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APPROVE TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS AND RELATED STUDENT FEES
FOR URBANA AND CHICAGO, FISCAL YEAR 2019

Action: Approve Transportation Contracts and Related Student Fees for Urbana and Chicago, Fiscal Year 2019

Funding: Student Transportation Fee (Urbana and Chicago), and Auxiliary and Operating Funds (Urbana)

The Chancellors/Vice Presidents at the Urbana and Chicago universities recommend transportation fee levels for Fiscal Year 2019 to provide access to local mass transit for students in their respective areas. Springfield does not assess a transportation fee.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends approval of a three-year agreement with the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD) for transit services. The transit services provide unlimited access to the district-wide public transit system, including specific routes serving the university campus area, for faculty, staff, and students upon presentation of a university photo identification card. The agreement stipulates that MTD operate and maintain bus service using its own employees and that MTD will indemnify and protect the university with appropriate insurance coverage.

The term of the agreement will be from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2021. The total cost for annual transit services will be \$5,537,819 in FY 2019, \$5,681,670 in FY 2020, and \$5,818,792 in FY 2021. Payments to MTD will be made in monthly installments.

The Chancellor/Vice President requests no increase in the Student Transportation Fee of \$62 per semester for fall and spring 2019. The fee historically is prorated for the summer sessions and would be \$25 in the summer of 2019 (a \$6 reduction from the summer of 2018). The Illinois Student Government and the Student Fee Advisory Committee support these fees based on the results of a student referendum. Monthly payments will be supplemented by auxiliary and campus operating funds to pay for unlimited faculty and staff access to transit services. With the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, the Chancellor/Vice President recommends approval of this agreement and the Student Transportation Fee for FY 2019.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the proposal to renew the U-Pass Contract with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) beginning Fall Semester 2018. Participation in the U-Pass program requires the assessment of a transportation fee for all eligible students, which is utilized to contract with the CTA to provide an unlimited pass for each eligible student to ride CTA buses and elevated trains and to cover campus administrative costs. Students at the Chicago campus began participation in the U-Pass program Fall Semester 2001, when the university entered into a four-year contract with the CTA. The contract

was renewed in 2005, in 2010, and in 2013. The current contract runs through Summer 2018. The proposed CTA contract would begin Fall 2018 and end after Summer 2023.

The CTA requires participating schools to enter into a five-year contract, with an option for the university to cancel without penalty within 45 calendar days prior to commencement of the semester when the program is to be terminated. Despite the multi-year contract, student fees are set annually by CTA and CTA is required to notify the university by March 1 of any rate increase for the following academic year.

The recommended FY 2019 U-PASS transportation fee will increase from \$140 to \$163 for fall and spring, and from \$108 to \$125 for summer (a 16 percent increase from FY 2018). It should be noted that there has been no increase in these rates for the past four years, since FY 2014. For College of Medicine (COM) students, the recommended U-PASS transportation fee will decrease from \$178 to \$175 for fall and spring (-2 percent change from FY 2018) and increase from \$108 to \$130 for summer (an increase of 20 percent from FY 2018). The College of Medicine transportation needs are different from those of the general student population because of differing academic calendars.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

	FY 2018	FY 2019	\$ Change	% Change
Urbana: Fall/Spring	\$62	\$62	\$0	0%
Urbana: Summer	\$31	\$25	(\$6)	-2%
Chicago, general students: Fall/Spring	\$140	\$163	\$23	16%
Chicago, general students: Summer	\$108	\$125	\$7	16%
Chicago, COM students: Fall/Spring	\$178	\$175	(\$3)	-2%
Chicago, COM students: Summer	\$108	\$130	\$22	20%

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 Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Interim Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller concur with these recommendations.

The President of the University recommends approval.