

# UTAH COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

## AGENDA ITEM

### UCAT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

6 April 2016

ITEM: II.N

TOPIC: FY 2017 Proposed Differential Tuition Rates

#### BACKGROUND

UCAT Policy 204.6.4 provides for differential tuition rates based on extraordinary circumstances. The following courses at BATC, DATC, OWATC and UBATC were identified to be considered for differential tuition rates which have previously been approved by the Board. Requests for differential tuition rates are presented to the Board of Trustees annually, as approved differential tuition rates expire each year on June 30th.

#### **BATC:**

Farm and Ranch Management - \$210 per year for beginning students, \$240 for advanced students  
Academic Learning Center - \$20 per month

#### **DATC:**

Academic Learning Center - \$1.00 per hour

#### **OWATC:**

Academic Learning Center - \$20 per month

#### **TATC:**

Academic Learning Center - \$20 per month

#### **UBATC:**

Farm and Ranch Management - \$204 per year for beginning students, \$240 for advanced students

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

UCAT Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the requested differential tuition rates.

Attachments:

Letters from BATC, DATC, OWATC, TATC and UBATC requesting approval of differential tuition rates





March 22, 2016

Jared Haines  
Utah College of Applied Technology  
2801 Ashton Blvd  
Lehi, UT 84043

Dear Jared:

In accordance with UCAT Policy Number 204.6-6.4, "Differential Tuition," please accept this letter as Bridgerland Applied Technology College's (BATC) official request for differential tuition rates in Fiscal Year 2017 as described below.

**1. Farm /Ranch Business Management:**

**Beginning students:** \$210/annually

**Advanced students:** \$240/annually

**Justification:** The Farm/Ranch Business Management Program began in the early to mid-1980s in an effort to help small- and medium-sized farms and ranches become successful. For each year of its existence, it has operated with a differential tuition rate. In prior years, the process of renewing the differential rate was virtually automatic and occurred at the same time the regular tuition rate was approved. With the development and approval of the newest version of UCAT Policy Number 204.6-6.4, BATC is now required to request approval of this differential rate on an annual basis.

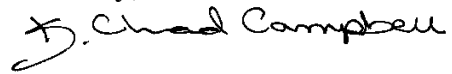
**2. Academic Learning:**

**All students:** \$20/month

**Justification:** The Academic Learning Center exists as a resource to assist students in transitioning from wherever they are academically, to a level that will ensure success in their chosen training program. The Academic Learning Center does not result in an occupational credential but rather prepares students for success in both their chosen training program and eventual occupation. This center has also existed since the mid-1980s and has always operated with a differential tuition rate. The rate has been established as a means of removing or at least reducing barriers to enrollment as students move through the remedial math, English, and/or reading curriculum at their own pace. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, students are then prepared to enter one of BATC's more than 30 training programs (with over 40 career paths) and will be charged the UCAT approved tuition rate for their chosen occupational program.

Because of the reasons stated above, and on behalf of the Bridgerland Applied Technology College Campus Board of Directors, I would like to respectfully request approval of these differential tuition rates for the 2017 Fiscal Year.

Sincerely,

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K. Chad Campbell  
Campus President



**M E M O**

To: UCAT Board of Trustees  
From: Michael J. Bouwhuis, DATC President  
Date: March 24, 2016  
Subject: Regular Tuition Rate, Differential Tuition Rate Request

The institution published two notices of a proposed tuition increase of \$0.05¢ per hour during the period prescribed by law and held formal public hearings on March 17 and March 23, 2016, at 3:15 p.m. The parent of one student attended, and no electronic correspondence was received from the student body.

The Davis Applied Technology College Board of Directors' met on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and approved the proposed tuition increase of \$0.05 cents per hour (First Tier). With approval of this tuition increase, tuition will be charged at the combined rate of \$2.05 per hour for regular courses which includes the tuition in Tier One and Tier Two.

Differential Tuition Rate Request

UCAT Policy 204, Tuition and Fees, provides a mechanism for a differential tuition rate to be applied for a specific course or program due to a unique or extraordinary circumstance. A campus Board of Directors' may request from the UCAT Board of Trustees' a one-year waiver.

The Davis Applied Technology College Board of Directors' approved a \$1.00 per hour differential tuition. Academic learning services are provided by the college to assist students in the development of fundamental academic skills for successful enrollment in DATC's technical programs and success in employment. These programs do not generate a college certificate. DATC administration recommends approval of a differential tuition rate intended to improve skill attainment for enrolling students who fail to pass math, literacy and writing levels required for program entry.

The Davis Applied Technology College now requests approval of the UCAT Board of Trustees for these tuition rates.



