

RESOLUTION: The Western Michigan University Residency Policy - Revision

Background

The WMU Residency Policy sets out how students are evaluated for in-state resident tuition rates. Previously, this policy was housed in the Office of Business and Finance. To bring WMU into conformance with most other institutions of our size, the group involved with revising this policy recommends that Academic Affairs and the Registrar's Office take responsibility for this policy going forward.

The revised policy defines terms, provides more clarity about how WMU determines in-state residency for tuition, and consolidates into one document information that is presently housed on multiple websites. It adds more clarity and discussion around topics that frequently arise in this area such as: spouse residency; employee residency; residency of undocumented students and DACA students; and the appeal process. Stakeholders from the Provost's Office; the Registrar's Office; Undergraduate, Graduate and International Admissions; Immigration Compliance; and the Office of Business and Finance were contributed to revising this Policy.

This Policy incorporates, by reference, the Board-approved tuition and fees.

In accordance with the policy review and development process, this Policy was submitted to the University Policy Committee for review and has been approved by the Provost.

Recommended Action

It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the revised Residency Policy.