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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