

UNIVERSITY OF GUAM UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-12

RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE ONLINE LEARNING FEE

WHEREAS, the University of Guam is the primary U.S. Land Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the region; and

WHEREAS, the governance and well-being of the University is vested in the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate fully in today's workplace, the University's students and graduates must be able to use and learn from on line and digital sources; and

WHEREAS, most University classes will soon have an online component, such that all students who graduate will likely have participated in at least one online learning experience in their time at the University; and

WHEREAS, the University's online learning strategic initiative will broaden the delivery methods for undergraduate and graduate courses and degree programs to students located locally and in the region as well as expand access and capacity for student learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, new and regular funding is needed to build capacity to develop, offer and teach online learning courses and programs, both in a blended/ hybrid model or completely online; and

WHEREAS, the University Planning and Budget Advisory Committee (UPBAC) with representation from the Faculty Senate, Deans Council, Administrative Council, Faculty Union, Staff Council, and Student Government Associations has reviewed and recommended a new online learning fee for all students to be used for the development, design and support of online learning at the University; and

WHEREAS, the University administration has proposed a \$20 online learning fee per student for Fall and Spring semesters, effective Spring 2012, a reduced fee of \$10 for any or all of the summer sessions, and no fee over the intersession; and.

WHEREAS, the Budget, Finance, Investment and Audit Committee (BFIA) and the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations and Honorary Degree Committee (SASARHD) jointly held a public hearing on the proposed online learning fee on September 13, 2011, at the Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, the President, BFIA and SASARHD Committees have reviewed the report on the September 13, 2011, public hearing and recommend that the Board approve the online learning fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the University's proposed online learning fee, as per the attached proposal.

Adopted this 22nd day of September, 2011.

P. Sonny Ada, Chairman

ATTESTED: