

FUNDING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The following policy shall apply to the funding of intercollegiate athletic programs at any of the campuses of the University of Arkansas:

1. Each campus shall limit the total state subsidy of intercollegiate athletic programs to the allowable athletic transfer amount provided in Arkansas Code 6-62-803.
2. Each campus may use profits from other auxiliary enterprises (e.g. bookstore, residence halls, and food service) to cover athletic expenditures. It is not the intent of this policy, however, to undermine sound fiscal management of these enterprises (e.g., reserve amounts for contingencies).
3. Each campus must cover any "athletic deficit" by Board-sanctioned student athletic fees, which must be clearly defined in all publications and institutional Board minutes for the support of intercollegiate athletics, separate and distinct from other tuition or student activity fees.
 - a. For purposes of this provision and policy, "athletic deficit" is defined as the amount of athletic expenditures offset by the amount of athletic revenues, including:
 - i. athletic generated income;
 - ii. profits from other auxiliary enterprises;
 - iii. the federally funded portion of college work-study students in the intercollegiate athletic program;
 - iv. transfers from funds other than the unrestricted educational and general fund; and
 - v. the unrestricted educational and general transfers allowed for two- and four-year institutions of higher education.
 - b. For purposes of this provision and policy, the student athletic fee shall be assessed on a student semester credit hour (SSCH) basis, an equitable measure between full-time and part-time students. The SSCH fee for each campus supporting an intercollegiate program shall be approved by the Board of Trustees.
4. The Board of Trustees shall certify annually to the AHECB that the athletic programs at all campuses will either generate sufficient revenue through athletic generated income, other auxiliary profits, other AHECB approved revenue sources, and AHECB allowable educational and general transfers to meet expenditures, or that any athletic deficit will be met by separate institutional Board-sanctioned student athletic fees to fund the athletic program within the limitations of the policies of the AHECB.

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