

Board Meeting
January 19, 2017

APPROVE TUITION RATES, ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

Action: Approve Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2017-2018

Funding: No New Funding Required

Tuition adjustments are made in order to meet inflationary cost demands, to address critical operating needs, and, ultimately, to sustain the quality of academic programs offered by the University. A critical consideration in tuition adjustments is protecting affordability for students. In each of the last two academic years, the University has balanced the need to protect affordability and the financial demands corresponding to the fiscal environment by freezing undergraduate base rate tuition for resident students, while approving targeted increases for specific programs, as well as nonresident and international students. In addition, the University continues to increase its commitment to need-based student aid.

Following extensive reviews and recommendations from the Chancellors/Vice Presidents and Provosts at each university, and with the concurrence of the Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller, all of whom expressed strong concerns about college affordability for Illinois residents and the University's competitive position for students, the President recommends that there be no change in the general

tuition rate for Illinois resident undergraduate students admitted to the fall 2017 class. These tuition rates apply to students who will be enrolling for the first time in the general undergraduate degree programs, and will not increase for four years for these students to comply with the tuition guarantee mandate found in Section 25 of the *University of Illinois Act*, 110 ILCS 305/25, which ensures that an incoming student will pay a fixed tuition rate for four years. Thus, continuing undergraduate students will be covered by the guaranteed tuition policy and will be subject to tuition charges appropriate for their cohort of matriculation. The new tuition rates for Academic Year 2017-2018 apply to the cohort of undergraduate students who enter in May of 2017 or after. Concurrent with the recommended tuition changes, as per the revised Board policy, the University may allocate additional funds to need-based student aid. Currently, more than one-half of all University of Illinois undergraduate students receive some form of need- or merit-based aid.

The University of Illinois at Chicago will not change the base rate for nonresident undergraduate students, but will increase the international rate by \$200, or 1.6 percent of the total rate. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will increase the general undergraduate rate for non-resident and international students by 1.8 percent. There will be no increase to the University of Illinois at Springfield nonresident undergraduate tuition rates; however, the University of Illinois at Springfield will increase the Online Administration Fee by \$20 per credit hour for all online programs. This fee will help to address accessibility and compliance issues related to online program delivery.

The President also recommends tuition increases for several graduate and professional programs and full cost recovery programs, as well as one undergraduate tuition differential at UIC. Graduate, professional, and full cost recovery programs are responsive to competitive demand, market forces, and expenses associated with providing high-quality advanced degrees in particular fields.

All tuition recommendations are summarized in the attached tables.

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.