

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
Handbook Revision, Setting Tuition and Fees

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Pursuant to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 1*) a committee composed of institutional presidents and representatives of the Board must use. Given the unique challenges facing the state and in September 2009, the Board suspended the current policy and charged the Committee with developing a new policy for setting tuition and fees in the future.

The Committee recommends revising Board policy to provide that in the future the following factors be considered when adjusting tuition and fees: 1) charges at peer institutions in the western region of the United States, 2) higher education inflation as measured by the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) or a similarly appropriate index, 3) anticipated state funding, 4) institutional needs and mission, and 5) other relevant information as appropriate. In addition, the Committee recommends that in-state and non-resident tuition will increase at least by the rate of inflation, determined by the most recently published HEPI percentage. This recommendation would not preclude future consideration of recommending tuition and fee increases that exceed HEPI.

The Committee recommends discontinuing the Children of Alumni discount due to the fact that it is not widely used and the current budget situation makes this discount questionable. The proposal includes a grandfathering provision so that students currently receiving the discount continue to do so as long as they remain continuously enrolled.

The Committee also recommends target percentages for financial aid that must be set aside when determining registration fees. Specifically, an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the total registration fee at the community colleges (lower division only) and at least 15 percent of the total registration fee for all institutions including upper-division at the community colleges, net the amounts distributed to other categories, will be dedicated to student financial assistance. These percentages are target percentages and must be achieved by academic year 2022-23.

Based on the request of the Board at its March 2010 meeting, this proposal includes a policy authorizing NSHE institutions to establish differential program fees under certain circumstances (*Title 4, Chapter 17, new Section 21; P&G, Chapter 7, Section 5*). This proposal was approved by the Tuition and Fees Committee.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

The Committee recommends amending Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 1 & 10; Chapter 15, Section 8; Chapter 18, Section 18*) by establishing new guidelines from which tuition and fee increases will be established. This proposal also includes a policy authorizing NSHE institutions to set differential program fees under certain circumstances (*Title 4, Chapter 17, new Section 21; P&G, Chapter 7, Section 5*). (See attached Board policy)

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

Pursuant to action taken by the Board at its September 2009 meeting, the current policy for establishing tuition and fees has been suspended, and the Board directed the Tuition and Fees Committee to develop a new policy. In addition, at its March 2010 meeting when this proposal was first heard, the Board requested that it include a proposal for establishing a differential fee program.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

As proposed, the policy:

- Establishes basic principles to guide the process for setting tuition and fees – shared responsibility, access and affordability, and predictable pricing.
- Provides that future fee increases will be no less than inflation (using the Higher Education Price Index).
- Provides a strong commitment to increasing financial aid by establishing target percentages of the registration fee that must be set aside for student access (financial aid).
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POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 1
Tuition and Fees

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Section 1. Assessment of Fees

1. The Board of Regents shall establish tuition rates for students who are not residents of Nevada, and registration and other fees to be assessed all students. [~~In establishing such rates and fees, the Board recognizes that both the students of the NSHE institutions and the citizens of the State of Nevada share in the benefits of higher education, and therefore, both students and the state should contribute appropriately to support high quality instructional programs. Further, the Board reaffirms its commitment to equal access to NSHE programs regardless of a student's financial circumstances,~~ and therefore, shall establish tuition rates and fees at such level to oreneedJET72 5j0.00

- a. Registration [~~fees~~] *fee* will be set so that the *increase* [~~charge for full-time attendance (30 credits for undergraduate enrollment and 16 credits for graduate enrollment)~~] is equivalent to *at least the most recent Higher Education Price Index available for each year of the biennium. The Committee may recommend a higher percentage increase as appropriately justified, but no percent increase shall be less than the inflation index for higher education.* [~~the median of state averages published annually by WICHE for two-year and four-year colleges, respectively, using a three-year lag. Because WICHE does not differentially distinguish tuition and fees for upper-division courses at two-year colleges or for state colleges, the registration fees for these categories in the NSHE]~~ *The undergraduate registration fee at the state college* will be set at the midpoint between lower-division fees for community colleges and undergraduate-level fees at the universities. Registration fees for graduate level courses at the state college will be set at the midpoint between undergraduate fees at the state college and graduate fees at the universities.
- b. In addition to registration fees, non-resident students also pay a tuition charge. Non-resident tuition *increases* for full-time undergraduate and graduate students (enrolled in 7 or more credits) will equal [~~120 percent of the median of non-resident undergraduate tuition and fees at four-~~

5. The Board of Regents shall establish tuition rates for resident and non-resident students in the School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno, and other fees to be assessed all students in the School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno. In establishing such rates and fees, the Board recognizes that both the students and the citizens of the State of Nevada share in the benefits of a medical education and, therefore, both students and the state should contribute appropriately to support high quality instructional programs. Further, the Board reaffirms its commitment to equal access to its programs regardless of a student's financial circumstances, and therefore shall establish tuition rates and fees at such level as to encourage participation in a medical education.

