APPROVE TUITION RATES, ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

Action: Approve Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2019-2020

Funding: No New Funding Required

Tuition adjustments are made in order to meet inflationary cost demands, to address critical operating needs, and, ultimately, to sustain the quality of academic programs offered by the University of Illinois System. A crucial consideration in tuition adjustments is protecting affordability for students. For the past few years, the U of I System has had to balance student affordability with the financial demands corresponding to the challenging fiscal environment in the state of Illinois. Taking these factors into account, leaders at the system and university levels have made a commitment to freeze undergraduate base rate tuition for resident students for the past four years, while approving targeted increases for non-resident and international students as well as for specific graduate and professional programs.

Following extensive reviews and recommendations from the Chancellors/Vice Presidents and Provosts at each university, and with the concurrence of the Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller, the President recommends that for the fifth year in a row, there be no change in the general tuition rate for Illinois resident

undergraduate students admitted to the fall 2019 class.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will increase the general undergraduate rate for non-resident and international students by 2.0 percent. The University of Illinois at Chicago will increase the general undergraduate rates for non-resident undergraduate students, the UIC merit rate, and the international rate by 2.0 percent. Additionally, Chicago will decrease one online undergraduate program credit hour rate for new students based on market analysis. There will be no increase to the University of Illinois at Springfield non-resident undergraduate tuition rates.

The new tuition rates for Academic Year 2019-2020 will apply to the cohort of undergraduate students who enter in May of 2019 or after. To comply with the tuition guarantee mandate found in Section 25 of the *University of Illinois Act*, 110 ILCS 305/25, the rates will hold steady for four years for these students. Because of this guarantee, all continuing undergraduate students will be subject to tuition charges appropriate for their cohort of matriculation.

Concurrent with the recommended tuition changes, as per the revised Board policy, each university may allocate additional funds to need-based student aid. Currently, more than one-half of all undergraduate students enrolled across the U of I System receive some form of need- or merit-based aid.

The President also recommends tuition increases for several graduate and professional programs, online programs, and full cost recovery programs at Urbana-Champaign and at Chicago. Graduate, professional, online, and full cost recovery programs are responsive to competitive demand, market forces, and expenses associated

with providing high-quality advanced degrees in particular fields. All increases at Urbana-Champaign are at or below 2.0 percent except for one graduate program and three online programs. At Chicago, all increases are at or below 2.0 percent except for four professional programs and one online program; the majority of such programs have no increase. New graduate and professional rates for law programs will be established at Chicago and one online program in public health will be converted to full cost recovery. Graduate and online programs at Springfield will not increase.

All tuition recommendations are summarized in the attached tables.

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.