MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors and Department Contacts of Participating Professional Student Exchange Programs (PSEP)
    WICHE Certifying Officers and Staff
    Western State Higher Education Executive Officers

CC: WICHE Commissioners
    WICHE Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council

FROM: Jere Mock, Vice President, Programs and Services
Margo Colalancia, Director, Student Exchange

SUBJECT: Approved Support Fees for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Biennium

A document describing the proposed support fees for the 2015/2016 biennium was transmitted for your review and comment in February. This is to notify you that the WICHE Commission approved the support fee increase as detailed at their May 12th meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The approved 1.8 percent increase for all fields is in concert with the 2012-2013 HECA (Higher Education Cost Adjustment) index.

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* Fees for 2014-15, included for reference, were established by the Commission in May 2012.

Unless noted, the approved support fees are calculated based on standard program length. Adjustments to accommodate accelerated programs or other special circumstances are spelled out in the Professional Student Exchange Program Manual which can be accessed online at http://wiche.edu/psep/supp-fees, along with an updated chart of support fees amounts. We suggest you bookmark this site for future reference and keep a copy of this memorandum in your WICHE PSEP files.

REMINDER: New support fees policy for new students enrolling in public programs

WICHE’s Professional Student Exchange Program’s (PSEP’s) support fees have not been meeting the resident/nonresident tuition differentials of some of our key cooperating programs in public institutions for several years now. The problem has worsened with reduced state budgets and the significant tuition increases.

This is a reminder that programs at participating public institutions that are left with an unmet resident/nonresident tuition differential now have an option to recuperate lost revenues for new PSEP students enrolling fall 2013 and later. Prior to this change in policy, all public programs were required to charge a PSEP
student resident tuition, even if the support fee did not adequately cover the resident/nonresident tuition differential. Public institutions whose differentials are not met are allowed to credit the support fee against full nonresident tuition and have the new student (enrolling Fall 2013 or later) pay the balance. *Institutions currently benefiting from an incentive (in cases where the support fee and resident tuition exceed a program’s nonresident tuition) still keep their incentive.* This new policy was approved to help programs that have been losing tuition revenues for WICHE students’ sake. WICHE also wants to encourage programs where we are meeting differentials to continue preferentially admitting PSEP students over other nonresidents.

We are asking our partnering programs to grandfather continuing continuing students through graduation. *Continuing students enrolled prior to fall 2013 should be charged resident tuition* as before, to remain consistent with contracts that the continuing student signed with his or her home state, just prior to enrollment.

Please read further to see how this new policy might affect your public program. Please be aware that the various cooperating PSEP programs at your institution may be affected differently; our support fee may continue to meet the differentials of some of your programs, and in others, it may not.

**Scenario: Recouping Unmet Differential**

Joe Smith is a PSEP student at Best Western University (BWU) enrolled through PSEP. Consider the following:

BWU nonresident tuition  $63,000  
BWU resident tuition  $33,000  
Resident/nonresident differential  $30,000  

WICHE’s PSEP support fee  $28,000  
Uncovered difference  $2,000  

Under the old policy, BWU had to charge Joe the resident tuition of $33,000 and absorb the unmet differential of the remaining $2,000. From AY 2013 forward, BWU can bill Joe for resident tuition ($33,000) and the unmet differential ($2,000) for a total of $35,000. Put more simply, the program can charge Joe nonresident tuition minus the support fee, and Joe will pay the balance:

BWU nonresident tuition  $63,000  
WICHE’s support fee for dentistry  -$28,000  
WICHE Student balance for tuition  $35,000  

Please note that programs are *not obligated* to charge the full differential to the student, but they now have that option. WICHE regrets that some students will end up paying more. However, the alternative is to raise the support fees to keep up with the increasing and widening differentials, and our participating states, unfortunately, cannot afford this. If support fees were required to keep pace with the growing differentials, fewer students would receive PSEP support.

WICHE certifying officers have notified WICHE certified applicants in advance about the change, but if you are a public institution, we encourage you to remind your new WICHE students of this as well. Most WICHE state offices also required PSEP applicants to sign a statement of understanding that notes they are aware of the change, and that if they enroll in a public program from fall 2013 or later, they may be charged more than resident tuition if the support fee does not cover the enrolling institution’s resident/nonresident tuition differential.

If you have any questions, please contact Margo Colalancia at 303.541.0214 or mcolalancia@wiche.edu.

Thank you for all you do for our WICHE students!

*Please share this information with financial aid, registrars, and other fiscal offices on your campus.*