

Board Meeting  
March 13, 2007

LIBRARY--INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FEE, FISCAL YEAR 2008, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Library--Information Technology Fee for Fiscal Year 2008, Urbana

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign maintains one of the world's largest and best academic libraries. The University Library holds a collection of more than 23 million items, including over 9 million volumes, more than 90,000 serial titles, and more than 6 million manuscripts, as well as maps, slides, audio tapes, microforms, videotapes, laser discs, and other non-print material. The Urbana campus has been a leader in leveraging the University's assets for all of Illinois' citizens. Records of the collections form the bulk of the Library's Online Catalog. This catalog is part of the ILLINET Online system, which links the Library to other academic libraries in Illinois. Users at these academic libraries may borrow books directly from participating Library's collections. Nationally and internationally, the Library's collections are accessible through the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) online bibliographic database and the Internet. In 1992, the Library began to create networked databases, including multimedia databases that are accessible both locally and internationally via the Internet. By 1994, more than a million users logged on weekly to the Library's online catalog. The Grainger Engineering Library Information Center, which opened in 1994, is

designed to accommodate the latest in both library and user technologies and includes facilities for digital scanning, multimedia database creation, and on-site testing of new library-related software. Despite these improvements, the Urbana campus' Library has fallen from eighth in 1985 to 17<sup>th</sup> in the most recent overall national ranking by the Association of Research Libraries.

This fee would be used to aid in the transition towards electronic media and digitalization, increase library hours, improve information technology services, strengthen opportunities for research technology and assistance, create and improve the tools for online learning/research, increase the positions focused on direct support of student learning and services, and enhance access to both electronic and print material collections. The fee would be phased in over four years. For all full-time undergraduate and graduate/professional students for which the fee applies, the FY 2008 rate will be \$200 per semester for full-time students at Urbana-Champaign. For students at less than full-time enrollment the fee will be pro-rated according to current tuition range calculations. Law students will be assessed \$250 per semester.

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 Chancellor, the Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, and Vice President for Planning and Administration recommend approval.

The President of the University concurs.