APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH CHAMPAIGN-URBANA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES AND APPROVE INCREASE IN CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION FEE, URBANA

Action: Approve Agreement with Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District for Transit Services and Approve Increase in Campus Transportation Fee

Funding: Student Transportation Fee, Institutional Funds Operating Budget, and Restricted Funds Operating Budget of the Facilities and Services Parking Department

The Chancellor at Urbana recommends approval to continue the transit services contemplated in this resolution and previous Board actions through an agreement negotiated with the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD). The transit services include an established and regularly publicized district-wide service, and any additional district or University campus area services it may activate, without limit, to University faculty, staff, and students upon presentation of their photo identification card. MTD shall operate and maintain bus service with its own employees on campus area bus routes and will indemnify and protect the University with appropriate coverage. Payments to MTD shall be made in monthly installments. It is anticipated that the term of the agreement shall be three years and shall commence on August 20, 2009, and shall terminate on August 15, 2012. The agreement may be renewed annually thereafter on terms mutually agreeable to both parties.
The Chancellor also recommends the approval of an $8.00 per semester increase in the Campus Transportation Fee from $38.00 per semester to $46.00 per semester in FY2010, $48.00 per semester in FY2011, and $50.00 per semester in FY2012 based upon the results of the student referendum held on March 3 and 4, 2009. Student voting results were 3,119 “yes” votes to 3,056 “no” votes to the referendum question: “Do you support a $50 per semester fee, an increase of $12, to account for inflation and upgraded service including greater campus access to the downtowns of Champaign and Urbana and expanded late night bus service on campus routes provided by the Transportation Fee which funds the campus transit system and Safe Rides?” The fee is prorated for the summer session.

In addition, an annual fee of $120,000 is to be paid from the institutional funds operating budget for district-wide service for faculty and staff, along with $420,083 in FY2010, $445,920 in FY2011, and $471,756 in FY2012 is to be paid from the restricted funds operating budget of the Facilities and Services Parking Department for service to the unit’s shuttle facilities.

The Chancellor at Urbana and appropriate officers of the Board are authorized and empowered to do and perform such necessary undertakings that are in conformity with the intents and purposes of this action and to make, execute, and deliver all such instruments and documents on behalf of the Board as may be by them deemed necessary or appropriate in connection with the services described herein.

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.