

BOARD OF REGENTS

BRIEFING PAPER

Handbook Revision: Tuition for Certain Members of the Armed Forces

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

A number of Marines stationed at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) are currently attending Western Nevada Community College in Carson City and are subject to the tuition charges traditionally paid by non-resident students. Tim Tetz, Executive Director of the Nevada State Veteran's Office, brought this issue to the attention of System Administration, requesting that students stationed at MCMWTC not be charged out-of-state tuition. At the June 2006 Board meeting, the regents approved a policy revision providing that non-resident tuition shall not be charged to marines currently stationed at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center at Pickle Meadows, California. It is recommended that the policy be clarified such that the families of these Marines also will not be subject to non-resident tuition charges.

Background

The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center is one of the Marine Corps most remote and isolated posts. The MCMWTC is located on California Highway 108 at Pickle Meadows. The center is 21 miles northwest of Bridgeport, California and 100 miles south of Reno, Nevada. The MCMWTC conducts formal schools for individuals and battalion training in summer and winter mountain operations. The training emphasizes development of both individual and unit mountain skills with primary emphasis on enhancing overall combat capability. Marines at the Center are also involved in testing cold weather clothing, equipment, human performance, rough terrain vehicles, and developing doctrine and concepts to enhance the Corps' ability to fight and win in mountain and cold weather environments.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3 to provide that Marines stationed at the MCMWTC and their family members shall not be charged tuition traditionally charged to out-of-state students. Therefore, these individuals will be charged in-state registration fees only.

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

It has been brought to the attention of the System Office that the current policy is unclear as to whether or not it is applicable to the families of MCMWTC Marines.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Adopting this policy revision as proposed continues the Board's long-standing tradition of supporting members of the Armed Forces.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

No arguments against the proposal have been brought forward.

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

Maintain the current policy providing that only certain members of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be exempt from non-resident tuition charges as provided in Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # ____ Chapter # ____ Section # ____
- X Amends Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 15 Section # 3
- Other: _____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes ____ No ____
- Explain: _____

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 15, SECTIONS 3**

Additions in *boldface italics*; deletions ~~stricken~~

Section 3. Tuition

1. Tuition shall not be charged to current enrollees or graduates of a Nevada high school.
2. Tuition shall be charged to nonresident students, except that at the community colleges no tuition shall be charged for registration in community service courses that are not state funded.
3. Tuition shall not be charged to a professional employee, classified employee, postdoctoral fellow, resident physician, or resident dentist of the Nevada System of Higher Education currently employed at least half time, or the spouse or dependent child of such an employee.
4. Tuition shall not be charged to a graduate student enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher Education and employed by the System in support of its instructional or research programs, only during the period of time of such employment.
5. Tuition shall not be charged to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, on active duty, stationed in Nevada as a result of a permanent change of duty station pursuant to military orders, or a person whose spouse, family or legal guardian is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in Nevada as a result of a permanent change of duty station pursuant to military orders-, *including a Marine* ~~Marines~~ currently stationed at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center at Pickle Meadows, California., ~~shall not be charged tuition.~~
6. Tuition shall not be charged to a student enrolled in the University Studies Abroad Consortium or in the National Student Exchange Program, only during the period of time of such enrollment. Time spent in Nevada while a student is in the National Student Exchange Program shall not be counted towards satisfying the residence requirement of Section 4, Paragraph 2 below, nor shall enrollment through the Consortium or the Exchange Program be included in the "date of matriculation" for evaluation of Nevada residency.
7. Tuition shall not be charged to members of federally recognized Native American tribes, who do not otherwise qualify as Nevada residents, and who currently reside on tribal lands located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the State of Nevada.

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