

STUDENT TUITION AND FEES

I. Purpose

To provide standards for the Board of Trustees to establish tuition and fee rates in accordance with the Michigan Community College Act. The Board of Trustees shall review student tuition and fees annually, based on the financial requirements of the College in order to provide optimal services to students at an affordable price.

II. Scope

This policy applies to annual and long-range financial planning.

III. General

In establishing tuition and fee rates the Board of Trustees shall consider (1) the financial requirements of the College, (2) the effect of tuition and fees on student access and affordability, (3) quality of services provided to students, and (4) the tuition and fee rates of comparable Michigan community colleges.

Any change in tuition and fees that applies to all students will be established by March 31 prior to the next Fall semester and communicated to incoming students regarding future costs.

In-State tuition shall be two times the In-District rate. Out-of-State tuition shall be three times the In-District rate, and International tuition shall be three and one-half times the In-District rate.

Staff review of fees will occur annually to assure:

- a. Total costs to students are reasonable when benchmarked against other educational institutions.
- b. Course fees are used to differentiate the varying costs of courses and sections.
- c. Any fees assessed to all students will be weighed against a more straightforward and easily communicated tuition increase.
- d. The administrative cost to assess and collect a fee is reasonable compared to revenue generated.

Fees may be assessed for special services or privileges, materials furnished, or to recover college cost of special processing (e.g., Non-Sufficient Funds fee).

IV. Responsibility

Responsibility for the interpretation and administration of this policy is delegated to the Chief Financial Officer or designee.

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