

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\FISCAL, FACILITIES AND AUDIT

June 16, 2020

ACTION: **First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 6021; Income; Tuition, Online Rate and Dual Enrollment Rate**

A proposed revision to Board Policy 6021 would add language to provide for the Board to establish special online undergraduate and/or graduate rates outside of the general ratio of 125% between the online undergraduate rate and the online graduate rate.

The System Office recommends approval of the Revisions to Board Policy 6021; Income; Tuition, Online Rate and Dual Enrollment Rate.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Revisions to Board Policy 6021 (PDF)

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POLICY: 6021

**Income; Tuition, Online Rate
and Dual Enrollment Rate**

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BOARD POLICY

The Board shall fix and collect tuition for resident, non-resident, undergraduate and graduate students who matriculate at the Colleges. The Board shall also fix and collect an online rate for online courses.

TUITION RATES The following guidelines will be used in establishing tuition rates:

1. The Board will advocate sufficient funding from the state to maintain affordable tuition so more citizens can avail themselves of the opportunity to attend college.
2. Factors which may be considered in establishing undergraduate resident rates will include, but not be limited to, availability of general funds, resource requirements of the Colleges, peer comparisons, consumer price index, higher education price index, availability of financial assistance and changes in regional per capita income.
3. Tuition rates should reflect the higher cost of graduate instruction. Graduate tuition will be set at approximately 125 percent (125%) of the undergraduate rate.
4. In recognition of the value of a diverse student population and the fact that the Colleges' service regions extend beyond the Nebraska borders, out-of-state undergraduate tuition will not exceed 200 percent (200%) of undergraduate resident tuition.
5. Graduate non-resident tuition will be set at approximately 125 percent (125%) of undergraduate non-resident tuition.

SPECIAL TUITION RATES

1. The Nebraska Access Program tuition rate shall be 100 percent (100%) of the resident rate.
2. The Midwestern Higher Education Compact tuition rate shall be 150 percent (150%) of the resident rate.
3. Iowa and South Dakota residents will be eligible for the Midwestern Higher Education Compact tuition rate.
4. The "One Rate Any State" tuition rate for undergraduate, non-resident, on-site students at Peru State College is one dollar (\$1.00) above the undergraduate, resident rate.
5. The "Eagle Rate" tuition rate for undergraduate, non-resident, on-site students at Chadron State College is one dollar (\$1.00) above the undergraduate, resident rate.
6. The "Bridge" tuition program at the College Center in South Sioux City for undergraduate and graduate on-site students is one dollar (\$1.00) above the undergraduate and graduate resident rates, respectively.

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ONLINE RATES

The following guidelines will be used in establishing online rates:

1. The online rate will be inclusive of tuition and fees. In addition, every student who matriculates to any College for the first time shall pay a matriculation fee and a one-time processing fee.
2. There will be one rate for undergraduate and one rate for graduate online courses. The graduate rate will generally be set at approximately 125 percent (125%) of the undergraduate rate. However, special undergraduate and/or graduate online rates may be established by the Board for specific programs. In addition, the differential between undergraduate and graduate may vary in years where extenuating circumstances arise that warrant an adjustment to either rate.
3. Each College will establish a distribution formula for the one-rate, which must be approved by the Chancellor. Funds distributed outside of the cash fund per credit hour shall not exceed the equivalent of on-campus student fees credited to that fund. The distribution formula must include funding for the Capital Improvement Fee at the current approved rate.
4. Period enrollment reports will include enrollments in online courses.

DUAL ENROLLMENT RATE

The following guidelines will be used in establishing the dual enrollment program rate:

1. The dual enrollment rate will be inclusive of tuition and fees. In addition, every student who matriculates to any College for the first time shall pay a matriculation fee and a one-time processing fee.
2. The only fee required for dual enrollment courses is the Capital Improvement Fee.
3. Each College will assure credit to the Capital Improvement Fee of the current approved rate for the fee, which fee is included in the dual enrollment rate.

Legal Reference:	RRS 85-501	State educational institutions; Non-resident fees
	RRS 85-503	State educational institutions; Tuition
Policy Adopted:	3/11/94	
Policy Revised:	2/10/05	
Policy Revised:	9/14/07	
Policy Revised:	4/17/09	
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