

Board Meeting  
March 26, 2008

APPROVE TUITION RATES, ACADEMIC YEAR 2009

**Action:** Approve Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2009

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The University's resource needs are shaped by five overarching priorities growing out of the University's strategic plan: (1) develop the Urbana campus into the nation's preeminent public research university; (2) develop the Chicago campus into the nation's premier urban public research university; (3) position the University of Illinois Medical Center and health sciences colleges for the next quarter century; (4) develop the Springfield campus into one of the nation's top five small public liberal arts universities; and (5) develop the Global Campus Partnership.

Under the Compact, the five sources for University funding are (1) the State of Illinois through its appropriation, payments on behalf, and capital, (2) students and their families through tuition and fees, (3) private benefactors through endowments and gifts, (4) University leadership through efficient operations, intelligent budgeting, and cost reallocation, and (5) faculty through research funding. Each year, securing the resources to achieve the University's strategic priorities depends on the relative strength of each component of the Compact.

The central purpose of student tuition is to ensure the academic quality of the University of Illinois.

Following extensive reviews and recommendations from the Provosts and the Chancellors at each campus in consultation with the President and Vice Presidents of the University, faculty, and students, and consistent with the University's commitment to Guaranteed Tuition, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President/Chief Financial Officer recommend approval of the tuition rates set forth in the attached table.

The University is also committed to Guaranteed Tuition. The tuition rates recommended in this resolution for new students who enroll after the spring 2008 semester will not increase for four years in accordance with the tuition guarantee legislation, Public Act 93-0228. The Guaranteed Tuition program provides predictability in tuition costs, and the recommended rates provide for the equivalent of an average annual increase of approximately 3.66 percent. This rate of increase is lower than the rate of increase that students experience at many other institutions competing with the University of Illinois.

In addition to base tuition, differential charges apply for students in selected academic programs as outlined in the attached table. For FY 2009, there is one new undergraduate differential proposed at the Urbana-Champaign campus for the Department of Journalism (\$350 per semester). The campus will also institute a \$500 course fee for a series of courses in the School of Molecular and Cellular Biology. These courses are often taken as pre-medicine requirements. For the Chicago campus, there is a significant increase in the differential rate for undergraduate students in the Nursing Program of \$876 per semester. At the Springfield campus, tuition will also

increase by the additional \$8.25 per credit hour that was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 20, 2005.

At the graduate and professional levels, tuition increases are recommended for several specific programs. All tuition recommendations are summarized in the attached table. The new tuition rates become effective during the fall semester 2008, but apply to the cohort of new students who enter in May of 2008 or after.

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.