WICHE STUDENT EXCHANGE

ACTION ITEM

PSEP SUPPORT FEES

Programs & Services Committee
Portland, Oregon
May 17, 2010
Professional Student Exchange Program

- WICHE’s raison d’être from the 1950’s
- Expands access in 10 healthcare fields
- $14.1 million state investment (12 states)
- 698 students in AY 2009 (757 in AY 2008)

Top three fields:
- Veterinary Medicine (214)
- Dentistry (121)
- Optometry (120)
PSEP (continued)

- Fields of **study not available at public institutions** in the home state
- Student’s home state pays a **support fee** to the admitting school
- Students pay **reduced tuition**

- **State determines** which fields it will support, and the number of seats funded
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Fees Setting Process and State Input

- Test support fees to meet tuition differentials
- Calculate increase using HECA inflation index, then make necessary base fee adjustments.
- Request feedback on proposed fees from deans of cooperating schools, state certifying officers, state higher ed offices
- Make adjustments to proposed fees.
- Discuss effects of increases with states.
The Balancing Act: Considerations

HECA = 1.5% increase (2008 to 2009)

State fiscal pressures
Student debt load

Meeting public programs’ tuition differentials
Incentives to enroll WICHE students
Graduate’s earning potential
## Recommended Fees (1.5% increase)

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How Support Fees Work

All fields (except pharmacy):

- Students pay resident tuition at public institutions; tuition differential should be covered.
- Support fee credited at private institutions; student assumes balance.

Pharmacy (lower support fee than other fields):

- Support fee credited at both public and private institutions; student assumes balance.
PROBLEMATICAL FIELDS
Dentistry

- WICHE resident tuition average = $42,432
- Uncovered tuition differential at:
  - CU Denver, 32 students @ 95% ($35,144; -$3,303)
  - UNLV, 0 students @ 96%; ($45,852; -$2,728)
  - U Wash, 5 students @ 88% ($30,798; -$7,040)
- CU Denver and U Wash in-state rates are lower than average; creates a higher tuition differential

(Agenda Book, page 6-14)
CO policy: nonresident students cannot establish residency during their dental studies. CU Denver able to obtain full nonresident tuition for a full four years on all nonresidents.

Dental admissions extremely competitive; little capacity (or funding) for existing schools to expand, despite shortages.

Recommendation: No adjustment, given tight state budgets, especially those that support many students in dentistry.

(Agenda Book, page 6-14)
Occupational Therapy

- Four schools exposed (up from two):
  - Idaho State U (0 students @ 97%)
  - U New Mexico (1 student @ 97%)
  - U Utah (0 students @ 89%)
  - U Wash (0 students @ 80%)

- Majority of enrollment at privates (31:3)

- Recommendation: Monitor; consider adjustment in May 2012

(Agenda Book, page 6-19)
Osteopathic Medicine (DO)

- DO fees are low compared to allopathic medicine (MD)
  - DO = $18,800 vs. MD = $28,300 ($9,500 difference)
  - Osteopathic med. deans view this as discriminatory
- Providers are all private; WICHE osteo students are paying less than allopathic students enrolled in a public program.
  - OSTEOPATHIC = $26,156 vs. ALLOPATHIC = $27,511
- Recommendation: hold for now.

(Agenda Book, page 6-22)
Physical Therapy

- Five schools where differential not met:
  - CSU Fresno MPT, 0 students @ 89%
  - CU Denver, 1 student @ 86%
  - U Montana, 1 student @ 92%
  - U Utah, 3 students @ 94%
  - U Wash, 1 student @ 92%

- Majority of enrollment in publics (22:18), or at institutions where differential is covered
  - Example: 9 students @ UND @ 142%

- Recommendation: Monitor for now.

(Area Book, page 6-25)
Physician Assistant

- Three schools where differential not met:
  - UC Denver: 2 students @ 91% (-3,757)
  - Idaho State U: 1 student @ 97% (-1,643)
  - Utah U: 0 students @ 93% (-3,412)

- Majority of PA students are at privates (18:6), or at publics where there is no tuition differential (OHSU and U Wash)

- National program length average @ 27 months; WICHE schools’ length @ 25.5 months.

- Recommendation: Monitor for now.

(Agenda Book, page 6-27)
Projected Fiscal Impact

- **Starting point: 2010**
  - $14,569,200 in support fees (projected)

- **2011-12**
  - $14,772,700 (1.4% increase)

- **2012-13**
  - $15,019,100 (1.7% increase)
DISCUSSION ON SUPPORT FEES RECOMMENDATIONS
WICHE STUDENT EXCHANGE UPDATE

Programs & Services Committee
Portland, Oregon
May 17, 2010
WICHE’s Student Access Programs

- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)
- Western Regional Graduate Program (WRG P)
- Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)
- WICHE’s Internet Course Exchange (ICE)
Regional Student Exchange ... 

Helps states share higher resources, reduces the unnecessary duplication of programs, and develops an educated workforce.

Provides students with tuition savings across a range of institutions and programs.

Enables institutions to maximize their resources: fill available capacity; avoid creating new programs when possible; and partner to create new programs when needed.
Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 24,670 students @ **150% resident tuition** (23,632 in AY2008; increase of 1,038)
- ~$173.4 M in tuition savings in AY 2009
- Decentralized: direct application to enrolling institution
- **No money exchanged** between states

Fill excess enrollment ➔ Diversify student body ➔ Build local workforce
## WUE Enrollment, Fall 2009

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Newest WUE Institutions

Arizona State University
- Downtown Phoenix Campus
- West Campus
- Polytechnic Campus
- Effective AY2009 and AY2010

145 institutions total
Western Regional Graduate Program

- Some 220 master's & PhDs at 45 institutions
- Grad students pay resident tuition
- 502 enrolled in AY2009
- 52 healthcare programs: nursing & public health
- Students apply directly to enrolling department
- No money exchanged across states

Fill excess capacity
Keep distinctive programs robust & viable
Avoid duplication of unique programs
Diversify enrollment
Next WRGP RFP/ Nominations Round

- RFP will be released in Fall 2010
- Sent to graduate deans, provosts, academic VP, SHEEOs, Commissioners, and interested dept. chairs
- Will continue to solicit healthcare programs not available through PSEP
  - Especially nurse practitioner, graduate nursing, health information technology
  - And professional science masters and programs in sustainable energy
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