

ITEM 136-119-R0907

Revision of Policy 940.20, Annual Tuition & Fees for eLearning

THAT:

The Board of Regents authorize the campuses of the MUS to:

- Determine a methodology that allows the campus to identify those students who are not residing proximate enough to the campus to easily or regularly utilize the services that are funded by the Mandatory Fees waived under No. 4 of the Policy;
- Exempt the application of the Policy for the waiver of select Mandatory Fees for those solely online students who are proximal enough to the campus to be able to avail themselves to the campus services, that would otherwise not be assessed or paid for by the student under this Policy.

EXPLANATION:

This policy clarification will allow each of the campuses to make a local determination of whether they wish to assess the full range of Mandatory Fees for the solely online students enrolled at their institution and residing close enough to the campus to be able to consume the services funded with the respective Mandatory Fees. In practice, some campuses have noted that a significant number of their solely online students are actually residing on campus or close enough to campus that the students are availing themselves to those services, but are not paying for them under this Policy, as a solely online student.

The spirit of the Policy is to not assess the identified Mandatory Fees to those solely online students that reside distant enough from campus that they are not able to available themselves to the services funded by those fees. This clarification further strengthens and reinforces that spirit by allowing the campuses to individually determine whether those fees should be assessed to those students who reside close enough to the campus (based upon zip code or county seat where the student resides during the academic semester, for example) to easily or regularly consume the services, regardless of whether they do or not.

The campuses will be requested to report their basis for the blanket waiver of this policy as it applies to students who reside "locally," in the annual report on Distributed Learning, under BoR Policy 303.7.