No Cost/Low Cost FAQ

Do lab fees over \$40 keep a course from being labeled as Low Cost?

No, lab fees are not included when determining if a course is low cost or no cost.

Is there a penalty for choosing to list all of my courses as high cost, even if one is low cost?

There would be an unnecessary penalty to students if it weren't changed in a timely fashion. You can adjust down, but not up.

Are i-clickers included in the cost of the course?

They are not included. OER has no equivalent, but you will want to notify students.

Will each department have to add the no cost/low cost attributes to the sections for each semester or will they automatically roll over when courses roll?

The no cost/low cost attributes will have to be added each time as the attributes are being added to the individual sections and are not being added at the course level.

What if the department would like to remove the attribute after it has been added—is this possible?

No. Once the attribute has been added, it is there. You can switch a low-cost course to no-cost, but you may not switch a no-cost course to low-cost.

What should the department be doing with this information?

Course Builders will/have been trained on SSADETL, a screen in Banner in order to add the attributes. It is up to the Associate Dean and Department Chairs to determine which courses will receive which attribute, if any.

Is something like TK20 considered in the calculation for low cost/no cost?

No, TK20 shouldn't be considered in the cost of the course. It would be considered as a program cost—similar to a lab fee, field trip, etc.

Are field trips included in the cost?

Field trips are not included in low cost/no cost. They should be treated similarly to lab fees/proctored exams.

What is the timeline?

USG has mandated that the no cost or low cost attribute be in place prior to students registering for classes.