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STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE FEES FOR CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, AND
URBANA CAMPUSES, FISCAL YEAR 2006

Action: Approve Student Health Insurance Fees for Chicago, Springfield, and Urbana Campuses, Fiscal Year 2006

Funding: No Funding Required

The Chancellors at Chicago, Springfield, and Urbana recommend approval of student health insurance fees for Fiscal Year 2006. The student health insurance fee, combined with the student health service fee, fund health care programs tailored to meet the needs of the students at the campuses. The campuses consult with student advisory groups on health program coverage and the resulting fee. Students may choose not to participate in the student health insurance program by providing evidence of comparable insurance coverage from other sources. Attached is a summary of the student health program coverage.

In 2005 the Chicago campus proposed the adoption of a self-funded plan to increase student benefits and contain costs. Continuing in FY 2006, all care, with the exception of emergencies, will be provided at the UIC Medical Center. All students will receive the same benefit package at the same rate as the prior year. Students needing coverage for their spouse and dependents voluntarily pay a separate charge.

In 2005 the Springfield campus issued an RFP for student health insurance, selecting The Chickering Group, through the insurer, Aetna, as the plan provider. In the

past there had been a two-tier plan priced on age. However, beginning in FY 2005 the campus moved to a single student rate. For FY 2006 the proposed contract necessitates an eight percent price increase to support enhanced benefits and to reflect the rising costs of health care. Renewal options exist through 2010.

The Urbana campus recently issued an RFP for FY 2006 student health insurance and proposes using Student Resources, through its insurance carrier, Mega Life (as recommended in the Roll Call, Purchases Report). The Mega Life program at Urbana provides basic coverage for undergraduate students and expanded benefits for graduate students. The proposed contract will necessitate a modest one percent increase in price for the undergraduate plan, and a one percent decrease in price for the graduate plan. Coverage enhancements were made to both plans. Students needing coverage for their spouse and dependents voluntarily pay a separate charge. Renewal options exist for nine additional one-year periods through 2015.

The recommended student health insurance fees per semester are as follows:

LOCATION	PROPOSED PREMIUM	PERCENT INCREASE
<i>Chicago</i>	All students \$363	0
<i>Springfield</i>	All students \$291	+8
<i>Urbana</i>	Undergraduate \$167	+1
	Graduate \$230	-1

The rates displayed are for the typical undergraduate and graduate student. Rates may vary for summer session, family dependent coverage, etc.

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 for Administration concurs in these recommendations.

The President of the University recommends approval.