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To: All Students Receiving the Post-9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33 at
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

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Subject: Changes to the Post-9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33 starting August 1, 2011

President Obama signed the Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Improvement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-377) in January 2011. One of the changes that will be implemented starting August 1, 2011, and fully implemented in the Fall Semester of 2011, is the change to how the actual net cost for in-state tuition and fees are assessed by Texas A&M Corpus Christi (and all other schools) for use in calculating your tuition and fee bill covered by the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Your tuition and fees covered by the GI Bill (based on your percentage of benefits) will be adjusted after the application of any waiver of, reduction in, tuition and fees covered by other funding. Any scholarship, as well as Federal, State, Institutional, or employer-based aid or assistance (excluding student loans and Title IV funds – i.e. Pell Grants) that is provided directly to the institution and specifically designated to cover tuition and fees will be applied to your school bill FIRST, with the Department of Veterans Affairs paying the remaining balance, in accordance with your Post-9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33 Benefit.

One important note to remember is that this WILL NOT REDUCE your monthly Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) or Book Stipend. This change will only adjust the amount covered by the GI Bill towards your tuition and fees. In short, the VA will move from being first payer (in which this payment is applied first), to being last payer (in which payment is applied AFTER other funding is applied, except Student Loans & Title IV). The Veterans Office at TAMU-CC will be working throughout the Summer of 2011 to prepare to implement this and other changes. We will ensure that all students fully understand how these changes will affect them.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (361) 825-2331. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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