

BOARD OF REGENTS  
BRIEFING PAPER  
**HANDBOOK REVISION: TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS**

**BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

Current Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13.6*) provides that federally funded teacher training programs will carry an exception to in-state and out-of-state fee and tuition rates for contiguous, WICHE and Good Neighbor States. Further, UNLV may accept federally funded teacher training programs with mandated reduced per-credit fees; undergraduate, minimum \$15 per credit; graduate, minimum \$30 per credit; all course offerings will be approved and delivery overseen through the usual academic processes.

Clark County School District (CCSD) has requested that the policy be reviewed and updated to support their professional development programs for teachers.

**SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:**

Amend current Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13*) to provide that federally-funded teacher training programs may be offered at a reduced per-credit fee. Further, provide that all NSHE institutions may offer professional development teacher training programs at a reduced per credit fee when funded by Nevada school districts and/or the Nevada State Legislature, if collaborative agreements are in place.

**IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):**

At the request of CCSD, the proposed revision to the Board's policy on reduced fees for teacher training is being brought forward for consideration.

**BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

- ◆ Extends beyond UNLV to all NSHE institutions the authority to offer reduced fee teacher professional development programs;
- ◆ Partnerships with School Districts who are implementing state-funded professional development programs are appropriate for NSHE institutions; and
- ◆ Enables NSHE institutions to support the growing demand for professional development teacher training courses across Nevada.

**POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

None offered.

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

Maintain the current policy as written, limiting it to teacher training programs at UNLV only.

**COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_
- Amends Current Board Policy: *Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13*
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fiscal Impact: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**POLICY PROPOSAL**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 13 (in part)**  
Special Reduced Tuition and Fees

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]  
*boldface italics* are as amended during the Board meeting (2/08)

6. Federally funded teacher training programs will carry an exception to in-state and out-of-state fee and tuition rates for contiguous, WICHE and Good Neighbor States, *and may be offered at a reduced per-credit fee*. [~~UNLV may accept federally funded teacher training programs with mandated reduced per-credit fees; undergraduate, minimum \$15 per credit; graduate, minimum \$30 per credit; all~~] *Additionally, all NSHE institutions may offer professional development teacher training programs at a reduced per-credit fee when funded by Nevada school districts and/or the State of Nevada through non-NSHE funds, if collaborative agreements are in place. All course offerings will be approved and delivery overseen through the usual academic processes.*