

# ROPA Fees Proposal



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## Meeting Goals



- Provide Background
- Outline Proposal
- Answer Questions
- Elicit Additional Ideas

## Quick History Lesson



- ROPA conceived of in 1991
- Monitoring to results-oriented and collaborative
- First review (Trinity College) in 1993
- No change in funding formula

## ROPA Today



- 17 Educator Preparation Programs
- 133 total endorsements accredited
- ~400 completers annually

## Costs to AOE



- About 1.0 FTE in AOE staffing
- Not sustainable in current state budget
- Cutting ROPA Consultant (FY '17)
- Looking to cover about 0.6 FTE through the fee proposal

# Proposed Fees



1. **“Authority to Recommend Licensure”**
  - a. \$1000 annually
  - b. AOE Consultations
  - c. AOE at EPIC, VCTE, professional learning
2. **Review Fee**
  - a. \$25 per completer over past 7 years
  - b. Only assessed every 7<sup>th</sup> year (at the time of review)
  - c. Team’s work before, during, and after visit
3. **Visit Fee**
  - a. \$1500
  - b. Travel expenses

# Proposed Fees, Continued



## 4. Two-year Report Fee

- a. \$500
- b. Review report, work with EPP, submit to VSBPE
- c. Waived for exemplary programs

## 5. New Program Initiation Fee

- a. \$2000
- b. Review proposal, assemble and train team, complete visit
- c. If overnight, visit fee applicable
- d. Flat fee, as there are no completers

# Sample Fees 1



Year	Authority to Recommend Licensure Fee	Average Annual Completers	Review Fee	Visit Fee	Two-Year Report Fee	Total
1	1000	10 (for this example)	1750 (70 completers x \$25 per completer)	1500	0	4250
2	1000	10	0	0	0	1000
3	1000	10	0	0	500	1500
4	1000	10	0	0	0	1000
5	1000	10	0	0	0	1000
6	1000	10	0	0	0	1000
7	1000	10	0	0	0	1000
<b>Total</b>	7000	70	1750	1500	500	10750



# Sample Fees 2



Year	Authority to Recommend Licensure Fee	Average Annual Completers	Review Fee	Visit Fee	Two-Year Report Fee	Total
1	1000	10 (for this example)	250 (10 completers x \$25 per completer)	1500	0	2750
2	1000	10	250	0	0	1250
3	1000	10	250	0	500	1750
4	1000	10	250	0	0	1250
5	1000	10	250	0	0	1250
6	1000	10	250	0	0	1250
7	1000	10	250	0	0	1250
<b>Total</b>	7000	70	1750	1500	500	10750

## What this means for your institution



- 7 year total ranges between \$10000 and \$20000, depending on number of completers
- Average annual cost between \$1500 and \$3000

## AOE Next Steps



1. Gubernatorial Budget Office
2. Legislative Fee Bill
3. New Fees begin in FY '17

## AOE's Needs



- Real chance that ROPA will no longer exist if fees not included in the legislative bill.
- Support with contacting legislators
- Testifying at Capitol
- Spreading the word among peers

# CAEP



1. EPP Annual Fee
  - a. \$2500
2. Review Fee
  - a. \$5500 (minimum)
3. Visit Fee
  - a. \$1600 (minimum)
4. Total \$25000 over 7 years (\$3500 annually), minimum
5. Administrative costs often more than 0.5 FTE
6. Look at different accreditation metrics