

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* Revision, Differential Fee Program Request, UNLV

MEETING DATE: June 7-8, 2018

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Title 4 Chapter 17, Section 26 of the Regents' *Handbook* provides for institutions to request for Board approval the establishment of differential tuition for academic programs. UNLV is seeking approval of a new degree, a Doctor of Public Policy ("DPP"), at the June 7-8, 2018 Board meeting, and simultaneously hereby requests a differential fee in the amount of \$300.00/credit for the DPP program.

Pursuant to NSHE *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* Chapter 7, Section 7, the nature of this request normally comes at the December Board meeting, and exceptions to this policy require approval by the Chancellor, which has been granted.

It is important that this fee be approved in June - rather than in December - as (1) the implementation of this program is in August, 2018; and (2) if approved by the Board, this fee can be included in the state fee revenue budget for FY19.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas requests approval of a \$300.00/credit differential fee for its Doctor of Public Policy program.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

The proposal is to implement the degree in the fall 2018 semester. In fairness to the students and to fully implement the degree in fall 2018, the differential tuition needs to be in place at the onset of the program.

5. CHECK THE NSHE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THIS REQUEST:

- Access (Increase participation in post-secondary education)
- Success (Increase student success)
- Close the Achievement Gap (Close the achievement gap among underserved student populations)
- Workforce (Collaboratively address the challenges of the workforce and industry education needs of Nevada)
- Research (Co-develop solutions to the critical issues facing 21st century Nevada and raise the overall research profile)
- Not Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

N/A

6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Fees are needed because there are substantial costs involved in implementing the degree program including travel by students to Washington, D.C.
- The differential tuition will also permit the new degree program to engage subject matter experts to supplement the UNLV faculty expertise.
- The student costs for the degree, even with the fee, are well within the market for equivalent degrees.

7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

Fee increases of any sort may make it more difficult for students to meet financial obligations.

8. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

There is no practical alternative. Without the differential tuition, the degree cannot operate at its potential and cannot be implemented; and may reduce the quality of the program and the potential to satisfy a significant demand for the program.

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:

The Chancellor's office has approved this fee request and recommends approval given the circumstances of the timing

10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #4 Chapter #17 Section #26
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title #_____ Chapter #_____ Section #_____
 Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #7 Section #11
 Other: _____
 Fiscal Impact: Yes No _____
Explain: When this fee generates enough revenue to meet the reporting threshold of \$25,000, it will be included in the self-supporting budget report(s) and presented to the Board accordingly.

PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 11
[Differential Program Fees]

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

Section 11. Differential Program Fees

Program	Course Prefix	Course Level	Amount	Effective Date
University of Nevada Las Vegas				
Architecture	AAD, AAE, ABS, AAL, LAND, AAI, AAP	300-400	\$156.75/credit	Spring 2012
Architecture	AAE, AAD	500-700	\$239.50/credit	Spring 2012
Business	MBA, FIN, MKT, MGT	500-700	\$100.00/credit	Spring 2012
Executive MBA	EMBA	700	\$236/credit	Fall 2015
Marriage & Family Therapy	MFT	700 and above	\$177.50/credit	Fall 2015
Nursing	NURS	300-400	\$156.75/credit	Spring 2012
Nursing	NURS	500-700	\$239.50/credit	Spring 2012
Physical Therapy	DPT	500-700	\$239.50/credit	Spring 2012
Social Work	SW	700	\$125.00/credit	Fall 2012
Urban Leadership	ULD	700	\$150.00/credit	Fall 2012
Engineering	CEE, CEM, CPE, CS, EE, EGG, ME	300-400	\$40.00/credit	Fall 2014
Engineering	CEE, CEM, CS, ECG, ME	600-700	\$20.00/credit	Fall 2014
Graphic Design and Media	GRC	300-400	\$156.75/credit	Fall 2014
<i>Public Policy</i>	<i>DPP</i>	<i>700</i>	<i>\$300.00/credit</i>	<i>Fall 2018</i>
University of Nevada, Reno				
Business	ACC, BADM, BUS, ENT, GAM, FIN, IS, MGT, MKT	600-700	\$100.00/credit	Fall 2011
Engineering	BME, ENGR, CHE, CEE, CPE, CS, EE, GE, ME, MINE, MSE	300-400	\$42.50/credit	Fall 2012*
Engineering	BME, ENGR, CHE, CEE, CPE, CS, EE, GE, ME, MINE, MSE	300-400	\$85.00/credit	Fall 2013*
Engineering	BME, ENGR, CHE, CEE, CPE, CS, EE, GE, ME, MINE, MSE	600-700	\$50.00/credit	Fall 2012*
Program	Course Prefix	Course Level	Amount	Effective Date
Engineering	BME, ENGR, CHE, CEE, CPE, CS, EE, GE, ME, MINE, MSE	600-700	\$100.00/credit	Fall 2013*
Nursing	NURS	300-400**	\$156.75/credit	Spring 2014
Nursing	NURS	500-700***	\$239.50/credit	Spring 2014
Nevada State College				

Nursing	NURS	ALL NURS courses	\$141.75/credit	Fall 2015
Truckee Meadows Community College				
Nursing	NURS****	100-200	\$60.00/credit	Fall 2014
Western Nevada College				
Nursing	NURS*****	100-200	\$60.00/credit	Fall 2015

*Phase in of per credit fee over three years.

**Does not include NURS 300, which is a required pre-requisite course for the nursing program. Does not include NURS 430, which is an elective course not required in any of the nursing programs.

***Does not include NURS 700-level courses required for the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program curriculum. Does not include NURS 630, which is an elective course not required in any of the nursing programs.

****All NURS courses excluding NURS 130 (CAN) and NURS 140 (Medical Terminology).

*****All NURS courses excluding NURS 129 (Basic Nursing Skills) and NURS 130 (Certified Nursing Assistant).

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