

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
Handbook Revision, Special Reduced Fees

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Currently, Board policy includes two separate provisions allowing NSHE institutions to offer certain courses to high school students for a reduced fee if approved by the President. These two are often confused and contradictory. The first provision provides that resident high school students may enroll in a college-level distance education course for \$25 per course. The second provision allows resident high school students to enroll in remedial and 100-level courses offered by the institution and delivered on the high school campus at a reduced fee determined by the institution. Both provisions require the approval of the President to offer the reduced fee course to high school students.

The Academic Affairs Council reviewed these policies and recommended revisions. The delivery of remedial and 100-level courses by NSHE institutions on high schools campuses is not used widely across the System and creates confusion on the part of the high schools about which courses may be offered and by whom. Therefore it is recommended that this policy be eliminated. Offering distance education courses to high schools students is a valuable tool for offering courses to high school students and should be continued. However, the fee of \$25 per course is too low given the current budget constraints facing the System, and as a result the academic officers recommend increasing the fee from \$25 to \$50 per course. The fee of \$50 per course, when compared to the current registration fees and surcharges the students would otherwise pay, will continue to result in a cost savings for the student. In an effort to mitigate the elimination of the provision allowing remedial and 100-level courses to be delivered on a high school campus at a reduced fee, the academic officers recommend expanding the use of the reduced fee for distance education courses to all courses and not college-level courses only as is currently authorized. Finally, it is recommended that the revisions be effective Fall 2012.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend *Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 11* to eliminate the provision authorizing institutions to offer remedial and 100-level courses on a high school campus at a reduced fee and revise the provision concerning reduced fees for distance education courses to expand to all distance learning courses (not college-level only) and increase the fee from \$25 to \$50 per course, effective Fall 2012. (See the attached Policy Proposal.)

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

This proposal is brought forward at the request of the Academic Affairs Council.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

If adopted as recommend, the policy will:

- ✓ Increase the reduced fee option for high school student taking distance education courses to a fee level that is more reasonable given the fiscal challenges facing the institutions (\$25 per course to \$50 per course);
- ✓ Mitigate the elimination of the provision allowing remedial and 100-level courses to be delivered on a high school course at a reduced fee by expanding the use of the reduced fee for distance education courses to all courses and not college-level courses only as is currently authorized
- ✓ Be effective in Fall 2012 to allow the institutions sufficient time to notify high school students and school districts appropriately.

This will not negatively impact the work of the institutions with school districts on dual enrollment and early remediation.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been brought forward.

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

Maintain the current policy as written.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #_____ Chapter #_____ Section #_____
- Amends Current Board Policy: *Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 11*
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #_____ Section #_____
- Other:_____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes____ No_____

Explain: *The proposed policy, if approved, increases the special reduced per course fee for high school student taking distance education course from \$25 to \$50, which may increase the revenue generated assuming enrollments do not substantially decline as a result of the fee increase.*

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 11
Special Reduced Tuition and Fees – Effective Fall 2012

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

Section 11. Special Reduced Tuition and Fees

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3. Nevada resident high school students may enroll in a distance learning[~~, college-credit~~] course delivered to an off-campus site for a [~~\$25~~] ***\$50*** registration fee per course if the course fee is approved by the institutional President. The term "high school students" includes students formally enrolled in a school district sponsored Adult Education High School Diploma programs.

[~~4. Nevada resident high school students may enroll in remedial and 100-level courses offered by an NSHE institution for a reduced registration fee per course if the course is delivered on the high school campus, excluding high schools located on an NSHE campus, and approved by the institutional President. The reduced registration fees shall be determined by the President.~~]

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RENUMBER SUBSECTIONS 5-7 AS SUBSECTIONS 4-6.

EFFECTIVE FALL 2012