Summer 2010 Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can we choose one of the first four options for all our course offerings in summer, self-support and state-support so that rates are the same regardless of the courses for which a student enrolls?
   A: Yes. However you can only charge the campus mandatory fees and/or non-resident tuition if a student is enrolled in a state support course. Additionally, you cannot charge the Instructional Support fee if you choose one of the first four options.

2. If we choose Option 5 - what if we have courses that are not 3 or 4 units?
   A: The per-course unit fee is a guide. Campuses should establish course charges at the cost to provide instruction for the course.

   Having said that, to adhere to the State University Fee (SUF) limit established for resident, matriculated students, a 3 unit-or-less undergraduate course should be priced no higher than $194.50 per unit at a semester campus or $130 per unit at a quarter campus before the Instructional Support fee is added. To recognize the higher State University Fee limit for students taking more than 6 units during the summer 2010 term, a 4 unit-or-higher undergraduate course should be priced no higher than $224 per unit at a semester campus or $150 per unit at a quarter campus before the Instructional Support fee is added. This same principle is applicable for fee rates established for credential and graduate/postbaccalaureate students.

3. Can we charge campus based mandatory fees for Self Support Classes (Category II, e.g. – Athletics, ASI, Childcare, Health Center, etc.)?
   A: No, campus mandatory fees can only be charged for state-supported courses. However, a Summer Term 2010 Special Term fee will be established by the Chancellor that can be charged in lieu of campus mandatory fees charged to matriculated students. A range that encompasses current campus mandatory fees will be established. The actual charge to students should not exceed the total fees a student would pay during the state-supported term. Only matriculated students enrolled in self-support summer programs can be charged the Summer 2010 Special Term fee.

4. Can we charge non-resident tuition regardless of which option we choose?
   A: No, you can only charge non-resident tuition for state supported courses. Non-resident tuition cannot be charged with option 5 or with any self-support courses, regardless of the fee rate option.

5. If I'm doing all self suport for summer, do I have to choose one of the options posted, or can I just charge the actual cost to offer the course?
   A: As long as a resident matriculated student does not get charged more than the maximum SUF set in Option 1, self-support courses do not have to follow one of the published options. However, the Instructional Support Fee can only be charged if Option 5 is selected by the campus.

6. Are the Education Doctorate or MBA programs exempt from going to self-support if the rest of the campus goes to self-support?
   A: Any program can stay state-supported during the summer. The move to self-support is not mandatory.
7. Can I charge the graduate business professional fee for MBA courses that go to self-support for the summer?
   A: No, the Graduate Business Professional fee is only approved for state-supported MBA courses.

8. If a campus is offering some state-support and some self-support, how will they track mandatory fees, and non-resident tuition? Some students will register for both types of courses.
   A: Mandatory Fees and Non-Resident Tuition can only be charged in connection to state-supported courses, not to self-support courses. The Summer 2010 Special Term Fee for self support courses (E.O. to follow) cannot be charged in conjunction with campus mandatory fees. How the campus manages this issue is up to the campus.

9. Can we charge different rates to resident matriculated students, than non-resident and non-matriculated students for self-support courses?
   A: All self-support courses should be priced according to the cost to offer the course. Resident matriculated students cannot be charged more than the maximum rates in Option 5 nor more than the SUF maximum in Option 1. Neither of these maximums applies to non-resident students or non-matriculated students enrolling in self support courses.

10. Could the campus charge a single rate for each credit (ex. $150 per credit), rather than the differentiated rate proposed in your memo?
    A: Yes.

11. The per unit maximum for a 3-unit or less course in Option 5 will effectively make it impossible for us to offer lab and activity courses, because of the one unit/two instructional hour ratio?
    A: The campus is not prohibited from pricing a course at actual per-unit cost. If the campus prices a 1 or 2 unit courses at cost and the per unit rate exceeds the 3-unit course per unit maximum, then Option 5 is abrogated and the Instructional Support fee supplement cannot be charged. Whatever actual per-unit cost rate is established, a resident matriculated student cannot pay total fees that exceed the total fees a student would pay during a state-supported term.

12. Can we implement the same fee structure for non-matriculated resident students as we have for matriculated?
    A: Yes.

13. What are the maximum per-unit Instructional Support fees for Undergraduate, Post baccalaureate, and Graduate classes?
    A: The maximum is the same for each category of student; $80 per unit at semester campuses and $60 per unit at quarter campuses.