

Regional Science Consortium at Tom Ridge Center at Presque Isle

Basic Guiding Principles Regarding Consortium Course Offerings

1. Courses to be taught at the Consortium should be selected to fulfill the mission of the Consortium and should have the approval of the Consortium Curriculum Committee (see paragraph 10, below).
2. Salaries and fringe benefits of faculty from Member Institutions will be furnished by the Member Institutions at which the faculty are regularly employed. The number of faculty to be supported will be established early enough to permit planning of the year's program.
3. Students from any of the Member Institutions may register at their home institution for any courses offered in the Consortium curriculum program. Tuition and fees for these courses will be those normally required by the Member Institution at which the student registers and will be paid to that institution. The distribution of available space in class will be adjusted as needed for any particular term by the Consortium Curriculum Committee but will generally reflect the relative contribution of individual Member Institutions to the program.
4. Facilities and equipment will be furnished by the Consortium although Member Institutions may contribute the use of equipment available in their home institution and may contribute supplies to a particular course.
5. A faculty member participating in the Program will remain in the sole employ of his or her own institution and will be neither subject to the direction and control of the Consortium nor entitled to any rights or privileges associated with employment by, or faculty membership at the Consortium. However, while on the premises of the Consortium or participating in any activity sponsored by the Consortium, the faculty member must comply with all policies, rules and regulations of the Consortium.
6. A student taking a course (s) in the Program will remain in the status solely of a student at the Member Institution in which he or she is enrolled, will be entitled only to such academic credit as may be awarded under the pertinent regulation of such Member Institution, and will be neither subject to the discipline or academic direction of the Consortium nor entitled to any rights or privileges associated with student status at the Consortium. However, while on the premises of the Consortium or participating in any activity sponsored by the Consortium, the student must comply with all policies and rules and regulations of the Consortium.

7. Notwithstanding the provision of preceding paragraphs 5 and 6, the Executive Director of the Consortium, after giving notice and opportunity to respond to a participating faculty member or student, may terminate for cause any such person's further access to or use of any of the facilities or equipment of the Consortium.
8. Each Member Institution agrees to obtain and maintain insurance for Public Liability, Automobile Liability and Worker's Compensation to cover their liabilities which may arise from their participation in the Program; or alternatively, Member Institutions shall agree to participate in the self insurance program of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the terms and conditions established by the Bureau of Risk and Insurance Management of the Department of General Services.
9. A Member Institution's continued opportunity to take part in the Program may be terminated by the Consortium upon recommendation of the Curricular Committee; or where it appears to the Consortium that such Member Institution has not, or may not in the future bear an appropriate portion of the costs of the Consortium. In either case, termination shall be effective 180 days following notice to the Member Institution thereby effected.
10. Implementation of these basic principles involving collaboration, such as approval of the courses to be introduced into the Program, shall be the responsibility of the Curriculum Committee.

Approved by the Curriculum Committee on September 26, 2005

Ratified by the Board of Directors on October 28, 2005

Signed by the President of the Board on _____

President's Signature