

Board Meeting
January 23, 2014

APPROVE STUDENT FEES FOR URBANA, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD,
ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-15

Action: Approve Student Fees for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield, (Student Services, Transportation, Health Services, and General Fees), Academic Year 2014-15

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellors, University of Illinois, and Vice Presidents, University of Illinois at each campus have recommended student fee levels for Academic Year 2014-15 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) as per Board policy 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.

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN CAMPUS

The \$34.00 increase (2.3 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 decrease of \$1.00 is a reduction of the State Farm Center fee for support of the Band program. Other changes in the Service Fee were made to keep the total an even dollar amount. The General Fee increase of \$26.00 is a result of a \$25.00 increase in the State Farm Center fee to cover debt service, a \$1.19 increase in the Illini Union fee and a \$0.19 decrease in the Illinois Leadership Center fee. No increase is recommended for the Library/IT Assessment or for the Student Initiated Fees.

CHICAGO CAMPUS

The \$26.00 increase (1.7 percent) in the Service, General, Health Fees, and other fees for the Chicago campus is primarily driven by several factors: salary parameter, bond requirements, and administrative allowance. Additionally, the Service Fee increase will provide for additional services to students enrolled at Rockford and the Quad Cities due to larger enrollments. The Transportation Fee rate (currently at \$140.00) will be established after the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) provides the Fiscal Year 2015 rate in March 2014. No increase is recommended for the Library/IT Assessment.

SPRINGFIELD CAMPUS

The \$39.00 increase (4.1 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.

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.