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**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

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2. **Redirect \$32 of Student Activity Fee at Kennesaw State University for Student Recreation & Activity Center Project**

**3. Revision of *The Policy Manual*, Section 7.3.5.3, Military Service Refunds**

Recommended: That the Board approve a revision to *The Policy Manual*, Section 7.3.5.3, Military Service Refunds, effective immediately.

Background and Rationale: When the current policy was implemented, activation and deployment of the reserve component of the U.S. military was deemed a response to “emergency” situations to supplement active duty forces. The nature of military deployment has since evolved and now requires temporary duty (TDY) of both active duty and reserve personnel as part of normal unit rotation in the ongoing war in the Iraq and Afghanistan. While TDY plays a crucial role in relocating military personnel to meet the needs of the services, a service member’s orders may not indicate the temporary assignment is an “emergency” even if it is to a combat zone. These temporary assignments can last up to 179 days. A move of 180 days or more is considered a permanent change of station (PCS). Orders to go TDY are not optional.

Georgia currently has 62,714 active duty and 42,910 Reservists and National Guard members. Each of these federalized service members has access to \$4,500 per year in tuition assistance for higher education. A large percentage of these service members are within the age cohort of the under-served, non-traditional student. Enlisted personnel must actively work toward obtaining an Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree to be eligible for promotion or to receive advanced military training. Officers must work toward a Master’s degree or higher to be considered for promotion and to receive highly rated Officer Effectiveness Reports. It is in the best interest of the University System of Georgia (USG) to support policy that enables service members to attend and return to USG institutions from TDY without penalty and financial hardship.

Understandings: The proposed recommendation for Section 7.3.5.3, Military Service Refunds, constitutes a revision of the previous policy. Proposed revisions are provided below. Please note that any strikethrough text represents a deletion from the current version, and the bold, highlighted text represents an addition to current policy.

<i>Current Policy</i>	<i>Proposed Policy</i>
<b>7.3.5.3, Military Service Refunds</b>	<b>7.3.5.3, Military Service Refunds</b>
Subject to institutional policies, full refunds of tuition and mandatory fees and pro rata refunds	

3. **Revision of *The Policy Manual*, Section 7.3.5.3 Military Service Refunds (Continued)**

<i>Current Policy</i>	<i>Proposed Policy</i>
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2. Commissioned officers of the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (PHSCC) and	

**4. Authorization of Resolution to Commend Dr. Lindsay A. Desrochers**

Recommended: That the Board authorize Vice Chancellor Fiscal Affairs, Usha Ramachandran, and Vice Chancellor of Facilities, Linda Daniels, to author a proper recognition and commendation for Lindsay A. Desrochers, Ph