

**ITEM 149-106-R1110**

**Revision of Policy 940.31 – Policy Statement on Tuition**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents of Higher Education approves the revision of Policy 940.31 to allow for campus flexibility in the setting of tuition rates for non-resident graduate students who are employed as teaching and research assistants on our campuses.

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**EXPLANATION**

There are several compelling reasons to revise this policy:

1. In 47 other states, graduate assistants are charged tuition at the in-state rate, regardless of residency. Our campuses have tried to attract graduate assistants by waiving the out-of-state portion of tuition on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with regents' policy.
  2. Allowing for the establishment of a campus tuition schedule for these graduate student employees as a standard practice will bring consistency to campus graduate programs and facilitate student and campus planning. There will be minimal additional fiscal impact as the present practice is to waive the non-resident portion of the graduate assistants' tuition.
  3. This policy revision will allow our campuses to offer competitive graduate student appointment packages that will attract high-quality student-employees who will enrich the teaching and research environments for all our students.
  4. This policy revision acknowledges that these students are our employees and are an important part of our commitment to a quality educational enterprise.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Policy 940.31, redlined to indicate changes.