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Office of
Finance and Administration

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Koithan, Dean, College of Nursing
Daryll DeWald, Spokane Campus Chancellor and Executive Vice President for Health Sciences

FROM: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO

RE: Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Tuition Rate

DATE: Monday, August 5, 2024

In May 2023 the WSU Board of Regents approved a new tuition rate for the DNP program to be effective with the entering cohort for Fall 2024. The following is excerpted from the action item:

In March, the Board of Regents approved the re-designation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from a graduate degree to a professional degree. To align with the re-designation and follow standard practice in schools of nursing, a unique tuition rate will be established for the professional DNP program. Current students in the graduate DNP program will be grandfathered at the current graduate nursing rates through the completion of their programs. A new professional DNP tuition rate effective for academic year 2024-25 is proposed for adoption now so it can be clearly communicated to students when the admission cycle for Fall 2024 begins later this summer.

The following rates will apply to new students admitted to the professional DNP program starting in Fall 2024.

Tuition Rates	Current	Proposed	Change	% Change
<i>Professional Doctor of Nurse Practice – Resident</i>	N/A	\$23,760	N/A	N/A
<i>Professional Doctor of Nurse Practice – Non-Resident</i>	N/A	\$39,232	N/A	N/A

We are requesting that the Board approve the tuition rates as set forth above. This action item was presented to the Regents as a future action item at the March 2023 meeting.

As student fee calculation is complete and bills are available to our students, the new rate is in place as approved for DNP students entering Fall 2024. You have requested that the tuition rate return to the lower Graduate Nursing rate for the 2024-25 academic year as the anticipated notification to students did not occur for the higher DNP rate. Recalculation of student fees may trigger



repackaging of student financial aid and could change their expected student refunds. Based on the attached enrollment, it appears the difference in tuition is approximately \$300,000.

We will revise the tuition to the lower previous rate upon your agreement of the following:

- 1) Notify students in writing that their tuition billing will change, acknowledging the approval of the new rate but that tuition charges will return to the previous rate due to administrative error.
- 2) Provide \$300,000 to central to cover the expected loss of tuition as this is part of the overall FY25 core funds budget. This amount would come from one-time carryforward from the College of Nursing. In June 2025, prior to year-end close, the amount will be trued up to actual based on student enrollment for the academic year.
- 3) The college update the website and enrollment materials to reflect the new rate for Fall 2025.
- 4) The Board of Regents will be informed of the revision of the approved rate at the September Finance and Administration Committee meeting.
- 5) Agreement in writing to these terms by the close of business on Monday, August 5. Expediency is requested as fee calculation must be updated immediately.

As we manage the new 2025 fiscal year, it is critical that we understand tuition generated by our academic programs and the total cost of operating each college, both the direct and indirect expenditures. As part of the budget development process for FY26, I expect that we will solicit funding needs and this is your opportunity to request funds derived from the change in this tuition rate to support the college.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

cc: Chris Jones, Assistant Vice President for Budget and Planning
Matt Skinner, Senior Associate Vice President, Deputy CFO

	HDC Enrolled	Rate Differential (Annual)	Gross Operating Fees	Tuition Waivers (10%)	4% Aid Fund	Net Operating Fees	
Spokane	Resident	12	5829	69,948	(6,995)	(2,518)	60,435
	Non-resident	2	5729	11,458	(1,146)	(412)	9,900
	Subtotal	14		81,406	(8,141)	(2,931)	70,335
Tri-Cities	Resident	7	5829	40,803	(4,080)	(1,469)	35,254
	Non-resident	0	5729	-	-	-	-
	Subtotal	7		40,803	(4,080)	(1,469)	35,254
Vancouver	Resident	27	5829	157,383	(15,738)	(5,666)	135,979
	Non-resident	5	5729	28,645	(2,865)	(1,031)	24,749
	Subtotal	32		186,028	(18,603)	(6,697)	160,728
Grand Total	53		308,237	(30,824)	(11,097)	266,317	

Headcount (HDC) Source: OBIEE - WSU Admissions - Graduate Dashboard, 7/30/2024