

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Date of Board Meeting: November 28, 2023

Subject: Acadeum Course Share Rate

Recommendation: Approve the Course Share Rate of \$90 per semester credit hour, effective spring 2024

Background and Rationale:

Course sharing provides students with an option to enroll in a course offered at another institution yet receive direct credit from WCJC (not transfer credit). This option is helpful to students if WCJC is not offering a specific course or if enrollment in a course is full. WCJC has been a member of the Virtual College of Texas (VCT) course sharing program as both a teaching and host institution. In 2019 VCT became the DigiTex Consortium and partnered with Acadeum to provide a more effective and efficient course sharing program to institutions within the consortium. Since that time the College has maintained its membership in the DigiTex consortium but only as a host institution (our students may enroll elsewhere and receive WCJC credit).

Beginning AY 2024, DigiTex began paying the Acadeum membership fee for all institutions in the DigiTex consortium. With free membership, WCJC has the opportunity to add the role of a teaching institution to its hosting institution role, at no cost. The teaching institution role allows WCJC to offer available seats in low-enrolled courses to institutions within our consortium, with the intent of increasing enrollment or preventing course cancellation due to low enrollment. Acadeum national course share rate is \$100 per semester credit hour (SCH); the average course share rate within the consortium for those colleges with successful enrollment is \$90 per SCH, which is the rate requested for WCJC.

Cost and Budgetary Support: None		
Strategic Priority Alignment:	☑Student Success ☑ Resource Optimization	☐ Community Impact☐ Institutional Excellence
Resource Person(s): Michele Betancourt, Director of Distance Education		
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