6. On a biennial basis, in the Spring of every even numbered year, the President of the University of Nevada, Reno or his designee will chair a university committee composed of the Dean[;] *of the* School of Medicine, School of Medicine student government representatives[;] University of Nevada, Reno, administrative officers[;] and a representative from the Chancellor's Office. The committee will gather and review data and make recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board

10. [~~On a biennial basis, in the Spring of every~~] **Every** even numbered year, the President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas or his designee will chair a university committee composed of the Dean of the UNLV School of Dental Medicine, ***student government representatives from the dental school***, administrative officers, and a representative from the Chancellor's Office. The committee will gather and review data and make recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board on an appropriate level of tuition and fees to be assessed all students in the School of Dental Medicine at UNLV. The recommendations of this committee will be presented to the Board of Regents for its consideration and action.

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 10
Children of Alumni Tuition

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[Section 10. Children of Alumni Classification

~~Children of alumni of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada State College, or Great Basin College who reside outside of Nevada are eligible for a differential tuition rate under certain conditions. Students enrolling under Children of Alumni classification will, in addition to registration fees, pay a tuition charge equaling an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fees times 60 percent.~~

- ~~a. The parent(s) must have earned a baccalaureate degree from either the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Reno; Nevada State College; or Great Basin College.~~
- ~~b. The child must enroll in the same university as his or her parent(s) to be eligible for the differential tuition rate.~~
- ~~c. The differential tuition rate applies for undergraduate studies only.~~

~~No reclassification under this policy shall give rise to any claim for refund of tuition already paid to the Board of Regents.]~~

SECTION 10 – DELETED IN WHOLE

RENUMBER SECTIONS 11 THROUGH 25 AS SECTION 9 THROUGH 23

GRANDFATHERING PROVISION

All students receiving the discount at the time the Children of Alumni policy is eliminated in Fall 2011 will be grandfathered and may therefore continue to receive the discount so long as they are continuously enrolled.

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 8 (in part)
Children of Alumni Tuition

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Section 8. Reclassification of Nonresident Status

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6. Because residence in a neighboring state other than Nevada is a continuing qualification for enrollment in the Good Neighbor~~[-Children of Alumni,]~~ or WICHE Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs at a NSHE institution, a student who was initially enrolled in a System institution under any of these discounted tuition programs shall not normally be reclassified as a resident student following matriculation. A nonresident student who subsequently disenrolls from the Good Neighbor~~[-Children of Alumni,]~~ or WICHE Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs and pays full nonresident tuition for at least twelve (12) months may apply for reclassification to resident student status. An application for reclassification may also be submitted under the provisions of this section if the material facts of a student's residency, or the parents' or legal guardian's residency, have substantially changed following matriculation.

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POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 18, SECTION 18
Student Access Funds

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Section 18. Use of Student Access Funds

In order to improve the access of all students and to encourage participation in higher education, an amount *equal to at least 10 percent of the total registration fee at the community colleges (lower division only) and at least 15 percent of the total registration fee for all other institutions including upper-division at the community colleges that must be achiev 0.0003 Tw -20.05 -1.14e total*

7. Nothing in this Section precludes an institut

PROPOSED REVISIONS
PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 5
Approval of Special Fees

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Section 5. Special Fee Approvals

Except for student health service and health insurance fees, all additions, revisions and deletions to special fees including, but not limited to student, special course, ***differential program*** and special use fees, and residence hall, apartment rentals, and food service rates shall be presented to the Board for approval during the last Board meeting of each calendar year. Exceptions to this policy require approval of the Chancellor.

PROPOSED REVISIONS – P&G MANUAL
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 1
Tuition and Fees

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

¹
Section 1. Registration Fees and Non-Resident Tuition Rates

Registration Fees

	[2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>
Registration Fees, Universities (undergraduate)*	\$129.50/ per credit	\$136.00/ per credit	\$142.75/ per credit	<i>\$156.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$156.75/ per credit</i>
Registration Fees, Universities (graduate)*	\$198.00/ per credit	\$217.75/ per credit	\$239.50/ per credit	<i>\$239.50/ per credit</i>	<i>\$239.50/ per credit</i>
Registration Fees, NSC (undergraduate)	\$93.50/ per credit	\$98.25/ per credit	\$103.25/ per credit	<i>\$113.25/ per credit</i>	<i>\$113.25/ per credit</i>
Registration Fees, NSC (graduate)	\$145.75/ per credit	\$160.25/ per credit	\$176.25/ per credit	<i>\$176.25/ per credit</i>	<i>\$176.25/ per credit</i>
Registration Fees, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper-division)*	\$93.50/ per credit	\$98.25/ per credit	\$103.25/ per credit	<i>\$113.25/ per credit</i>	<i>\$113.25/ per credit</i>
Registration Fees, Community Colleges*	\$57.25/ per credit]	\$60.00/ per credit	\$63.00/ per credit	<i>\$69.25/ per credit</i>	<i>\$69.25/ per credit</i>

