

1. Board Policy on Student Tuition and Fees

Consistent with the Statewide Plan for Higher Education in Idaho, the institutions shall maintain tuition and fees that provide for quality education and maintain access to educational programs for Idaho citizens. In setting fees, the Board will consider recommended fees as compared to fees at peer institutions, percent fee increases compared to inflationary factors, fees as a percent of per capita income and/or household income, and the share students pay of their education costs. Other criteria may be considered as is deemed appropriate at the time of a fee change. An institution cannot request more than a ten percent (10%) increase in the total full-time student fee unless otherwise authorized by the Board.

2. Tuition and Fee Setting Process – Board Approved Tuition and Fees

a. Initial Notice

A proposal to alter student tuition and fees covered by Subsection V.R.3. shall be formalized by initial notice of the chief executive officer of the institution at least six (6) weeks prior to the Board meeting at which a final decision is to be made.

Notice will consist of transmittal, in writing, to the student body president and to the recognized student newspaper during the months of publication of the proposal contained in the initial notice. The proposal will describe the amount of change, statement of purpose, and the amount of revenues to be collected.

The initial notice must include an invitation to the students to present oral or written testimony at the public hearing held by the institution to discuss the fee proposal. A record of the public hearing as well as a copy of the initial notice shall be made available to the Board.

b. Board Approval

Board approval for fees will be considered when appropriate or necessary. This approval will be timed to provide the institutions with sufficient time to prepare the subsequent fiscal year operating budget.

c. Effective Date

Any change in the rate of tuition and fees becomes effective on the date approved by the Board unless otherwise specified.

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3. Definitions and Types of Tuition and Fees

The following definitions are applicable to tuition and fees charged to students at all of the state colleges and universities under the governance of the Board (the community colleges are included only as specified).

a. General and Professional-Technical Education Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees approved by the State Board of Education. Revenues from these fees are deposited in the unrestricted fund.

i. Tuition – University of Idaho, Boise State University, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College

Tuition is the amount charged for any and all educational costs at University of Idaho, Boise State University, Idaho State University, and Lewis-Clark State College. Tuition includes, but is not limited to, costs associated with academic services; instruction; the construction, maintenance, and operation of buildings and facilities; student services; or institutional support.

ii. Professional-Technical Education Fee

Professional-Technical Education fee is defined as the fee charged for educational costs for students enrolled in Professional-Technical Education pre-employment, preparatory programs.

iii. Part-time Credit Hour Fee

Part-time credit hour fee is defined as the fee per credit hour charged for educational costs for part-time students enrolled in any degree program.

iv. Graduate Fee

Graduate fee is defined as the additional fee charged for educational costs for full-time and part-time students enrolled in any post- baccalaureate degree-granting program.

v. Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Fee

Western Undergraduate Exchange fee is defined as the additional fee for full-time students participating in this program and shall be equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total of tuition, facility fee, technology fee and activity fee.

vi. Employee/Spouse/Dependent Fee

The fee for eligible participants shall be set by each institution, subject to Board approval. Eligibility shall be determined by each institution. Employees, spouses and dependents at institutions and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Board may be eligible for this fee. Employees of the Office of the State Board of Education and the Division of Professional-Technical Education shall be treated as institution employees for purposes of eligibility. Special course fees may also be charged.

vii. Senior Citizen Fee

The fee for eligible participants shall be set by each institution, subject to Board approval. Eligibility shall be determined by each institution.

viii. In-Service Teacher Education Fee

This fee shall be applicable only to teacher education courses offered as teacher professional development. This fee is not intended for courses which count toward an institution's degree programs. Courses must be approved by the appropriate academic unit(s) at the institution. For purposes of this special fee only, "teacher" means any certificated staff (i.e. pupil services, instructional and administrative).

- a) The fee shall not exceed one-third of the part-time undergraduate credit hour fee or one-third of the graduate credit hour fee for Idaho teachers employed at an Idaho elementary or secondary school; and
- b) The credit-granting institution may set a course fee up to the regular undergraduate or graduate credit hour fee for non-Idaho teachers, for teachers who are not employed at an Idaho elementary or secondary school, or in cases where the credit-granting institution bears all or part of the costs of delivering the course.

ix. Transcription Fee

A fee may be charged for processing and transcribing credits. The fee shall be \$10.00 per credit for academic year 2014-15 only, and set annually by the Board thereafter. This fee may be charged to students enrolled in a qualified Workforce Training course where the student elects to receive credit. The cost of delivering Workforce Training courses, which typically are for noncredit, is an additional fee since Workforce Training courses are self-supporting. The fees for delivering the courses are retained by the technical colleges. This fee may also be charged for transcribing demonstrable technical competencies.

x. Online Program Fee

- a) An online program fee may be charged for any fully online undergraduate, graduate, and certificate program. An online program fee shall be in lieu of resident or non-resident tuition (as defined in Idaho Code §33-3717B) and all other Board-approved fees. An online program is one in which all courses are offered and delivered via distance learning modalities (e.g. campus-supported learning management system, videoconferencing, etc.); provided however, that limited on-campus meetings may be allowed if necessary for accreditation purposes or to ensure the program is pedagogically sound.
- b) Nothing in this policy shall preclude pricing online programs at a market competitive rate which may be less or more than the current resident or non-resident per credit hour rates.

b. Institutional Local Fees – Approved by the Board

Institutional local fees are student fees that are approved by the State Board of Education and deposited into local institutional accounts. Local fees shall be expended for the purposes for which they were collected.

