

Northern Marianas College
Board of Regents Policy

SUBJECT:	Financial Affairs	EFFECTIVE:	May 1, 2025
SECTION:	Series 7000	POLICY NAME:	Tuition and Fees
POLICY NUMBER:	7012	WASC Senior Commission Standard/Policy:	Standard Three CFR 3.4

Northern Marianas College is committed to maintaining access to education that is affordable and accessible to all students, while maintaining financial sustainability. To meet the evolving academic, financial, and operational needs of the College, the Board of Regents shall delegate authority to the President to approve and establish tuition, fees, and all other charges levied by the College in a manner that is reasonable, transparent, and aligned with the College's mission.

Tuition rates, student fees, and program-specific fees shall be reviewed annually by the College administration as deemed necessary.

In setting or adjusting annual tuition and fees, the President, in consultation with College leadership and stakeholders, shall take into consideration the following factors:

- The financial resources required to sustain College operations, maintain College facilities, uphold academic quality, and advance the College's overall mission;
- The level of overall CNMI Government support for the College through legislative appropriations;
- The overall cost of attendance for students at the College; and
- The overall cost of attendance at comparable public institutions of similar size and geographical proximity.

All proposed changes shall be reviewed for compliance with applicable accreditation standards and CNMI public laws.

To promote accountability and trust within students, staff, faculty, and the broader community, any proposed changes in tuition or fees must be communicated clearly and promptly to students through official College channels. This communication must include a clear explanation of the rationale behind the changes, along with a proactive communication plan to ensure broad awareness and understanding across all stakeholder groups.

To assist students and their parents in planning for future educational expenses, the President shall report annually to the Board of Regents the proposed fee levels for tuition and fees for the next academic year.

The Board of Regents retains authority to suspend, reverse, or modify any proposed tuition or fee changes due to exigent circumstances or concerns raised through community feedback or stakeholder input.

HISTORY:	Replaces 7012 Tuition and Fees (2016); Revised by the Board on May 1, 2025
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