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Tuition to Help Restore Faculty and Courses

URBANA — University of Illinois students in Chicago , Springfield and Urbana-Champaign will face a higher “sticker price” in combined tuition, fees and room and board for the school year that begins next summer.

The new revenue from higher tuition will help restore faculty and staff positions lost the last couple of years, as well as half the course sections that were cut.

The University Board of Trustees today approved tuition charges for 2004-05, giving students and their families an early alert on rising costs. They also OK'd mandatory fees and room and board for students who live in UI housing.

The trustees also approved a tuition plan for new undergraduate students—freshmen or transfers—that sets tuition above the rate for continuing students but then locks in that rate for four full calendar years. The University of Illinois Guaranteed Tuition Plan responds to a state law approved by the Illinois legislature last spring and signed by the governor this summer to put stability into tuition charges.

“We believe the new rates, for our continuing students and for our newcomers, reflect reality and will help us keep the University of Illinois the gold standard for public education in Illinois and beyond,” said UI President James J. Stukel.

“I hope parents, students and prospective students both appreciate the uncommon value of a University of Illinois degree and that a UI education is a good investment backed by ample financial aid from the federal government, the state and the UI itself.

“The full ‘sticker price’ the Board endorsed today tells only part of the story. That price is before financial aid is applied; at all three UI campuses fully half of full-time undergraduates pay less than the total charges.”

On the Chicago campus the “sticker price” for Illinois resident undergraduates will be \$7,158, up from this year's \$6,792. In that per-semester cost is tuition of \$2,645, up from this year's \$2,449; fees of \$1,071, up from this year's \$1,033; and room and board of \$3,442, up from this year's \$3,310.

At the Springfield campus, the “sticker price” for Illinois resident undergraduates will be \$5,757, up from this year's \$5,310. Included in that amount are tuition, \$1,863, up from

this year's \$1,725; fees \$485, up from this year's \$434; and room and board, \$3,409, up from this year's \$3,151.

At Urbana-Champaign, the “sticker price” for Illinois resident undergraduates will be \$6,960, up from this year's \$6,613. Included in that amount are tuition, \$3007, up from this year's \$2,784; fees, \$753, up from this year's \$743; and room and board, \$3,200, up from this year's \$3,086.

Incoming Illinois-resident undergraduates will be in the inaugural class of students in the University of Illinois Guaranteed Tuition Plan . Those students will not face any increases to tuition for consecutive four years. Fees and room and board are not included in the guarantee.

So, tuition rates for these students are \$2,841 at UIC; \$2,001 at UIS and \$3,230 at Urbana-Champaign. That raises their overall tuition-fee-room/board costs to \$7,354 at UIC, \$5,895 at UIS and \$7,183 at Urbana-Champaign.

The basic tuition increase will bring about \$25 million to help restore academic programs cut the last two years. The \$25 million is net new revenue after setting aside a portion of the tuition revenue for financial aid for needy students.

Nearly half of that net revenue, or about \$12 million, will restore 80 faculty positions, 160 teaching assistants, 40 lecturers or instructors, and 480 course sections. Another \$9.4 million would contribute 1.1 percent toward a salary increase for University faculty and staff, and another \$3.7 million would cover other costs, such as contributions to Medicare, utilities, operations and maintenance and the like.

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The University of Illinois enrolls more than 70,000 on-campus students at its campuses in Chicago , Springfield and Urbana-Champaign and additional regional College of Medicine sites in Rockford and Peoria . Its annual budget is about \$3 billion.

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Reporters/Editors/News directors: Fuller details on tuition, fees and room and board are available from the Office of University Relations and through the link below. Call 217-333-6400 for Board of Trustees items Nos. 10a through 10c, which were emailed to many of you earlier this week.

[Tuition charts for FY 2005](#)