The facilities, activity and technology fees shall be displayed with the institution's tuition and fees when the Board approves tuition and fees.

i. Facilities Fee

Facilities fee is defined as the fee charged for capital improvement and building projects and for debt service required by these projects. Revenues collected from this fee may not be expended on the operating costs of the general education facilities.

ii. Activity Fee

Activity fee is defined as the fee charged for such activities as intercollegiate athletics, student health center, student union operations, the associated student body, financial aid, intramural and recreation, and other activities which directly benefit and involve students. The activity fee shall not be charged for educational costs or major capital improvement or building projects. Each institution shall develop a detailed definition and allocation proposal for each activity for internal management purposes.

iii. Technology Fee

Technology fee is defined as the fee charged for campus technology enhancements and operations directly related to services for student use and

benefit (e.g., internet and web access, general computer facilities, electronic or online testing, and online media).

iv. Professional Fees

To designate a professional fee for a Board approved academic program, *all* of the following criteria must be met:

a) Credential or Licensure Requirement:

- 1) A professional fee may be charged for an academic professional program if graduates of the program obtain a specialized higher education degree that qualifies them to practice a professional service involving expert and specialized knowledge for which credentialing or licensing may be required. For purposes of this fee, “academic” means a systematic, usually sequential, grouping of courses that provide the student with the knowledge and competencies required for a baccalaureate, master’s, specialist or doctoral degree as defined in policy III.E.1.;
- 2) The program leads to a degree which provides at least the minimum capabilities required for entry to the practice of a profession.

b) Accreditation Requirement: The program:

- 1) is accredited,
- 2) is actively seeking accreditation if a new program, or
- 3) will be actively seeking accreditation after the first full year of existence if a new program by a regional or specialized accrediting agency.

c) Extraordinary Program Costs: Institutions will propose professional fees for Board approval based on the costs to deliver the program. An institution must provide clear and convincing documentation that the cost of the professional program significantly exceeds the cost to deliver non-professional programs at the institution. A reduction in appropriated funding in support of an existing program is not a sufficient basis alone upon which to make a claim of extraordinary program costs.

d) The program may include support from appropriated funds.

e) The program is consistent with traditional academic offerings of the institution serving a population that accesses the same activities, services, and features as regular full-time, tuition-paying students.

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- f) Upon the approval and establishment of a professional fee, course fees associated with the same program shall be prohibited.
 - g) Once a professional fee is initially approved by the Board, any subsequent increase in a professional fee shall require prior approval by the Board at the same meeting institutions submit proposals for tuition and fees.
- v. Self-Support Academic Program Fees
- a) Self-support programs are academic degrees or certificates for which students are charged program fees, in lieu of tuition. For purposes of this fee, “academic” means a systematic, usually sequential, grouping of courses that provide the student with the knowledge and competencies required for an academic certificate, baccalaureate, master’s, specialist or doctoral degree. To bring a Self-support program fee to the Board for approval, the following criteria must be met:
 - 1) An institution shall follow the program approval guidelines set forth in policy III.G.
 - 2) The Self-support program shall be a defined set of specific courses that once successfully completed result in the awarding of an academic certificate or degree.
 - 3) The Self-support program shall be distinct from the traditional offerings of the institution by serving a population that does not access the same activities, services and features as full-time, tuition paying students, such as programs designed specifically for working professionals, programs offered off-campus, or programs delivered completely online.
 - 4) No appropriated funds may be used in support of Self-support programs. Self-support program fee revenue shall cover all direct costs of the program. In addition, Self-support program fee revenue shall cover all indirect costs of the program within two years of program start-up.
 - 5) Self-support program fees shall be segregated, tracked and accounted for separately from all other programs of the institution.
 - b) If a Self-support program fee is requested for a new program, an institution may fund program start-up costs with appropriated or local funds, but all such funding shall be repaid to the institution from program revenue within a period not to exceed three years from program start-up.
 - c) Once a Self-support program fee is initially approved by the Board, any subsequent increase in a Self-support program fee shall require prior approval by the Board.

