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Trustees Approve 2006-07 Student Charges

New fee to cut deferred maintenance backlog

URBANA—The University of Illinois Board of Trustees Tuesday approved tuition and fee increases for students enrolling at its three campuses beginning this summer.

The higher tuition will generate \$27.4 million—after financial aid is set aside for needy students. That new revenue, combined with another \$28 million from internal cuts and strategic reallocations, goes directly toward the recruitment and retention of faculty, cutting class sizes and restoring courses cut the last several years.

Tuition at Chicago and Urbana-Champaign will rise the equivalent of 3.6 percent a year over the next four years. By state law, tuition for incoming students is capped, or guaranteed, for four full years; each successive incoming class pays a different rate than the one preceding it. Base guaranteed tuition for incoming, Illinois-resident undergraduate students will go up \$293 a semester at UIC and \$333 a semester at Urbana-Champaign. New semester rates are: UIC, \$3,390; Urbana-Champaign, \$3,854.

The Springfield campus tuition will climb \$503 a semester, an equivalent annual 8 percent hike over the next four year, or \$2,790 a semester. UIS, which ranks 9th among the state's 12 public universities in tuition, is adding new academic offerings in a shift to a full four-year university as well as enlarging its enrollment.

Mandatory fees will go up \$82 at UIC to \$1,234 a semester; \$41 a semester at Urbana-Champaign to \$864; and \$16 at UIS to \$711.

A new facility fee, based on a 10-year plan to cut in half deferred maintenance in academic buildings, adds \$250 a semester to fees at UIC and Urbana-Champaign and \$125 at UIS. Only new students will pay this fee beginning this summer until, after a four-year phase-in, all students are assessed.

“Our buildings are a \$4.4 billion investment from past generations that we must protect,” said University of Illinois President B. Joseph White. “Deferred maintenance is a major problem and I plan to fix that problem within a decade.”

By 2010 all students will be paying the Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment, which will raise \$30.5 million that year. The total deferred maintenance is \$800 million today.

The trustees also approved room and board charges for the minority of U of I students who live in university housing. Rates vary widely by residence hall and meal plans, but a typical double room with 14 meals a week will cost \$3,596 a semester at UIC, up \$138; \$3,440 at UIS, up \$180; and \$3,608 at Urbana-Champaign, up \$253.

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Reporters/Editors/News directors: the Board approved all student-cost items (17-20) April 11. The items are posted on the Board website, www.uillinois.edu/trustees