

Approved by the Board of Trustees,
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Revised
TUITION RATES, ACADEMIC YEAR 2006

Action: Approval of Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2006

Funding: No funding required

At the meeting on November 11, 2004, the Board of Trustees reviewed tuition policy guidelines and discussed possible student charges for Fiscal Year 2006. The board also discussed tuition, financial aid, and affordability issues in the context of the University's overall budget planning for FY 2006.


Following further reviews and recommendations from the Academic Affairs Management Team and the Chancellors at each campus, the Vice President for Academic Affairs recommends approval of increases in the general non-guaranteed tuition rates for undergraduate students of \$185 per semester at Chicago, \$211 per semester at Urbana-Champaign, and \$112.50 per semester at Springfield. This per semester increase at University of Illinois at Springfield is based upon enrolling in 15 credit hours of coursework. Similar percentage increases apply for undergraduate programs with tuition differentials and for graduate and professional programs.

There are also increases in the guaranteed tuition rates for FY 2006. For general undergraduate programs at Chicago the increase in the guaranteed tuition is \$256 per semester, for Urbana-Champaign the increase is \$291 per semester, and for Springfield the increase is \$161.25 per semester (15 credit hours). Similar percentage

increases apply for undergraduate programs with tuition differentials. These undergraduate tuition rates apply to new students who enroll after the spring 2005 semester. For these students the tuition will not increase for four years to comply with the tuition guarantee legislation, Public Act 93-0228. This legislation ensures that an incoming student will pay a fixed tuition rate for four years to provide predictability in tuition costs.

In addition, there are differential increases for several undergraduate programs:

- The Engineering differential at Chicago is increased by \$291 per semester.
- The Nursing differential at Chicago is increased by \$185 per semester.
- The Engineering differential at Urbana-Champaign is increased by \$250 per semester.

A new differential of \$125 per semester is also being implemented at Springfield for all new students (undergraduate--15 credit hours, graduate and professional--12 credit hours), to support core academic program enhancements. When this special differential is included, the guaranteed tuition at Springfield for undergraduates will increase by a total of ~~\$258~~ \$285 per semester  (15 credit hours) in FY 2006, which is comparable to the guaranteed tuition increases at Chicago and Urbana-Champaign. This is the first year of a four-year program of differential increases for all new students at Springfield. In FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009, the guaranteed tuition rates for new undergraduate students will increase by at least \$125 per semester more than the per semester dollar increases in the non-guaranteed

tuition. In FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009, for graduate and professional students who first enrolled during the summer 2005 semester or later, their tuition rates will increase by at least \$125 per semester more than the per semester dollar increases in the tuition rates for all other graduate and professional students. In FY 2009, all tuition rates at Springfield will be adjusted to reflect the full implementation of this special differential. The revenue from the special differential will be used to support the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, to sustain educational technology leadership, and to increase library funding. These revenues will help ensure that Springfield achieves the same reputation for high academic quality that has been earned by the other two campuses of the University.

At the graduate and professional levels, there are several program specific tuition increases. All tuition recommendations are summarized in the attached table. They are consistent with the report endorsed by the board, *Ensuring Quality and Affordability: Tuition and Financial Aid at the University of Illinois*. The new tuition rates become effective during the summer semester of 2005.

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 President of the University concurs.