

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\FISCAL, FACILITIES AND AUDIT

ACTION: **First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 6021; Tuition Rates**

Board Policy 6021 - Tuition Rates is being brought to the Board to bring the policy in-line with recent changes to our tuition rates and the matriculation fee. The following are the substantive changes:

- Section 2.4 has been changed to reflect that the nonresident undergraduate tuition rate is now the same as the resident rate.
- Section 3.1 clarifies that the Nebraska Access Program applies only to graduate students because the undergraduate nonresident rate is already the same as the resident rate.
- Section 3.4 is simply removing the reference to the Bridge Program at the College Center in South Sioux City as that rate is listed on the Board's tuition schedule. Removing the \$1.00 reference in the policy allows the Board to determine the differential when setting rates each year without a policy conflict.
- The Matriculation Fee reference is being removed from Sections 4.1, 5.1 and 6.1.
- Language in section 4.3, 5.2 and 6.2 related to assessment of the Capital Improvement Fee has been standardized.
- The policy number is being changed to 6500 to align with other tuition policies.

The System Office recommends approval of the Revisions to Board Policy 6021; Tuition Rates.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Revisions to Board Policy 6021 (PDF)

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Fiscal Operations

POLICY
NAME: Tuition Rates

POLICY
NUMBER: 60216500

A. PURPOSE

To establish tuition rates for the ~~Nebraska State~~ Colleges.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. **Dual Enrollment:** Courses taught to high school students for which the students receive both high school credit and college credit.
2. **Online:** ~~Courses with 75% or more of instruction delivered via the Internet is primarily delivered online via the~~ Internet.
3. **Professional Development:** Training, continuing education, and/or professional development activities offered by external organizations or entities that are approved by the College for academic credit.
4. **Tuition:** A sum of money charged for ~~teaching or instruction by a school, college, or university.~~

C. POLICY

1. Board Authorization

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. The approved rates shall be effective for the academic year which includes fall, spring, and the subsequent summer term.

2. Base Tuition Rates

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. 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.

- 2.3. ~~Tuition rates should reflect the higher cost of graduate instruction.~~
Graduate resident tuition will be set at approximately one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the undergraduate resident rate. Graduate non-resident tuition will be set at approximately two hundred percent (200%) of the graduate resident rate.
- 2.4. In recognition of the value of a diverse student population and the fact that the Colleges' service regions that extend beyond the Nebraska borders, non-resident undergraduate tuition will be set at the same rate as is one dollar (\$1.00) above the undergraduate resident rate.

3. Special Tuition Rates

- 3.1. The Nebraska Access Program graduate tuition rate shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the resident rate.
- 3.2. The Midwestern Higher Education Compact graduate tuition rate shall be one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the graduate resident rate.
- 3.3. Iowa and South Dakota residents taking graduate courses will be eligible for the Midwestern Higher Education Compact graduate tuition rate.
- 3.4. ~~The "Bridge" tuition program at the College Center in South Sioux City for graduate onsite students is one dollar (\$1.00) above the graduate resident rate. The Colleges may request special tuition rates for off-campus locations or special arrangements.~~

4. Online Rates

- 4.1. 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.~~
- 4.2. There will be one (1) rate for undergraduate and one (1) rate for graduate online courses. The graduate rate will generally be set at approximately one hundred twenty-five 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.
- 4.3. The Capital Improvement Fee must be assessed on all credit hours. Each College will assure credit to the Capital Improvement Fee account out of the Online Tuition Rate, which includes the Capital Improvement Fee. ~~Each College will establish a distribution formula for the 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.~~

~~4.4. Period enrollment reports will include enrollments in online courses.~~

5. Dual Enrollment Rate

- 5.1. 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 matriculation and processing fees.~~
- 5.2. The Capital Improvement Fee must be assessed on all credit hours. only fee required for dual enrollment courses is the Capital Improvement Fee. Each College will assure credit to the Capital Improvement Fee out of the Dual Enrollment tuition rate, which includes the Capital Improvement Fee.
- 5.3. ~~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.~~

6. Professional Development Rate

- 6.1. The professional development rate will be inclusive of tuition and fees. ~~In addition, every student who matriculates to any College for the first time shall pay matriculation and processing fees.~~
- 6.2. The Capital Improvement Fee must be assessed on all credit hours. only fee required for professional development courses is the Capital Improvement Fee. Each College will assure credit to the Capital Improvement Fee out of the Professional Development tuition rate, which includes the Capital Improvement Fee.
- 6.3. ~~Each College will assure credit to the Capital Improvement Fee of the current approved rate for the fee, which fee is included in the professional development rate.~~

FORMS/APPENDICES:

None

SOURCE:

Legal Reference:	RRS 85-501	State educational institutions; Non non-resident fees.
	RRS 85-503	State education <u>als</u> institutions; T tuition.

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