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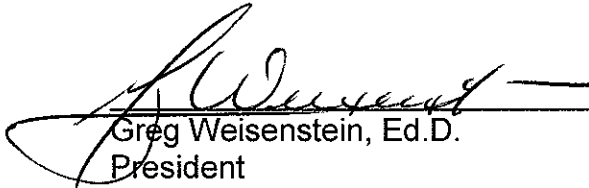
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

DISTANCE EDUCATION ACCESS FEE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTANCE EDUCATION ACCESS FEES EFFECTIVE THE SPRING SEMESTER 2011 TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM. THESE FEES WILL BE ASSESSED IN LIEU OF THE UNIVERSITY'S GENERAL FEE FOR ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES AND WILL BE UP TO 20% OF THE COST OF TUITION FOR EACH COURSE.


APPROVED PENDING ACTION BY THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES



Greg Weisenstein, Ed.D.
President

9-7-10
Date

APPROVED BY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES



Thomas A. Fillippo, Chairperson
Council of Trustees

Sept 23, 2010
Date

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PA
Distance Education Access Fee (Proposed)

West Chester University has made a firm commitment to move aggressively into the distance education market to meet the demands of students (especially those who otherwise could not take advantage of a WCU education); to attract new students; and to secure additional sources of revenue. The distance education program, which will be financially structured similar to the existing Summer School Model, will begin with an initial five-year implementation. Revenue generated by the Program is intended to cover start up, operational costs and program growth. Program revenue and its distribution will be reviewed annually by the University's Administrative Budget Committee, and the entire program will be evaluated at the end of the first five-year period.

To support operating costs associated with the program, the University is proposing implementation of new Distance Education Access Fees that will be assessed on all Distance Education offerings, both undergraduate and graduate, and will be in lieu of the University's General Fee. Distance Education students will continue to be assessed the PASSHE Technology Fee. The distance education access fee will be up to 20% of the cost of tuition for each course. The exact amount of the distance education access fee will be determined by the respective College Dean in consultation with the Provost. Factors such as demand for the course or program, competition from other providers, and the cost of delivering the course or program will be considered in establishing the exact amount of the distance education access fee.

The new distance education access fees will be effective starting with the spring semester 2011.