

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**POLICY NO. 13**  
Effective Date April 27, 2005

**TITLE: FUNDING OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

West Liberty University believes in offering participation opportunities in intercollegiate athletics that are consistent with the institutional mission, vision, and goals of WLU, as well as the philosophy of the WVIAC and Division II of the NCAA. All funding of the intercollegiate athletic program shall be institutionally controlled and shall operate within the established limits of the institution and its member associations.

**1. REVENUES**

Funding for intercollegiate athletics at West Liberty University shall be derived primarily from the following sources:

- a. **Student athletic fees** shall be established by the President, in consultation with the CFO and the Director of Athletics, approved by the Board of Governors and collected each semester. The student athletic fee shall be limited to 10% of the total undergraduate tuition and fees charged to in-state students for the specific year. Note: Consistent with Procedure #19.
- b. **Special equity fees** may be collected as prescribed by state code as follows: ARTICLE 10. FEES AND OTHER MONEY COLLECTED AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

§ 18b-1B. Special equity fee; purpose; exemptions.

In addition to the other fees provided in this article, each governing board has the authority to impose, collect and expend the proceeds of a special equity fee under the following conditions:

- (a) The fee shall be used solely for the purpose of complying with athletic provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., known as the Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972;
  - (b) The fee is exempt from limitations of fee increases set forth in this article for three years from the effective date of this section;
  - (c) The fee may not be used by an institution to advance its classification of participation in its athletics governing body; and
  - (d) The fee may not be imposed upon part-time students or students enrolled in an administratively linked community and technical college.
- c. **State-Appropriated Funds** – The amount of state appropriated funds that may be expended by the institution each fiscal year for intercollegiate athletics will not exceed two (2) percent of the average state appropriation for that fiscal year for the eight four-year state WVIAC member institutions of higher education.
  - d. **Revenues Generated by Intercollegiate Athletics** – Funds generated by gate receipts, concessions, programs, guarantees, member association disbursements, foundation scholarships, “booster club” private gifts, sports camps and other appropriate revenue producing activities shall be used to fund intercollegiate athletics. Note: Consistent with Procedure #19.

**2. EXPENDITURES FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

Compensation for athletic department administrators, staff and coaches whose job responsibilities are related to the intercollegiate athletic program, shall be paid from the athletic budget, funded by the above-stated revenue sources. The salary and benefits costs for staff

members whose responsibilities are split between athletics and other non-athletic University responsibilities shall be pro-rated, based on the percentages of their specific assignments. For teaching, the annual pro-rated share paid from non-athletic funds for each three (3) academic hours shall be 1/8 (one-eighth) of the total annual compensation for those on an academic year contract and 1/10 (one-tenth) for each three (3) academic hours for those on a twelve-month contract.

**3. TUITION WAIVERS**

The number of tuition waivers assigned to athletics, which are awarded on the basis of athletic ability shall be limited to 40% (forty percent) of the University's allotment (as approved by the Board of Governors and the HEPC). Note: Consistent with Procedure #19.

**4. UNIVERSITY HOUSING GRANTS**

At the direction of the President, and in consultation with the Vice-President of Student Affairs, the CFO and the Director of Athletics, and subject to annual Board of Governors approval, Housing Grants for participants in intercollegiate athletic programs may be awarded on an annual or semester basis. The number of housing grants available for a specific year shall be determined by President's Council by December of the preceding year (prior to being awarded).

**5. IMPLEMENTATION**

West Liberty University will implement or appropriately modify this policy if and when directed by legislation or HEPC actions and mandate.

**6. ANNUAL REPORTS**

West Liberty University subscribes to the spirit and the requirements of all state and federal laws and the policies of the Higher Education Policy Commission. West Liberty University shall submit all HEPC, member association, state and federal reports related to intercollegiate athletics by their respective stated deadlines.

Approved by the WLU Board of Governors on 04/27/05.