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Dear Editors/News Directors:

Included below is a press release highlighting the Ferris State University Board of Trustees meeting during which the board is set to approve a Military Veterans Scholarship Program. This unique program will offer qualified veterans of active duty service a \$1,000 annual scholarship and waive out-of-state tuition. Call/E-mail with questions.

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## **Ferris Board of Trustees to approve veterans scholarship**

GRAND RAPIDS – The Ferris State University Board of Trustees is set to approve a Military Veterans Scholarship Program during its regular meeting Friday at 10 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room of Kendall College of Art and Design.

The program will provide a \$1,000 annual scholarship and waive out-of-state tuition fees for qualified veterans enrolling at Ferris. The scholarship is aimed at providing educational opportunities to veterans for their role and efforts in deployments around the world.

“This scholarship is one way in which Ferris can show its appreciation to our men and women in the military,” said University President David L. Eisler. “A significant number of students have had to postpone their education due to service to their country. This is a way of helping them when they return to civilian life.”

The scholarship is renewable for three additional years and the out-of-state tuition waiver continues as long as the veteran-student meets the program requirements. Veterans entering school in either freshmen or transfer status are eligible for the scholarship, while veterans currently enrolled who meet the requirements will be offered the scholarship effective Winter Semester 2006.

In other action, the board is set to approve

- a \$320,000, four-year grant from the Postsecondary Education Office of the U.S. Department of Education to provide access to childcare for low-income students and to augment the service already provided at Ferris’ Tot’s Place Child Development Center;
- a balanced 2005-06 general fund operating budget totaling \$142 million;
- state operating and capital outlay budget requests.

The next regular meeting of the board is set for Friday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m. The location has yet to be determined.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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