as follows: 3.5 for academic merit waivers; 3.0 for special talent waivers; 3.25 for international student waivers.

### DISCUSSION

- This policy has become obsolete regarding both a tri-university common GPA and the use of the term “waiver”. It is now necessary to describe a policy regarding waivers in terms of “tuition scholarships” of specific dollar amounts.
- In consideration of the Board decision to allow the three universities to individually pursue institutional enrollment goals, merit scholarship renewal standards should be set by the individual institution.
- Changing Directions further supports that the terms and conditions regarding merit tuition scholarships should be determined by each institution.
- In addition, delegating the management of the scholarship renewal to each university will provide the flexibility to address individual student situations. The existing Board-set GPA levels preclude a scholarship office considering extenuating circumstances when determining the renewal of a merit scholarship for a non-resident student.
- Each university reports on these non-resident scholarship awards in the annual Financial Aid Report, presented to the Board each January.
- It is, therefore, recommended that the Board delegate to each university the responsibility for establishing the GPA continuation requirements for non-resident undergraduate merit-based scholarships.

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## **AFFECTED POLICY**

**4-301.H** EACH UNIVERSITY SHALL ESTABLISH ~~The common cumulative~~ MINIMUM GPA's REQUIREMENTS for THE continuation of merit ~~waivers~~ scholarships granted to nonresident undergraduates CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS DETERMINED BY EACH INSTITUTION FOR SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL. ~~are as follows:~~

- ◆ ~~3.5 for academic merit waivers~~
- ◆ ~~3.0 for special talent waivers~~
- ◆ ~~3.25 for international student waivers~~

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed changes are submitted for the first reading.