E-rate Tuition for Online Learning Graduate Programs

1. References.
   Policy Manual of the Board of Regents 7.3.1.6

2. General.
   The following guidelines have been developed by the Offices of the Senior Vice President for
   Academic Affairs and Provost, The Vice President for Instruction, the Registrar, the Bursar, the Office
   of Student Financial Aid, and the Budget Division.

3. Objective.
   To assist academic departments and institutes in developing plans and rates for online learning
   graduate programs.

4. Policy.
   Academic departments and institutes may charge a special tuition rate for online learning programs at
   the graduate level.
   
   a) For the purpose of this policy, online learning programs shall be defined as those programs in
      which 95% or more of class contact time is conducted online.
   b) Academic departments and institutes may request approval for special tuition rates (e-rate) for
      the online learning programs each year through a process administered by the Office of the
      Vice President for Instruction. The e-rate is composed of the base graduate tuition plus an
      online differential.
   c) The established base online differential is $275 per credit hour. The rate will be reviewed on
      an annual basis for potential adjustments.
   d) Requested e-rates must be based upon the base online differential established by the Vice
      President for Instruction. A request for the online differential above this amount will require
      additional justification.
   e) If the e-rate is either less than UGA’s in-state tuition rate or greater than its out-of-state rate,
      Board of Regents approval is required.
   f) UGA will report annually to the Board of Regents Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs on all
      tuition rates charged for online learning courses and programs.
   g) Rates will apply to all students regardless of residency status.

5. Point of Contact for following forms:
   Request for Online Differential.
   Request for 1st Year Funding.
   Request for deletion/change to Online Differential.

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