- d) Institutions shall review Self-support academic programs every three (3) years to ensure that program revenue is paying for all program costs, direct and indirect, and that no appropriated funds are supporting the program.
- e) Students enrolled in self-support programs may take courses outside of the program so long as they pay the required tuition and fees for those courses.

vi. Contracts and Grants

Special fee arrangements are authorized by the Board for instructional programs provided by an institution pursuant to a grant or contract approved by the Board.

vii. Student Health Insurance Premiums or Room and Board Rates

Fees for student health insurance premiums paid either as part of the uniform student fee or separately by individual students, or charges for room and board at the dormitories or family housing units of the institutions. Changes in insurance premiums or room and board rates or family housing charges shall be approved by the Board no later than three (3) months prior to the semester the change is to become effective. The Board may delegate the approval of these premiums and rates to the chief executive officer.

viii. New Student Orientation Fee

This fee is defined as a mandatory fee charged to all first-time, full-time students who are registered and enrolled at an institution. The fee may only be used for costs of on-campus orientation programs such as materials, housing, food and student leader stipends, not otherwise covered in Board-approved tuition and fees.

ix. Dual Credit Fee

High school students who enroll in one or more dual credit courses delivered by high schools (including Idaho Digital Learning Academy), either face-to-face or online, are eligible to pay a reduced cost per credit which is approved at the Board's annual tuition and fee setting meeting. The term "dual credit" as used in this section is defined in Board Policy III.Y.

x. Summer Bridge Program Fee

This fee is defined as a fee charged to students recently graduated from high school, who are admitted into a summer bridge program at an institution the summer immediately following graduation from high school, and who will be enrolling in pre-determined college-level courses at the same institution the fall semester of the same year for the express purpose of acquiring knowledge and

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skills necessary to be successful in college. The bridge program fee shall be \$65 per credit for academic year 2014-15 only, and set annually by the Board thereafter.

xi. Independent Study in Idaho

A fee may be charged for courses offered through the Independent Study in Idaho (ISI) cooperative program. Complete degree programs shall not be offered through the ISI. Credits earned upon course completion shall transfer to any Idaho public college or university. The ISI program shall receive no appropriated or institutional funding, and shall operate alone on revenue generated through ISI student registration fees.

c. Institutional Local Fees and Charges Approved by Chief Executive Officer

The following local fees and charges are charged to support specific activities and are only charged to students that engage in these particular activities. Local fees and charges are deposited into local institutional accounts or the unrestricted fund and shall only be expended for the purposes for which they were collected. All local fees or changes to such local fees are established and become effective in the amount and at the time specified by the chief executive officer or provost of the institution. The chief executive officer is responsible for reporting these local fees to the Board upon request.

i. Continuing Education

Continuing education fee is defined as the additional fee to continuing education students which is charged on a per credit hour basis to support the costs of continuing education.

ii. Course Overload Fee

This fee may be charged to full-time students with excessive course loads as determined by each institution. Revenue from this fee is deposited in the unrestricted fund.

iii. Special Course Fees

A special course fee is an additive fee on top of the standard per credit hour fee which may be charged to students enrolled in a specific course for materials and/or activities required for that course. Special course fees, or changes to such fees, are established and become effective in the amount and at the time specified by the chief executive officer or provost, and must be prominently posted so as to be readily accessible and transparent to students, along with other required course cost information. These fees shall be reported to the Board upon request.

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- a) Special course fees shall be directly related to academic programming. Likewise, special course fees for professional-technical courses shall be directly related to the skill or trade being taught.
- b) Special course fees may only be charged to cover the direct costs of the additional and necessary expenses that are unique to the course. This includes the costs for lab materials and supplies, specialized software, cost for distance and/or online delivery, and personnel costs for a lab manager. A special course fee shall not subsidize other courses, programs or institution operations.
- c) A special course fee shall not be used to pay a cost for which the institution would ordinarily budget including faculty, administrative support and supplies.
- d) Special course fees shall be separately accounted for and shall not be commingled with other funds; provided however, multiple course fees supporting a common special cost (e.g. language lab, science lab equipment, computer equipment/software, etc.) may be combined. The institution is responsible for managing these fees to ensure appropriate use (i.e. directly attributable to the associated courses) and that reserve balances are justified to ensure that fees charged are not excessive.
- e) The institution shall maintain a system of procedures and controls providing reasonable assurance that special course fees are properly approved and used in accordance with this policy, including an annual rolling review of one-third of the fees over a 3-year cycle.

iv. Processing Fees, Permits and Fines

- a) Processing fees may be charged for the provision of academic products or services to students (e.g. undergraduate application fee, graduate application fee, program application fee, graduation/diploma fee, and transcripts). Fees for permits (e.g. parking permit) may also be charged.
- b) Fines may be charged for the infraction of an institution policy (e.g., late fee, late drop, library fine, parking fine, lost card, returned check, or stop payment).

All processing fees, permit fees and fines are established and become effective in the amount and at the time specified by the chief executive officer, and shall be reported to the Board upon request.