

ITEM 152-102-R0811

Authorization for Common Tuition for Dual Enrollment

THAT

The Board of Regents of the Montana University System establish a common dual credit and dual enrollment pricing and authorize MSU Billings College of Technology, UM Helena College of Technology, MSU Great Falls College of Technology, UM Montana Tech College of Technology, UM Missoula College of Technology, Gallatin College Programs, Bitterroot College Program, MSU Northern, and UM Western to implement tuitions accordingly.

EXPLANATION

Increasing participation and engagement of secondary students statewide in dual credit and dual enrollment programming has long been a high priority of the Board of Regents. A common approach to dual credit and dual enrollment tuition has been identified as important to improve access through a tuition structure which is affordable and easy to understand. Montana's two-year leaders recommend a two phase approach with the first phase involving MSU Billings College of Technology, UM Helena College of Technology, MSU Great Falls College of Technology, UM Montana Tech College of Technology, UM Missoula College of Technology, Gallatin College Programs, Bitterroot College Program, MSU Northern, and UM Western, and the second phase will involve the three community colleges following their respective Board of Trustee discussions.

The common approach to dual credit and dual enrollment tuition involves:

- Tuition per credit will be 50% of the current resident tuition (See attached spreadsheet)
- Mandatory fees will not be assessed
- Tuition plus applicable course fees will be charged

The common approach to dual enrollment tuition will apply to students enrolled in all dual enrollment activities including, but not limited to dual credit, early college, running start and concurrent enrollment (see Dual Enrollment Operational Guidelines for definitions).

This tuition structure will provide a greater level of consistency as well as affordable tuition for high school students enrolled in both dual credit and dual enrollment courses. For example, using the 50% of tuition common approach would provide a tuition range for the COTs from \$49.13 to \$52 per credit and at Northern and Western a range from \$61.29 to \$69.53.

Each campus will be responsible to identify and implement policies related to course scheduling and registration of dual credit and dual enrollment students. Application and enrollment of dual credit and dual enrollment students will be done using a common application and enrollment form.

ATTACHMENTS

Common Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment Tuition Spreadsheet