Procedure 211-01 Tuition Adjustments

Sponsor: Business and Administrative Services

Purpose

This procedure establishes a structured, index-based approach to tuition adjustments that aligns with inflationary trends while ensuring access and affordability for students.

Definitions

Higher Education Price Index (HEPI): a measure of the inflation rate applicable to United States higher education.

Extenuating: to lessen the strength or effect of (something)

Procedure

Annual Index-Based Adjustment

- Each year, the District Governing Board will review the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) for two-year public colleges to guide tuition adjustments.
- Based on this review, the Board will set the per-credit tuition rate for the upcoming academic year, rounding to the nearest whole dollar.
- The new rate will take effect beginning with the Fall Term.

Extenuating Circumstances

- In extenuating circumstances, the Board may determine that no tuition increase will be implemented for the upcoming academic year.
- Extenuating circumstances may include, but are not limited to, significant changes in state funding, extraordinary economic conditions, or other factors that may substantially impact student access and enrollment.

Implementation and Communication

- The President shall ensure timely analysis of the HEPI and provide recommendations to the Board during the annual budget development cycle.
- Tuition decisions will be communicated broadly to students, employees, and the community to allow for planning and transparency.

References

None

Procedure History

10/31/2025 New

Legal Review

None