Financial Model for Non-Traditional Course Delivery Programs

This model applies to all courses taught through non-traditional course delivery methods, such as through agreements with academic partnership organizations and self-supporting courses. These courses may or may not be submitted for formula depending on the requirements of the Texas Administration Code and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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11.99.99.R0.01 Standards and Criteria for Off-Campus and Self-Supporting Courses and Programs
Includes criteria of the Texas Administration Code and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Floor Rate
The floor rate (Procedure 2.6) for non-traditional courses offered can be found at this link and is updated annually.

Decision Model
- All programs must be cost efficient (Procedure 2.7).
- The revenue received from enrollments must be enough to cover the total cost of instruction and overhead, which includes all fees paid to the third party academic partnership organization, if applicable.
- If the course qualifies for formula funding (Procedure 2), statutory tuition will be transferred from enrollment revenue to the general statutory tuition account.
- All non-competitive scholarships promised in the agreement must be funded from the revenues received from enrollments.
- If the program is offered through the service provider chosen by the university to provide electronic delivery of courses, the distance ed fee is required to be charged and will be transferred from the revenues to the university account where the service is paid.
- Net profits made from offering the program can be retained in the college and provide needed discretionay funds after confirming current year budgeted revenue has been achieved (Procedure 2.5).
- Self-supporting courses will not be offered during base periods (Procedure 2.3 & 2.5) unless a calculation showing the loss of formula funding that offering the course will create is presented to and approved by the President’s Advisory Council.

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