

# UTAH COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

## AGENDA ITEM

### UCAT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

18 May 2017

ITEM: II.M

TOPIC: FY 2018 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 and have previously been approved for differential rates. Requests for differential tuition rates are presented to the Board of Trustees annually, as approved differential tuition rates expire each year on June 30.

#### **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 for differential tuition rates





March 1, 2017

Commissioner David Woolstenhulme  
Utah College of Applied Technology  
2801 Ashton Blvd  
Lehi, UT 84043

Dear Commissioner:

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 2018 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.

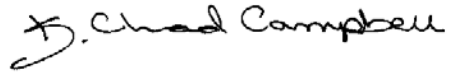
**2. Academic Learning:**

**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 Board of Directors, I would like to respectfully request approval of these differential tuition rates for the 2018 Fiscal Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Chad Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

K. Chad Campbell  
College President



## M E M O

To: Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees

From: Michael J. Bouwhuis, Davis Technical College President

Date: March 31, 2017

Subject: Regular Tuition Rate, Differential Tuition Rate Request

The institution published two notices of a FY 2018 proposed tuition increase of \$0.05¢ per hour during the period prescribed by law and held a formal public hearing on March 21, 2017, at 3:15 p.m. The parent of one student attended, and no electronic correspondence was received from the student body.

The Davis Technical College Board of Directors' met on March 23, 2017, and approved the proposed tuition increase of \$0.05 cents per hour. With approval of this tuition increase, tuition will be charged at the combined rate of \$2.10 per hour for regular courses during FY 2018.

### 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 Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees' a one-year waiver.

The Davis Technical 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 Davis Technical College's technical programs and success in employment. These programs do not generate a college certificate. College 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 Technical College now requests approval of the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees for these tuition rates.



March 28, 2017

Commissioner Dave Woolstenhulme  
Utah College of Applied Technology  
2801 Ashton Blvd  
Lehi, Utah 84043

Dear Dave:

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 tuition increase of five cents per hour for FY18.

**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 FY18 as described below. The OWATC Board of Directors has given unanimous support to continue this differential tuition rate in FY18.

**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 Board of Directors, I respectfully request approval of the tuition increase and differential tuition rate for FY18.

Sincerely,



Collette Mercier  
President

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April 6, 2017

Board of Trustees  
Utah College of Applied  
Technology 2801 Ashton Blvd.  
Lehi, Utah 84043

Please accept this letter as Tooele Applied Technology College's (TATC) official request to increase tuition from \$1.80 per hour to \$2.00 per hour. The attached letter to Commissioner Woolstenhulme, dated April 5, 2017 describes the process taken and information provided as required by Utah Code 53B-7-101.5.

Kent Thygerson, Vice President of Finance and Operations conducted two public hearings on April 4, 2017 to discuss a proposed tuition increase - see attached Public Hearing Participants Memorandum, dated April 4, 2017.

Mr. Thygerson reported that "there was one attendee during the noon meeting and no attendees during the 5 p.m. meeting. With the attendee, we discussed the proposed tuition increases, the additional revenue anticipated and the use of those funds. There were no expressed concerns with the proposed tuition increase."

The TATC Board of Directors voted in support of this request during their April 5, 2017 Board meeting.

Additionally, TATC requests to continue offering a differential tuition rate of \$20 per month for students enrolling in learning Center coursework.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Hogan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joyce Hogan  
Chair, Tooele Applied Technology College Board of Directors

c: Thomas Bingham, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, TATC  
Kent Thygerson, Vice President of Finance and Operations,  
TATC David Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, UCAT

Attachments: Public Hearing Participants Memorandum -April  
4, 2017 Commissioner David Woolstenhulme  
letter-April 5, 2017







March 8, 2017

Jim T. Evans, Chairman  
UCAT Board of Trustees  
2801 Ashton Boulevard  
Lehi, UT 84043

Dear Chairman Evans:

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 \$960 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'William A. Ryan'.

William A. Ryan,  
Chairman – UBATC Board of Directors