

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Policy and Procedures Manual

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
Policy 940.20 – Annual Tuition and Fees for e-learning
Effective: Fall Semester 2007; Issued: October 26, 2007

Board policy:

1. Approval of a schedule of tuition and fees, and each request to approve tuition or fees for solely on-line students will be done concurrently with the submittals for on-site students, as set forth in Policy 940.12.1.
2. Tuition rates for solely on-line non-resident students shall be set at no less than 200% of the proposed resident student tuition rates. This policy imposes no ceiling for the non-resident tuition rates for solely on-line non-resident students, nor does it prohibit the campus from utilizing, as appropriate, the Western Undergraduate Exchange program tuition rate for qualified non-resident students who are studying solely on-line.
3. Regardless of residency status, students who are on-site, but who are also taking campus on-line courses will be assessed the tuition and fees for all courses as if they were all taken on-site, plus the addition of any applicable Non-mandatory *eLearning* or on-line delivery fee.
4. The campuses registering resident and non-resident students who are taking solely on-line courses shall waive a minimum of the following selected campus Mandatory Fees for those students that the campus identifies as not residing proximate enough (based upon zip code, county seat, etc.) to the campus to actually utilize the services funded by the following Mandatory Fees:
 - a) Student Activity and Student Government Fees;
 - b) Student Athletic Fees;
 - c) Student Health and Dental Fees; and
 - d) Other Fees not related to Technology Fees, Academic Support Fees, or Building Fees, that are for student-based activities which a solely on-line student cannot access or utilize.
 - e) Additional Mandatory Fees may be waived by the campuses at their discretion in order to respond to the higher education on-line market pricing and competition.
5. Campuses, at their discretion, may offer solely on-line students the opportunity to pay any or all of the above fees listed in item No. 4, on a positive check-off basis.
6. This policy applies only to State-supported, credit bearing courses that are delivered entirely on-line to the solely on-line student that the campus has determined will generally not be able to consume the service(s) funded by the waived fees.
7. Campus policies regarding the residency status of a student shall govern whether a solely on-line student is identified as a resident or a non-resident student for tuition and fee purposes, in the same manner in which on-site students are identified.
8. This policy rescinds all previous Regents' policies that were approved for on-line tuition and fees, except for those related to the delivery of specific academic programs of on-line study.

Definitions:

A solely on-line student is defined as one who is taking only web-based, State supported, academic credit bearing courses offered through a unit of the Montana University System. Excluding Continuing Education or Self-Supporting courses and non-credit bearing courses, any on-site course which requires a face to face meeting with the faculty or course instructor is not considered a solely on-line course.

History:

In further development of Item No. 133-110-R1106 (Nov. 2006) and rescinds Item No. 120-2005-R0703 (July 2003). Item No. 136-119-R0907, adopted by Board of Regents September 20, 2007.