8.002 Continuing Education

(1) Continuing education is defined as non-fundable, self-supporting college credit courses or programs, non-credit professional development courses or programs designed to upgrade existing technical or professional skills, and courses that are provided primarily for personal enrichment. Continuing education courses and programs are funded in the Auxiliary budget entity, except that funds collected from sponsoring entities for sponsored credit institutes may be remitted to the university’s contract and grants trust fund, pursuant to Regulation 7.008(2)(b).

(2) The administrative unit(s) under which the continuing education program is managed shall be determined by the university.

(3) Continuing education college credit courses shall not supplant existing university offerings funded by state appropriations.

(4) Admissions and graduation criteria, as well as academic standards, for degree programs offered through continuing education must align with those criteria and standards in equivalent programs funded through the E&G budget entity and must go through the same curriculum-approval processes as those E&G-funded programs.

(5) Student full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollments calculated from college credit hours earned through continuing education shall be reported to the Board of Governors separately from student FTE funded through the E&G budget entity.

(6) Degrees awarded for continuing education programs shall be reported to the Board of Governors separately from degrees awarded for programs funded through the E&G budget entity.

(7) For the purpose of planning, offering, and recovering all direct costs of continuing education courses and programs, continuing education activity shall be reflected in the Auxiliary budget entity, except that activity related to sponsored credit institutes may be reflected in the contracts and grants trust fund, pursuant to Regulation 7.008(2)(b).

   a. Costs associated with continuing education activity may not be recovered from funds appropriated in the E&G budget entity.

   b. Universities may collect and expend revenues collected above the level needed for cost-recovery of continuing education courses in a program approved pursuant to the process for Market Rate Tuition established in Regulation 7.001.
Each board of trustees shall include the following continuing education information in its annual report submitted to the Board of Governors pursuant to Regulation 2.002, beginning with the 2012-2013 annual report:

a. For college credit courses:
   i. Revenues;
   ii. Expenditures for continuing education activities;
   iii. FTE enrollment by level;
   iv. Degrees earned;
   v. Certificates earned; and
   vi. Out-of-state locations in which face-to-face instruction was offered.

b. For non-credit courses:
   i. Revenues;
   ii. Expenditures for continuing education activities;
   iii. Headcount for enrollees in K-12 programs, professional and executive programs, and lifelong learning programs;
   iv. Certificates earned; and
   v. Out-of-state locations in which face-to-face instruction was offered.

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