

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
RESIDENT TUITION FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

A number of other states, including New Mexico, Kansas, and Maryland, have passed “continuity” legislation that allows the dependents of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States to continue to be eligible for resident tuition if the service member is subsequently reassigned to another state but remains an active duty member of the military and the dependent was enrolled in NSHE prior to the reassignment. The Board’s policy currently provides that non-resident tuition shall not be charged to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, on active duty, stationed in Nevada, nor his spouse, child, or legal guardian – it does not address the aforementioned situation.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3 to provide that if a member of the United States Armed Forces (stationed in Nevada) ceases to be stationed in Nevada, reside in Nevada, or be domiciled in Nevada, the spouse, child or legal guardian of the member shall not be charged tuition if the spouse, child or legal guardian of the member remains continuously enrolled at an NSHE institution and was enrolled prior to the reassignment. (See attached Policy Proposal.)

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

It was recently brought to the attention of the System Office that the Board’s current policy does not provide continuity for spouses, children, and legal guardians of active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been re-stationed from Nevada to another state, but who remain continuously enrolled in at an NSHE institution.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Adopting the proposed policy will continue the Board’s previously established strong support of members of the United States Armed Forces
- A number of states, including New Mexico, Kansas, and Maryland have similar continuity policies

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

Non-resident tuition that could otherwise be charged to such students will not be collected in support of the institution.

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

Do not adopt the policy as proposed

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Amends Current Board Policy: *Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3*
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Other: _____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No _____
Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 3
Tuition for Members of the U.S. Armed Forces

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]
boldface italics as amended during the Board meeting (8/07)

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~~] *parent* 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 currently stationed at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center at Pickle Meadows, California. *If the member ceases to be stationed in Nevada, reside in Nevada, **stationed in Pickle Meadows, California**, or be domiciled in Nevada, the spouse, child or legal guardian of the member shall not be charged tuition if the spouse, child or legal guardian of the member was enrolled prior to the reassignment and remains continuously enrolled at an NSHE institution.*
- 7[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.
- 8[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.
(B/R 8/04)