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Procedures Governing Self-Supporting Programs Offered Outside the State of California

Policy

1. Definitions and Introduction

Out-of-state and out-of-country programs are self-supporting instructional activities of the California State University (CSU) that provide instruction outside California, including face-to-face and online. These programs shall be conducted through Professional and Continuing Education (PaCE) funds, which are deposited in local trust accounts (Education Code Section 89721). The procedures herein do not apply to self-supporting foreign travel-study abroad programs nor to those sponsored by auxiliary organizations.

Joint Degree Programs (two institutions – one degree)

Joint degree programs are defined as when multiple institutions collaborate to offer the curriculum required to earn a single degree that is awarded jointly by the partner institutions. For example, Education Code 66010.4(b) authorizes the CSU to award doctoral degrees jointly with the University of California or jointly with independent institutions of higher education in California. The CSU is not authorized to offer joint doctoral degree programs with non-California institutions.

Other forms of joint degrees are possible at the masters and baccalaureate levels as long as they operate within CSU and WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) requirements. Creation of these degrees would require Office of the Chancellor and WSCUC approval prior to implementation.

Dual Degree Programs (two degrees – two institutions)

A dual degree program is defined as a program of study offered collaboratively by two institutions that leads to the award of a separate degree from each of the participating institutions. Dual degrees are permissible within specific CSU and WSCUC policies. Creation of these degrees would require Office of

the Chancellor and WSCUC approval prior to implementation.

Non-California institutions are any institutions located outside the state of California, including in another country. The programs authorized by this policy and related Board of Trustees policy provide a means of utilizing the expertise of CSU faculty in activities benefiting both students and campuses. Students benefit from instruction not readily available from nearby educational institutions. The sponsoring campus benefits from the faculty's broadened understanding of the educational practices and cultures of other states and countries.

This policy supplements existing policies and procedures governing self-supporting instructional programs. Unless specifically excluded or clearly inapplicable, those existing policies and procedures shall also apply to out-of-state and out-of-country programs.

Particular attention should be given to the following policies:

- [International Agreements Policy](#)
- [Extended Education: Self-Support Programs and Courses Policy](#)
- [California State University Student Fee Policy](#)

2. Procedure

1. Responsibility

The campus president is responsible for all out-of-state and out-of-country programs sponsored by the campus and shall ensure that these programs are established and managed in accordance with the laws of the State of California; the laws of the state, territory or nation in which the program is being offered; the policies of the Board of Trustees, and all pertinent directives issued by the chancellor.

2. Academic Standards

1. The academic standards and requirements are the same as for comparable on-campus programs.
2. Programs shall be developed and administered in accordance with applicable standards, policies, and procedures of the WSCUC.

3. Program Approval

1. The Office of the Chancellor shall be consulted prior to planning out-of-state or out-of-country degree programs.
2. Programs must be proposed to and approved by the Office of the Chancellor before implementation.
3. Doctoral degree programs shall not be offered jointly with non-California institutions.
4. The Office of General Counsel shall be consulted on any proposed out-of-state or out-of-country instructional program.

4. Fiscal Support

Programs shall be self-supporting and shall be administered in accordance with the fiscal policies and procedures governing the State University Trust Fund, PaCE local trust funds. (EC

89721).

5. Programs to Be Offered in Other States and United States (US) Territories
Programs offered in other states and US territories, including those offered through distance learning, shall be designed to expand educational opportunities. If necessary, the campus president shall consult with the Office of the Chancellor prior to deciding whether to offer the program. Campuses shall ensure such program offerings comply with local, state and federal laws and regulations.
6. Programs to Be Offered in Other Countries
In addition to the provisions of Article 2.3, whenever an institution is considering the development of a program for delivery in another country, campuses shall consult with the Office of the Chancellor during development and in advance of seeking final approval of the proposal.
 1. Proposals for degree programs to be offered in other countries shall also be submitted through the established international agreement process which includes review and approval by the Division of Academic and Student Affairs and Office of General Counsel in the Office of the Chancellor before development and implementation (EO 1080).

3. Program Evaluation and Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

In order to assure compliance with systemwide and campus policies and procedures, the president of any campus offering out-of-state or out-of-country instructional programs shall establish procedures for their evaluation, review, and approval with respect to academic (including student learning outcomes), contractual, faculty, fiscal, legal, and logistical arrangements and commitments.

4. Administration

Any contract related to out-of-state or out-of-country instructional programs to which the campus is party must conform to all established policies and procedures, including appropriate oversight of CSU employees assigned to out-of-state or out-of-country instructional programs.

5. Authority

This policy is issued pursuant to [Section II of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of the California State University](#), and as further delegated by the [Standing Delegations of Administrative Authority](#). The president may delegate authority and responsibility described in this policy to other campus officials pursuant to [Section VI of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of the California State University](#).

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