FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

POLICY NO. 24
Effective April 8, 2004, revised June 14, 2007 and June 19, 2008

TITLE: FUNDING OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Fairmont State University is committed to maintaining intercollegiate athletics at an amateur level for the benefit of its students. The following policies established by the Board are designed to limit funding of intercollegiate athletics used in the accomplishment of this goal.

The limits which are specified are maximum limits, and Fairmont State University may operate its intercollegiate athletic program at levels below the maximum limit allowed.

1. Revenues

Funding for intercollegiate athletics shall be limited to the following four revenue sources:

a. Student Athletic Fees

Fairmont State University may impose a Student Athletic Fee. It is the responsibility of the president to recommend the amount of this fee each year for approval by the Board of Governors.

The president's recommendation shall be developed after consulting with Student Government.

The Student Athletic Fee shall be limited to 10% of the total undergraduate tuition and fees charged to resident (in-state) students for that year.

b. Education and General Revenue Unrestricted Funds

No more than 3% of Education and General Unrestricted Funds will be expended for intercollegiate athletics.

c. Revenues Generated By Intercollegiate Athletics

Funds may be used to support intercollegiate athletics that are generated by gate receipts, concessions, program sales, sponsorships, advertising, game day promotions, royalties, facility rentals, media rights, fees, game guarantees, tournament and post season income, sports camps, and other revenue-producing activities directly related to intercollegiate athletics.

d. Revenues Generated By Philanthropic Gifts and Sponsorships

Funds may be used to support intercollegiate athletics that are generated by the foundation, the Fairmont State Athletic Association, or the university in collaboration and coordination with the foundation, through fund raising via individuals, foundations, corporations, and businesses.

2. Expenditures for Salaries and Benefits

The total amount of salaries and benefits for coaches, athletic department administrators and staff, and other college employees whose total job responsibilities are related to the intercollegiate athletic program shall be paid from the budget for intercollegiate athletics generated from revenue sources identified in section 1. The salary and benefit cost for each
employee whose responsibilities are split between the intercollegiate athletic program and the academic or general institutional support programs of the institution shall be paid on a pro-rated basis, with the percentage of the employee’s work devoted to athletics paid from the budget for intercollegiate athletics generated from the revenue sources listed in section 1.

For coaches or athletic administrators who also have teaching responsibilities as a portion of their jobs, the annual pro-rated share paid from non-athletic funds shall be 1/8 for each three-hour course taught for those on an academic-year contract and 1/10 for each three-hour course taught for those on a twelve-month contract.

3. Tuition Waivers

The number of tuition waiver dollars designated for students participating in intercollegiate athletics shall be limited to no more than 50% of the total number allowed. As required in BOG Policy 11, 50% of the aid will be awarded to student athletes who are Pell-eligible and/or have significant need as determined by their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.)

4. Equal Opportunity

Fairmont State University shall insure that its intercollegiate athletic program adheres to or exceeds the requirements of all state and federal laws, especially the mandates of equal opportunity and affirmative action.

5. Annual Reports

The president shall provide to the BOG by September 1 of each year the financial information requested on the attached report form for the previous fiscal year. The BOG shall review the annual reports to assure compliance with the policies set forth in this document.

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