MEMORANDUM

TO: Howard H. Karr  
Chairperson, Board of Regents

VIA: M.R.C. Greenwood  
President

VIA: Virginia S. Hinshaw  
Chancellor

FROM: Reed Dasenbrough  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Professional (Clinical) Fee through Outreach College for the Doctor of Education Program in the College of Education, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:
It is requested that the Board of Regents approve a professional (clinical) fee of $1,000/semester for the Doctor of Education program administered by the College of Education at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and amend Board of Regents’ Policy, Chapter 6, Tuition, Scholarships and Fees, section 6-3 Professional Fees to include the fee for each student registered in the program.

The following table shows the fee per semester for the next six years.

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*$1,000/semester (fall and spring)

The proposed fee will be collected by Outreach College.

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:
Effective upon Board of Regents’ approval.

ADDITIONAL COST:
No additional costs are associated with this request.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of the proposed fee for the proposed Doctor of Education (EdD) in Professional Educational Practice is to support costs related to the clinical components of the EdD. Specifically, the fees will cover the costs associated with stipends for professional mentors, travel to clinical sites, and other costs associated with the program’s clinical requirements.
BACKGROUND:
Pursuant to Board of Regents’ Policy Chapter 6, Tuition, Scholarships, and Fees, the Board of Regents is vested with the authority to establish tuition, fees and other charges in accordance with policy. Section 6-3, Professional Fees, provides that such fees may be assessed to students enrolled in select programs that have high costs in comparison to other instructional programs with the same tuition.

The EdD is a three-year professional doctorate designed for educational practitioners in three distinct groups: (1) school leaders (principals, superintendents, and curriculum specialists); (2) teacher leaders (community college and four-year college faculty, school based teachers, and clinical teacher educators); and (3) leaders in educational organizations (professional staff at organizations and agencies, and community college leadership). More information on the specifics of the EdD program may be found in the attached degree proposal.

The program delivery for the EdD is modeled after the Executive MBA program in that it is designed for practicing professionals and involves immersion in the everyday problems of the field. Executive degrees of this type incur higher costs due to the increased demand on faculty advising and support, and the need for external experts and mentors to facilitate clinical experiences.

The proposed fee of $1,000.00 per student each fall and spring semester will total $6,000.00 per student over the course of the three-year program. With tuition, the total cost (tuition and fees) for the program would be roughly $38,000.00 per student.

The proposed fee is in line with fees for similar programs across the country. Arizona State University offers a similar EdD degree in educational leadership to the one proposed by Mānoa. Based on current tuition rates, the Arizona State program costs each student about $36,000.00. The University of Florida EdD degree is about $41,000.00 per student; and the EdD at the University of Kentucky is about $40,000.00. The proposal for the clinical fee, as well as a spreadsheet on the costs of the program in relation to tuition and fees, are attached. The proposed fee will be collected by Outreach College.

Of the prospective students surveyed with regard to this fee and the costs of the program, 78% indicated that the fee was in line with their expectations for an EdD degree program.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:
It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the professional (clinical) fee of $1,000/semester for the Doctor of Education (EdD) program in the College of Education at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and amend Board of Regents’ Policy, Chapter 6, Tuition, Scholarships and Fees, section 6-3 Professional Fees to include the fee for each student registered in the program, to be effective upon Board approval.
Attachments

Proposal for a Program Fee for the Doctoral Degree in Professional Educational Practice
Proposal for a Doctoral Degree in Professional Educational Practice (EdD)
Academic Costs and Revenue Template

c: Vice Chancellor Ostrander
    Interim Dean Cooper
    Dean Sorensen
    Interim Dean Chismar