Policy 236

## GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE Board of Trustees

## **TUITION AND FEES**

WHEREAS, Guam Community College is charged with providing career and technical education and other related occupational training and education courses of instruction to the Guam Community; and

WHEREAS, non-appropriated funds in the form of tuition and various fees provide a significant part of the total budget of the College; and

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to balance this need for funds with the need for the people of Guam to have access to reasonable-priced career and technical educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to ensure that this balance is maintained;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees shall annually review tuition, fees, and all other charges levied by the College using the following guidelines:

**TUITION** charges shall be in line with the major purpose of a community college which is to provide postsecondary education at rates that encourage individuals to obtain additional education to upgrade or acquire new career and technical education skills.

**LABORATORY FEES** shall, at a minimum, recover the costs of specific additional resources inherent to the conduct of instruction of certain classes.

**STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES** shall be assessed at rates which are comparable to those charged at other similar institutions; they shall be used to partially support student extra-curricular activities.

**REGISTRATION AND GRADUATION FEES** shall be assessed to help defray the significant costs associated with these activities. Such fees shall be comparable to charges of other similar institutions.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION FEES** shall be sufficient to cover the full costs associated with the conduct of these courses. This shall include administrative and other costs associated with conducting such programs. Overall charges for such courses shall not average more than 50% of the charges made for similar courses by profit-seeking firms in the community.

**AUXILIARY OPERATIONS** currently include the Cafeteria, Café, and the Bookstore. A minimum goal in determining their charges for services and materials shall be to recover the full costs of their operations

**RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**, shall charge for their services an amount which will cover all direct and indirect costs of their operations. Such charges shall be comparable to the charges at similar centers in the area.

**OTHER FEES** may be established for building rental or other purposes upon approval of the Board of Trustees. Such fees shall cover the full costs associated with the activities related to the fee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that while fees and charges are an important part of the funding of Guam Community College, care should be taken that there is not a proliferation of such fees. In the annual budgeting process, each department shall include within its budget request the full amount necessary to run the department for the coming budget year without regard to fees collected.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that any increase in tuition, fees, and other charges shall not be effective until all provisions of any applicable law have been met.

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