[*Does not include 2008-09 Surcharge: ~~\$5.00 at UNR; \$2.75 at CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC.~~]

In addition to the registration fees, the following surcharges are in effect for academic years 2009-10 and 2010-11 for undergraduate students only:

Student Surcharges

Non-Resident Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Full-time* Non-resident Tuition, Universities	\$11,095/ per year	\$12,340/ per year	\$13,290/ per year	\$13,595/ per year	\$13,910/ per year
Full-time* Non-resident Tuition, NSC	\$8,398/ per year	\$9,264/ per year	\$9,818/ per year	\$10,045/ per year	\$10,275/ per year
Full-time* Non-resident Tuition, Community Colleges	\$5,709/ per year]	\$6,188/ per year	\$6,347/ per year	\$6,495/ per year	\$6,645/ per year

* Full-time non-resident tuition rates are assessed

Good Neighbor Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	[2008-09]	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Good Neighbor Tuition, Universities (<i>undergraduate</i>)	\$142.50/ per credit	\$149.50/ per credit	\$157.00/ per credit	\$172.50/ per credit	\$172.50/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, Universities (<i>graduate</i>)	\$217.75/ per credit	\$239.50/ per credit	\$263.50/ per credit	\$263.50/ per credit	\$263.50/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, NSC (<i>undergraduate</i>)	\$56.00/ per credit	\$59.00/ per credit	\$62.00/ per credit	\$68.00/ per credit	\$68.00/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, NSC (<i>graduate</i>)	\$87.50/ per credit	\$96.25/ per credit	\$105.75/ per credit	\$105.75/ per credit	\$105.75/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper division)	\$56.00/ per credit	\$59.00/ per credit	\$62.00/ per credit	\$68.00/ per credit	\$68.00/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, Community Colleges	\$34.25/ per credit]	\$36.00/ per credit	\$37.75/ per credit	\$41.50/ per credit	\$41.50/ per credit

Children of Alumni Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	[2008-09]	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Children of Alumni Tuition, Universities	\$77.75/ per credit]	\$81.50/ per credit	\$85.75/ per credit	\$85.75/ per credit	\$85.75/ per credit

Effective Fall 2011, the Children of Alumni tuition will be discontinued. Students receiving the discount at that time may continue to receive the discount so long as they are continuously enrolled.

Distance Education Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, University <i>(undergraduate)</i>	\$64.75/ per credit	\$68.00/ per credit	\$71.50/ per credit	\$78.50/ per credit	\$78.50/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, University <i>(graduate)</i>	\$99.00/ per credit	\$109.00/ per credit	\$119.75/ per credit	\$119.75/ per credit	\$119.75/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, NSC <i>(undergraduate)</i>	\$46.75/ per credit	\$49.25/ per credit	\$51.75/ per credit	\$56.75/ per credit	\$56.75/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, NSC <i>(graduate)</i>	\$73.00/ per credit	\$80.25/ per credit	\$88.25/ per credit	\$88.25/ per credit	\$88.25/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, GBC, CSN, WNC <i>(upper-division)</i>	\$46.75/ per credit	\$49.25/ per credit	\$51.75/ per credit	\$56.75/ per credit	\$56.75/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, Community Colleges	\$28.50/ per credit]	\$30.00/ per credit	\$31.50/ per credit	\$34.75/ per credit	\$34.75/ per credit

** Assessed only to non-resident students who are residing outside of Nevada during the semester in which enrollment in the distance education course(s) occurs.*

OPTION B: REGENT GEDDES RECOMMENDATION

Option B includes an additional 7.5 percent increase in each year of the biennium above the recommendation of the Tuition and Fees Committee.

