

Board Meeting  
April 11, 2006

APPROVE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FEE, FISCAL YEAR 2007

**Action:** Approve Legacy of Service and Learning Scholarship Fee

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana recommends the approval of a \$15.00 per semester Legacy of Service and Learning Scholarship fee, effective Fiscal Year 2007, based upon the results of the student referendum held on March 7 and 8, 2006. Student voters approved with 3,785 “yes” votes to 2,977 “no” votes to the referendum question: “Do you support the creation of the refundable \$15.00 per semester Legacy of Service and Learning Scholarship fee?”

The Legacy of Service and Learning Scholarship will create a new and permanent source of need/merit based scholarships. The need component will include students from low and middle income backgrounds. The scholarship may be renewable but only if the student completes fifty hours of community service annually. To create the scholarship, an endowment would be established through a refundable \$15.00 per semester student fee. Ten dollars would be invested as principle of an endowment, and five dollars would be used that year for scholarships. These funds, and the interest on these funds, can only be used for scholarships. Every year this program is in existence, the endowment will grow to create an additional perpetual source of almost \$40,000 in

scholarship money, and almost \$370,000 in current use scholarship funds. By the twentieth year, the endowment will approach \$15.0 million and the program could award more than \$1.0 million in scholarships annually.

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.