APPROVE STUDENT FEES FOR URBANA, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD, ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

Action: Approve Student Fees for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield, (Student Services, Transportation, Health Services, Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment, Library/IT Assessment, General Fees and other special purpose and student-initiated fees), Academic Year 2020-2021

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellors/Vice Presidents at each university have recommended student fee levels for Academic Year 2020-2021 to support auxiliary operations, student programs and activities, and student health services. The fees help to meet continuing necessities (salaries and wages, utilities, goods and services), student programs, and operating costs including debt service as well as repair and replacement programs of facilities that comprise the Auxiliary Facilities Systems. Proposed fee increases have been vetted by student committees at each university.

The Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment (AFMFA) is a student charge that goes toward repair and renovation of academic facilities. The AFMFA rate is set based on: the current and anticipated needs for deferred maintenance of academic facilities at each university; the availability of revenues from other sources to fund such deferred maintenance; and overall student affordability.
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Student Fees and Assessments at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are proposed to increase by $38 per semester (+2.5 percent). The mandated increase in the State of Illinois minimum wage accounts for 40 percent of the total fee increase requested at Urbana. Fee changes include: an increase of $17 for the Service Fee ($3.40 of this amount is for campus recreation, $1.46 for the Career Center, $8.23 for Student Success and Engagement, and $2.05 for the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations); an increase of $5 for the General Fee (to cover debt service, repair & renovation, campus administrative charges, etc. on auxiliary units); an increase of $6 for the Health Service fee to support the Counseling Center and McKinley Health Center; an increase of $6 per semester for the AFMFA; and an increase of $4 for the Student Initiated Fees. No increases are recommended for the Library/IT Assessment or the Campus Transit/Safe Rides fee.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Student Fees and Assessments at the University of Illinois at Chicago are proposed to increase by $16 per semester (+1.0 percent). The additional amount consists of: a $3 increase in the Service Fee and a $2 increase in the Health Service Fee, primarily due to significantly higher student enrollments and related student service requirements at both the Rockford and Peoria campuses as they transition to four-year medical schools; a $5 increase in the AFMFA; and a $6 increase in the Library/IT Assessment, which has been held flat for two years and now needs a supplement to maintain existing services. No increases are recommended for the General Fee, Student-to-Student Fee, or the
Sustainability Fee. The Transportation Fee rate (currently at $163) will be established after the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) provides the Fiscal Year 2020 rate in March 2020.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD

Student Fees and Assessments at the University of Illinois at Springfield will remain unchanged.

All of these fees and assessments, including AFMFA and Library/IT Assessment, are funds that are eligible to be used 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 Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concur with the fee levels proposed.

The President of the University recommends approval.