

## **EXCERPT of Regulation 7.001 Tuition and Associated Fees Dealing with Market Tuition**

### **MARKET TUITION:**

(15) A university board of trustees may submit a proposal for market tuition rates for graduate-level courses offered online or through the university's continuing education unit when such courses constitute an approved degree program or college credit certificate program. Proposals shall be submitted to the budget committee for consideration by the committee during a November meeting.

(a) Proposals to charge market tuition rates for degree programs and college credit certificate programs shall be considered by the Board only if documentation is provided that demonstrates:

1. The programs have been approved in accordance with Regulation 8.011 and have established one or more separate market tuition rate student cohorts, each of which can be tracked for administrative and reporting purposes.
2. The programs do not lead to initial licensing or certification for occupational areas identified as state critical workforce need in the State University System of Florida Strategic Plan, 2005-2013, Areas Programmatic Strategic Emphasis, as amended in 2009. A university may request establishment of market tuition rates for such programs for non-residents if such programs do not adversely impact development of other programs for Florida residents. A university, upon a written request for a special exception from the Chancellor, may submit a proposal for market tuition rate for a program leading to initial licensing or certification in a state critical workforce need area if it can be demonstrated to increase the number of graduates in the state.
3. The program admission and graduation requirements shall be the same as similar programs funded by state appropriations.

(b) If approved by the Board, the university shall operate these programs for a pilot period in order to collect sufficient information to determine the merit and success of market tuition rate courses. During the pilot period, the Board shall approve no more than five new graduate-level degree programs or college credit certificate program proposals per academic year. After three years, the university shall present its findings to the Board budget committee. The university findings shall include, but not be limited to, program enrollments, degrees produced, and enrollments in similar state funded programs. The budget committee will then make any appropriate recommendations to the Board for changes of market tuition rates programs.

(c) The proposal for market tuition rate programs shall be submitted in a format designated by the Chancellor and include at a minimum:

1. A description of the program and its compliance with the requirements outlined in (15)(a).
2. An explanation of the process used to determine the market tuition rate and the tuition at similar programs from at least five other institutions, including both private and public.
3. A description of similar programs offered by other state university system institutions.
4. An estimate of the market tuition rate to be charged over the next three years. Any annual increase shall be no more than 15 percent over the preceding year.
5. A description of how offering the proposed program at market tuition rate is aligned with the mission of the university.
6. An explanation and declaratory statement that offering the proposed program at market tuition rate does not increase the state's fiscal liability or obligation.
7. An explanation of any differentiation in rate between resident and non-resident students paying market tuition rate.
8. An explanation of any proposed restrictions, limitations, or conditions to be placed on the program.
9. A description of any outcome measures that will be used to determine the success of the proposal.
10. In addition, the following information will be included with the proposal:
  - a. An explanation of how the university will ensure that sufficient courses are available to meet student demand and facilitate completion of each program submitted for consideration.
  - b. A baseline of current enrollments, including a breakout of resident and nonresident enrollment, in similar state-funded courses.
  - c. An estimation of the economic impact that implementation of the proposal will have on the university and the student by identifying the incremental revenue the university anticipates collecting if the proposal is approved.
  - d. A description of how revenues will be spent, including whether any private vendors will be utilized, and which budget entity the funds will be budgeted.

(d) The Board of Governors will act upon the budget committee recommendation at the next scheduled meeting. If a university board of trustees' proposal is denied, within five days, the university board of trustees

may request reconsideration by the Board's Tuition Appeals Committee, which shall consist of the Chair of the Board and the Chair of each Board committee. The Tuition Appeals Committee will meet within ten days after the Board of Governors' denial to consider a university board of trustees request for reconsideration.

(e) If a university charges a market tuition rate for a course within an approved program, preference shall be given to Florida residents in the admission process for similar state funded programs.

(f) Enrollments and degrees granted in market tuition rate program cohorts shall be reported in a manner to be determined by the Chancellor.

(g) Credit hours generated by courses in market tuition rate program cohorts shall not be reported as fundable credit hours and all costs shall be recouped within the market tuition rate.

(h) Programs and associated courses approved for market tuition rate shall not supplant existing university offerings funded by state appropriations.

(i) Each university approved to offer market tuition rates shall provide an annual status report in a format designated by the Chancellor.