APPROVE STUDENT FEES FOR URBANA, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD, ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 - 2017

Action: Approve Student Fees for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield, (Student Services, Transportation, Health Services, and General Fees), Academic Year 2016 - 2017

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellors/Vice Presidents, at each campus have recommended student fee levels for Academic Year 2016 - 2017 to support auxiliary operations, student programs and activities, and student health services. The fees recommended are required to meet continuing components (salaries and wages, utilities, goods and services), student programs, and operating costs including debt service, and repair and replacement programs of facilities that comprise the Auxiliary Facilities Systems.

The Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment (AFMFA) is a student charge that goes towards repair and renovation of academic facilities. Approved by the Board of Trustees on 11 April 2006, the AFMFA was introduced in FY 2007 for an initial ten-year period, during which (as per Board policy) its rate increased each year by a percentage equal to the inflation rate for building repair and replacement costs as determined by authoritative external sources. Last year, because assumptions on capital state support and deferred maintenance needs had not materialized, upon the administration’s recommendation the Board of Trustees approved the continuation of the
AFMFA in FY 2017 and beyond, including its use for debt service, with annual reviews of the level of the Assessment by the Board of Trustees. Starting in FY 2017, the AFMFA rate will be set according to the current and anticipated needs for deferred maintenance of academic facilities across the University, to the availability of revenues from other sources to fund such deferred maintenance, as well as to overall student affordability.

**URBANA-CHAMPAIGN CAMPUS**

Overall, Student Fees and Assessments on the Urbana-Champaign campus will increase $2 per semester. An increase of $2 is proposed for the Transportation/Safe Ride Fee, in compliance with a three-year agreement that was reached last year. The Service Fee decrease is $1. The General Fee increase of $1 is primarily a result of a $1.18 increase in the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations fee, to implement strategies for both long-term and short-term facility renovations. The Health Fee decreases by $1. The Student Initiated Fees increase by $1. No increase is recommended for the Library/IT Assessment.

**CHICAGO CAMPUS**

Overall, Student Fees and Assessments at the Chicago campus will remain unchanged. The Service Fee increase is $1. The General Fee decrease is $7. The Health Service Fee increase is $6. The Service Fee increase will provide funds to support activities for increased numbers of students in currently funded fee units and for additional services to students enrolled at Peoria, Rockford and the Quad Cities. The Health Service Fee increase will provide funds to support health services and mental health services to students enrolled at the regional sites in Rockford and Peoria. The
Transportation Fee rate (currently at $140) will be established after the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) provides the Fiscal Year 2017 rate in March 2016. No increase is recommended for the Library/IT Assessment.

**SPRINGFIELD CAMPUS**

Overall, Student Fees and Assessments at the Springfield campus will remain unchanged.

The General Fees at each of the three University of Illinois campuses are assessments of all students for certain costs related to auxiliary facilities and other matters. Costs supported by these fees include payments for improvements and enhancements for facilities within the Auxiliary Facilities System (including repair and replacement), utilities costs, overhead and employment-related costs and allowances for University and Campus overhead, eligible grant programs, and capital financing and related costs. The Student Health Insurance Fee for each of the three campuses will be presented at a future Board of Trustees Meeting.

All of these fees and assessments including AFMFA and Library/IT Assessment are eligible funds for use for need-based student aid pursuant to the Board’s financial aid policy. The attached table presents the current and proposed fee levels for the programs described above.

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/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller and the Vice President for Academic Affairs concur with the fee levels proposed.

The President of the University recommends approval.