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Registration Fees

	[2008-09]	2009-10	2010-11	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>
Registration Fees, Universities (undergraduate)*	\$129.50/ per credit	\$136.00/ per credit	\$142.75/ per credit	<i>\$168.50/</i> <i>per credit</i>	<i>\$181.25/</i> <i>per credit</i>
Registration Fees, Universities (graduate)*	\$198.00/ per credit	\$217.75/ per credit	\$239.50/ per credit	<i>\$257.50/</i> <i>per credit</i>	<i>\$276.75/</i> <i>per credit</i>
Registration Fees, NSC (undergraduate)	\$93.50/ per credit	\$98.25/ per credit	\$103.25/ per credit	<i>\$121.75/</i> <i>per credit</i>	<i>\$131.00/</i> <i>per credit</i>
Registration Fees, NSC (graduate)	\$145.75/ per credit	\$160.25/ per credit	\$176.25/ per credit	<i>\$189.50/</i> <i>per credit</i>	<i>\$203.75/</i> <i>per credit</i>
Registration Fees, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper-division)*	\$93.50/ per credit	\$98.25/ per credit	\$103.25/ per credit	<i>\$121.75/</i> <i>per credit</i>	<i>\$131.00/</i> <i>per credit</i>
Registration Fees, Community Colleges*	\$57.25/ per credit]	\$60.00/ per credit	\$63.00/ per credit	<i>\$74.50/</i> <i>per credit</i>	<i>\$80.00/</i> <i>per credit</i>

[*Does not include ~~2008-09 Surcharges: \$5.00 at UNR; \$2.75 at CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC.~~]

In addition to the registration fees, the following surcharges are in effect for academic years 2009-10 and 2010-11 for undergraduate students only:

Student Surcharges

	2009-10	2010-11
Registration Fees, Universities (undergraduate)	\$6.50 per credit	\$14.00 per credit
Registration Fees, NSC (undergraduate)	\$4.50 per credit	\$10.00 per credit
Registration Fees, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper divisions)	\$4.50 per credit (eff. Spring 2010)	\$10.00 per credit
Registration Fees, Community Colleges	\$3.00 per credit (eff. Spring 2010)	\$6.25 per credit

¹Beginning Fall 2009 a technology fee of \$7.00 per credit hour will be charged at UNR and UNLV and \$5.50 at NSC, CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC.

Non-Resident Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Full-time* Non-resident Tuition, Universities	\$11,095/ per year	\$12,340/ per year	\$13,290/ per year	\$14,615r year	

Good Neighbor Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	[2008-09]	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Good Neighbor Tuition, Universities (<i>undergraduate</i>)	\$142.50/ per credit	\$149.50/ per credit	\$157.00/ per credit	\$185.25/ per credit	\$199.50/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, Universities (<i>graduate</i>)	\$217.75/ per credit	\$239.50/ per credit	\$263.50/ per credit	\$283.25/ per credit	\$304.50/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, NSC (<i>undergraduate</i>)	\$56.00/ per credit	\$59.00/ per credit	\$62.00/ per credit	\$73.00/ per credit	\$78.50/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, NSC (<i>graduate</i>)	\$87.50/ per credit	\$96.25/ per credit	\$105.75/ per credit	\$113.75/ per credit	\$122.25/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper division)	\$56.00/ per credit	\$59.00/ per credit	\$62.00/ per credit	\$73.00/ per credit	\$78.50/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, Community Colleges	\$34.25/ per credit]	\$36.00/ per credit	\$37.75/ per credit	\$44.75/ per credit	\$48.00/ per credit

Children of Alumni Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	[2008-09]	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Children of Alumni Tuition, Universities	\$77.75/ per credit]	\$81.50/ per credit	\$85.75/ per credit	\$101.00/ per credit	\$108.75/ per credit

Effective Fall 2011, the Children of Alumni tuition will be discontinued. Students receiving the discount at that time may continue to receive the discount so long as they are continuously enrolled.

Distance Education Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, University <i>(undergraduate)</i>	\$64.75/ per credit	\$68.00/ per credit	\$71.50/ per credit	\$84.25/ per credit	\$90.75/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, University <i>(graduate)</i>	\$99.00/ per credit	\$109.00/ per credit	\$119.75/ per credit	\$128.75/ per credit	\$138.50/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, NSC <i>(undergraduate)</i>	\$46.75/ per credit	\$49.25/ per credit	\$51.75/ per credit	\$61.00/ per credit	\$65.50/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, NSC <i>(graduate)</i>	\$73.00/ per credit	\$80.25/ per credit	\$88.25/ per credit	\$94.75/ per credit	\$102.00/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, GBC, CSN, WNC <i>(upper-division)</i>	\$46.75/ per credit	\$49.25/ per credit	\$51.75/ per credit	\$61.00/ per credit	\$65.50/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, Community Colleges	\$28.50/ per credit]	\$30.00/ per credit	\$31.50/ per credit	\$37.25/ per credit	\$40.00/ per credit

** Assessed only to non-resident students who are residing outside of Nevada during the semester in which enrollment in the distance education course(s) occurs.*