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APPROVE STUDENT FEES FOR URBANA, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD,  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-16

**Action:** Approve Student Fees for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield, (Student Services, Transportation, Health Services, and General Fees), Academic Year 2015-16

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellors, University of Illinois at each campus, and Vice Presidents, University of Illinois have recommended student fee levels for Academic Year 2015-16 to support auxiliary operations, student programs and activities, and student health services. The fees recommended are required to meet continuing components (salaries and wages, utilities, goods and services), student programs, and operating costs including debt service, and repair and replacement programs of facilities that comprise the Auxiliary Facilities Systems.

The Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment (AFMFA) is a student charge that goes towards repair and renovation of academic facilities. As per Board policy the rate increases each year by a percentage equal to the inflation rate for building repair and replacement costs as determined by authoritative external sources such as the Engineering News Record and the Capital Development Board construction index. When instituted, the Board considered the possibility of a sunset on the

Assessment by AY 2017, based on assumptions including a level of State capital support, and the level of deferred maintenance of State facilities. The assumptions have not materialized. The administration recommends continuing this Assessment beyond AY 2017, including its use for debt service, with annual reviews of the level of the Assessment by the Board.

### **URBANA-CHAMPAIGN CAMPUS**

The \$17.00 increase (1.14 percent) in the Service, General, Health Fees, and other fees for the Urbana-Champaign campus represents changes to accommodate the budget guidelines and program and staff enhancements. The Service Fee increase is \$5.00. Most of the units in Student Affairs have gone for nearly four years without an increase in this fee. The current fee could no longer support the cost increases in salaries and utilities. The General Fee increase of \$5.00 is primarily a result of a \$3.09 increase in the Illini Union fee to cover debt service and a \$1.50 increase in the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations fee, to cover debt and institutional assessments. No increase is recommended for the Library/IT Assessment.

### **CHICAGO CAMPUS**

The \$15.00 increase (0.98 percent) in the Service, General, Health Fees, and other fees for the Chicago campus is primarily driven by several factors: salary parameter, fringe benefits, bond requirements, and administrative allowance. Additionally, the Service Fee increase will provide for additional services to students enrolled at Peoria, Rockford, and the Quad Cities. The Health Service Fee increase will provide funds to support medical health services to students enrolled in Chicago and

mental health services to students enrolled at the regional site in Rockford. The Transportation Fee rate (currently at \$140) will be established after the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) provides the Fiscal Year 2016 rate in March 2015. No increase is recommended for the Library/IT Assessment.

### **SPRINGFIELD CAMPUS**

The \$23.00 increase (2.34 percent) in the Service, General, Health Fees, and other fees for the Springfield campus represents changes to accommodate the budget guidelines and program and staff enhancements. The largest increase is related to the Health and Counseling Fee. No increase is recommended for the Library/IT Assessment.

The General Fees at each of the three University of Illinois campuses are assessments of all students for certain costs related to auxiliary facilities and other matters. Costs supported by these fees include payments for improvements and enhancements for facilities within the Auxiliary Facilities System (including repair and replacement), utilities costs, overhead and employment-related costs and allowances for University and Campus overhead, eligible grant programs, and capital financing and related costs. The Student Health Insurance Fee for each of the three campuses will be presented at a future Board of Trustees Meeting.

All of these fees and assessments including AFMFA and Library/IT Assessment are eligible funds for use for need-based student aid pursuant to the Board's financial aid policy. The attached table presents the current and proposed fee levels for the programs described above.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller and the Vice President for Academic Affairs concur with the fee levels proposed.

The President of the University recommends approval.