Implementing the New GI Bill at Connecticut Community Colleges

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Welcome

• Introductions
• Housekeeping
  – Exits
  – Restrooms
  – Refreshments
• Points of contact
• Please turn off your cell phone
The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

- Available to veterans of active duty after 9/10/01.
- Provides three benefits:
  - Tuition and fees (paid to the college)
  - Book allowance (paid to the veteran)
  - Housing allowance (paid to the veteran)
- Effective August 1, 2009
Chapter 33 Eligibility
Varies

- 3 years or more on active duty: 100% (e.g., tuition and fees paid in full)
- Less than 3 years: 40% to 90% of benefits, depending on length of time served.
  - 3 to 6 months: 40%
  - 6 to 12 months: 50%
  - 12 to 18 months: 60%
  - Etc.
- This rate applies to qualified tuition & fee payment, book allowance, housing allowance.
Role of the Veterans’ Certifying Official (VCO)

- Advise veteran on eligibility for GI Bill and Connecticut tuition waiver.
- Advise veteran on selecting the appropriate GI Bill program (if eligible for more than one).
- Provide basic orientation to the college.
- Assist with GI Bill application.
- Report veteran’s enrollment status to VA.
- Report tuition and fees charged to VA.
- Maintain coordination with Business Office.
- Monitor changes in enrollment and report to VA when appropriate.
A Walk Through the Process

Admissions → Counseling VCO → Registration → Fee Assessment and Payment

Financial Aid

VA Reporting VCO → Changes to Registration and Fee Assessment → VCO Reporting → End of Term and Other Issues
Admissions

• Is there anything on the application that is part of this process?
  – Yes

• Is this information entered into Banner from the application?
  – Not currently...future changes

• Opportunity to assist the student and direct them to the VCO.
Financial Aid

• H.R. 1777
  – Passed by the House of Representatives on March 30, 2009
  – Passed by the Senate on June 23, 2009
  – Signed into law by President Obama on July 1, 2009
  – Makes technical amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965
H.R. 1777

• “Advances the date, from July 2010 to July 2009, by which veterans' education benefits not received under Title IV must be excluded from consideration as available financial assistance in Title IV need analyses.”

• Student may be eligible for additional funds.
H.R. 1777

- Implications for CCC’s
  - Changes financial aid business practices
  - May require retroactive re-packaging of financial aid for affected students
  - No impact to current bookstore voucher process
Counseling Advice

• Meet with VCO
• Counsel students on all VA chapters and benefits
• Assist student in determining chapter eligibility
• Student must be enrolled in a certificate or degree program approved by the VA
  – May include approved credit free courses
Registration

• Once registered and certified, enter the following in SGASTDN:
  – the code of the VA educational benefit
  – the term
  – the certification credit hours
  – the certification date

• Enter code ‘1’ for Chapter 33 benefits
Fee Assessment

- Banner assesses fees based on registration
- Only program expenses are reimbursable
- List of included charges (see next slide)
  - Most common charges
- VCO to contact the Director of Finance if additions are needed (e.g. a credit free course is reimbursable)
## Included Charges

### Fees

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### Tuition

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Student Payment
Certificate of Eligibility (i.e. percentage unknown) at Registration

• Tuition will be waived according to CT statute
  – DD 214 required
  – In-State tuition only (xTIN)

• Payment for all other charges will be collected from student at time of registration
Student Payment
Certificate of Eligibility (i.e. percentage unknown) at Registration Cont.

• Later, once student is certified (and percentage is known) Business Office will:
  – Add student to Banner Third Party contract which will:
    • Add appropriate charges to the VA Accounts Receivable account
    • Add appropriate “payment” to student’s account
  – Refund credit balance to student
Student Payment

Student has a Certificate of Eligibility (i.e. percentage known)

- Business office will add student to Third Party contract which will:
  - Add appropriate charges to the VA Accounts Receivable account based on eligibility percentage
  - Add appropriate “payment” to student’s account
  - Student will need to pay any remaining balance
In the VA-ONCE software, the Distance Hours field is enabled and required for all chapter 33 students. Any classes the student is not taking in residence should be reported in this field. If all classes are being taken in residence, zero should be entered. Tuition and Fees are also required.
VA Reporting cont.

- **Veterans Track and Certify QuickFlow** set up in Banner to facilitate this process
  - Registration Information - SWAPNCF or SFAREGS
  - Tuition and Fee Information – TSRCBIL Click Print Bill in keyblock/Save
  - Veteran Certification hours update - SGASTDN

- **Determine Distance Learning credits (ONLN and OLCR) for VA-Once Input – SWAPNCF or SFAREGS**
VA Reporting cont.

• Determine total amount of qualified tuition and fees for VA-ONCE Input – Print Schedule Bill (TSRCBIL)
  1. Enter invoicing and schedule printer in SOADEST
  2. Print Bill from SFAREGS or SWAPNCF
     • College specific templates
• The entry of these amounts to VA-ONCE generates the payment from the VA (This is the bill)
• After add drop need to reconcile with the Business Office
  – Resolve differences now!
Print Bill – Printer Set Up
SOADEST

Select printer from drop down menu
Print Bill from SFAREGS or SWAPNCF
# Student Schedule/Bill

**Student Name:** [Blank]
**Semester:** Spring 20
**Date:** 07/27/2009

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**Course Credits:** 6.00

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**Tuition:** In State $60.00
Changes to Registration and Fee Assessment

• Things to pay attention to
  – Add / Drop
    • Studio Fees
    • Lab Fees
    • Drop /Swap
    • Distance learning credits
  – Determine and enter total amount of qualified tuition and fees on VA-ONCE
VA Reporting cont.

- Report changes in student enrollment to VA throughout the term – SGRVETN, Veterans Report (produces report for all flagged service members in one run)

- Internal Reporting from Student Module data entry
  - Frozen File, SWRXF22
  - Graduation File, SWRXH08
Payment from Feds

- Tuition and fee payment will be applied to the VA Third Party account
  - Not the student account
  - Student directly receives
    - Housing allowance
    - Book allowance

- Business Office will contact VCO to reconcile differences between actual and expected payment
Other issues

• Pending Items
  – End of term reporting: punitive vs. non-punitive grades
  – Is college ever liable to return funds to the VA?
    • Only if the student never attended one class
    • Current thinking
      – The presence of one punitive grade (A-F) student has attended
  – Home vs. guest student
  – Transfer of benefits to dependents
Thank you for Coming!!!

PowerPoint will be available on Student, Finance and Financial Aid support sites.