

November 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Proposed Dental Hygiene Course Fee

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a student equipment leasing fee for dental hygiene students.

RELATED BOARD POLICY OR PLANNING PRIORITY:

A-2, Intended Outcomes
G-8, Student Fees

RATIONALE:

Typically, dental hygiene students are required to purchase a number of dental scaling instruments and other laboratory equipment to support their dental hygiene education. The cost is significant, sometimes equaling the student's total tuition cost. Further, this equipment cannot ordinarily be used once the student graduates. Approximately 90% of dental hygienists work for dentists in private practice settings, where the employer provides dental hygiene equipment that is compatible with other dental equipment in use in these practice settings.

The ACC Dental Hygiene Program proposes that rather than requiring students to purchase these instruments and equipment, the student be allowed to lease them from ACC, using a cost-recovery model. The average useful life of a student kit is estimated to be three years. Consequently, the student equipment leasing fee will be \$269, approximately one-third of the purchase price of the kit; thus, significantly decreasing the cost to the student for this required kit while at the same time recouping ACC's initial outlay for the student kits.

This significant reduction in cost will enhance access to this program by students for whom the cost of purchasing the required equipment would be prohibitive.

Participation in the student equipment leasing fee will be voluntary. Students who choose to purchase the required instruments and equipment may do so.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION:

None. The initial ACC outlay for the dental kits (FY03 budget) will be recovered through the student equipment leasing fee over the three year useful life of the dental kits.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

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ATTACHEMENTS:

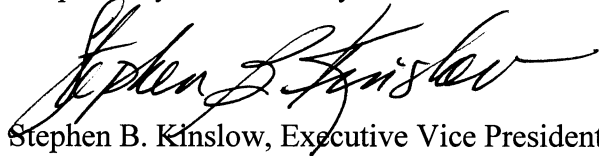
ATTACHEMENTS:

A: Dental Hygiene Student Leasing and Usage System Proposal

B: Typical Required Equipment List for Dental Hygiene Student

C: Board Policy G-8, Student Fees

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STUDENT EQUIPMENT LEASING & USAGE SYSTEM

PURPOSE

The purpose for establishing a student equipment leasing and usage system is to

- keep the student costs for student-owned instrument kit purchases reasonable;
- provide a cost-recovery mechanism to reimburse ACC for initial instrument and equipment outlays, thereby;
- reducing student costs without shifting additional costs to ACC.

RATIONALE

- A leasing/usage system works in concert with state, local, and grant funds to sustain clinical operations and implement new technology.
- 90% of dental hygiene graduates work for dentist-employers in a private practice small business setting. A leasing/usage system will prevent requiring students to purchase equipment that is typical overhead furnished by their prospective employer.
- A leasing/usage system distributes costs in a fair and equitable manner to all users and at the same time decreases the amount of money students pay for their instrument kits.

FEE RECOMMENDATION

Typical instrument/equipment purchases	\$ 2,581.00
Estimated breakage/lost items replacement when used by three students (25% est.)	<u>x 1.25</u>
Total Equipment costs	3,336.00
Cost divided over three students	<u>x 1/3</u>
Cost per student over 2 years	1,075.00
Divided by four semesters	<u>x 1/4</u>
Cost per student per semester	<u>269.00</u>
Cost savings to the student	
Equipment cost if purchased over a 2 year program	\$ 2,580.00
Cost of lease/usage proposal to student	<u>1,076.00</u>
Estimated savings per student	<u>\$1504.00</u>

Typical Required Equipment List for Dental Hygiene Student

EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	Cost per item reflecting applied discounts if known
CLINICAL--PATIENT TREATMENT	
W&H AC-20 Air Motor (P/N 0.10012030)	\$316.00
W&H ap-44 Prophy Air [P/N 0.10014431]	\$373.00
PARKELL Turbo 25-30 Auto Tune Ultrasonic Scaler ID578	\$499.00
X-RAY - DIAGNOSTIC	
DenOptix Plates - plates for the digital radiography: SIZE 0; 1 count	} FMX \$420.00
DenOptix Plates - plates for the digital radiography: SIZE 1; 8 count	
DenOptix Plates - plates for the digital radiography: SIZE 2; 12 count	
Vertical Bitewing Instrument Kit	\$30.00
Evolution 2000 XCP Rinn X-ray Kit with BW holder	\$92.00
IMS SYSTEM/INSTRUMENTS FOR LEASING/SMALL EQUIPMENT	
Hu-Friedy: Signature Series Exam Cassette X 4	\$200.00
Hu-Friedy: Signature Series Handpiece Cassette	\$50.00
Hu-Friedy: Signature Series Handpiece Cassette for ultrasonic inserts	\$50.00
Hu-Friedy: Signature Series Radiographic Cassette	\$50.00
Hu-Friedy: #5 Cone Socket Mouth Mirror, front surface: MIR5	\$5.00
Hu-Friedy: Utility pick-up dressing plier: DPU17	\$12.00
Premier: Cone Socket Mirror Handle, Big Easy Handle: 1005115	\$5.00
Premier: probe(3-6-9-12)-explorer comb	\$12.00
Premier: CF 11/12 Explorer, Big Easy Handle: 1003529	\$12.00
Paradise Dental Technologies: Mini-extended reach Gracey Curet 1/2	\$12.00
Paradise Dental Technologies: Mini-extended reach Gracey Curet 5/6	\$12.00
Paradise Dental Technologies: Mini-extended reach Gracey Curet 7/8	\$12.00
Paradise Dental Technologies: Mini-extended reach Gracey Curet 11/12	\$12.00
Paradise Dental Technologies: Mini-extended reach Gracey Curet 13/14	\$12.00
Hu-Friedy: #100 Thin Satin Swivel ultrasonic insert, 25kHz	\$100.00
Hu-Friedy: #1000 Triple Bend Satin Swivel ultrasonic insert, 25kHz	\$100.00
Utility scissors	\$6.00
Large rubber mixing flex bowl 600 cc	\$6.00
Small rubber mixing flex bowl 150cc	\$4.50
1 set of base formers (set + max + mand) EST	\$10.00
Plastic Lab pan	\$3.00
#7R Lab knife	\$9.00
11R spatula flexible	\$8.50
4R spatula rigid	\$7.00
#24 Cement stainless steel spatula	\$7.00
Martin carver or equivalent	\$16.00
PRECLINICAL	
B10-TR53 2.5 size natural teeth, set of 32	\$118.00

G-8. IMPLEMENTATION OF FEES

[1] Student fees must be approved annually by the Board, with justifications, revenue/cost estimates, and proposed changes listed during budget deliberations.

[2] The implementation of a fee shall be guided by a different principle than tuition. In particular fees shall be assessed to cover identified costs, not to generate revenue.

(a) No course fee for credit classes shall be imposed unless it can be clearly linked to materials, laboratories, services, equipment, or specialized non-classroom-based one-to-one instruction that are unique to that course. These are completely or partially consumed or used by an individual student during the semester. Moreover, consumption or use must be in such a manner that re-use by future students would be adversely impacted or not possible because of their nature or that requires frequent replacement because of such use or consumption.

(b) In addition to the reason outlined in 2(a) above, no course fee shall be imposed unless it can also be demonstrated that without such a fee, the course would require a subsidy of general revenue funds. A fee may also be imposed for a credit course for which the college does not receive state reimbursement

[3] The administration shall provide to the board a justification based upon these principles prior to the imposition of any new fee.

The Austin Community College Board of Trustees adopted this policy on October 2, 2000. Section [1] had previously been a provision of Policy A-4. The policy was amended (and its numbering changed from A-7 to G-8) on March 4, 2003.

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