March 23, 2016

Mr. Jared Haines  
Utah College of Applied Technology  
2801 Ashton Blvd  
Lehi, Utah 84043

Dear Jared:

The Ogden-Weber Tech College has two tuition proposals which require UCAT Board approval:

**Tuition Increase**

The college supports, with full college board approval, a Tier I tuition increase of five cents per hour. The college will maintain the current Tier II tuition rate of ten cents per hour.

**Differential Tuition**

In accordance with UCAT Policy Number 204.6-6.4, "Differential Tuition," please accept this letter as Ogden-Weber Applied Technology College's (OWATC) official request for a differential tuition rate in FY17 as described below. The OWATC Board of Directors has given unanimous support to continue this differential tuition rate in FY17.

**Academic Learning Services:**

**All students:** \$20/month

**Justification:** Academic learning services are provided by the college to assist students in the development of fundamental skills required for successful enrollment in college technical programs and eventual employment. Completion of academic learning courses do not result in a college post-secondary certificate but does prepare students for success in their chosen instructional program and as a productive member of a technically-trained workforce. Mirroring successful academic learning programs offered at other institutions, the request to establish a differential tuition rate is intended to reduce economic barriers to skill attainment in areas such as remedial math, literacy, and writing. Academic learning services also support high school completion for YouthBuild students. Upon successful skill attainment, students are either co-enrolled or fully-enrolled in college certificate programs. The regular UCAT approved tuition is applied to courses leading to an OWATC post-secondary certificate of completion.

On behalf of the Ogden-Weber Applied Technology College Campus Board of Directors, I respectfully request approval of the Tier I tuition increase and differential tuition rate for FY17.

Sincerely,



Collette Mercier  
President

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March 24, 2016

Jared Haines, Acting President  
Utah College of Applied Technology  
2801 Ashton Blvd.  
Lehi, Utah 84043

Acting President Haines,

Please accept this letter as Tooele Applied Technology College's (TATC) official request to continue to offer a differential tuition rate of \$20 per month for students enrolling in Learning Center coursework. This request is in accordance with UCAT Policy 204.6-6.4 Differential Tuition. TATC Board Chair, Joyce Hogan and Vice Chair Thomas Bingham support this request.

Learning Center services are provided by the college to assist students in the development of fundamental skills required for successful enrollment in college technical programs and eventual employment. Completion of Learning Center coursework will not result in a college certificate; rather it will prepare students for success in their chosen instructional program and as a productive member of a technically-trained workforce.

This request to continue a differential tuition rate for Learning Center students is intended to reduce economic barriers to skill attainment in areas such as remedial math and literacy. On behalf of the TATC Board of Directors, I respectfully request approval for the Learning Center differential tuition rate of \$20 per month, effective July 1, 2016.

Sincerely,



Scott Snelson  
President

c: Joyce Hogan, Chair, TATC Board of Directors  
Thomas Bingham, Vice Chair, TATC Board of Directors





March 22, 2016

Tom Bingham, Chairman  
UCAT Board of Trustees  
2801 Ashton Boulevard  
Lehi, UT 84043

Dear Chairman Bingham:

As the UCAT Board of Trustees approves the tuition, we would appreciate their consideration in keeping some of the differential tuition rates which we have followed for many years. One of the core values of UCAT is flexibility which allows for us to respond to requests in a manner which is appropriate for that situation. Farm and Ranch Management is where we would urge the board to consider some flexibility in the way we apply our tuition policy.

For many years, the Farm and Ranch Management programs within UCAT have followed their own membership hour and tuition policy. This policy was developed with the input of all the instructors and the agricultural specialist from the Utah State Office of Education. Because of the unique nature of this program, the policy has done a very good job of providing a pricing structure which was acceptable to the market and accounted for membership hours in a way that treated it in a manner which is very comparable to other UCAT programs.

Duchesne County is one of the highest beef producing counties in the state. The skills taught in the program help farmers and ranchers develop management practices based on sound economic principles. The agricultural lending institutions encourage their clients to complete the Farm and Ranch Business Management program as a condition of the lending process. This program is primarily an occupational upgrade program which helps the businesses be more competitive in the market place. Without our program, there would not be another training program to take its place.

By requiring the normal tuition rate, the cost would rise from \$204 to \$720 a year. This would create an economic hardship on the farming families who need this training. We therefore request approval to continue to utilize a differential tuition rate of \$204 for the 480 hour basic course and \$240 for the 690 hour advanced course.

Thank you for your consideration.

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William A. Ryan,  
Chairman – UBATC Board of Directors