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Student fees and room-and-board rates set for next academic year
Increased operational, energy and food costs cited

CHICAGO, Ill. — The University of Illinois Board of Trustees approved fiscal year 2010 room-and-board rates and fees at its three campuses in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield at its regular meeting in Chicago today. The new rates are effective beginning with 2009 summer school on each campus.

Undergraduate room-and-board at the Urbana-Champaign campus will rise for the 2009-10 school year. The amount depends upon the number of roommates a student has and the meal plan chosen. So, for example, an undergraduate in Urbana living in a standard double-occupancy residence hall room and choosing the 14-meal-per-week meal plan would see an increase of \$243 per semester, from \$4,099 in fiscal year 2009 to \$4,342 in fiscal year 2010. (The 2010 university fiscal year begins on July 1, 2009 and ends June 30, 2010.)

At the Chicago campus, the cost for a student choosing the double-occupancy room and 14-meal plan will rise from \$4,222 in 2009 to \$4,560 in 2010 per semester, an increase of \$338. At the Springfield campus, the cost per student for a double-occupancy room in Lincoln Residence Hall and a 14-meal plan will rise from \$4,420 in 2009, to \$4,600 in 2010, an increase of \$180 per semester.

The increases are required to meet rising operational costs, including wages and salaries, energy, food and materials, and to provide for new programs, debt service and repair- and maintenance-reserve requirements.

Student fees for undergraduates at the Urbana-Champaign campus for 2010 will rise \$71 to \$1,368 per semester. These fees help cover maintenance and operation of the Illini Union, Assembly Hall, student recreational facilities, Career Services and the student health and counseling centers; overhead, debt service, repair and remodeling; facility renovation; and library-information technology expenses.

Fees for undergraduates at the University's Chicago campus for 2010 will rise \$39 per semester to \$1,431. These fees help cover the cost of operations and maintenance of the campus student unions, intercollegiate athletics, student programming, student councils and recreational facilities; the student health center; facility repair and renovation, debt service and overhead; and library-information technology expenses.

Fees for undergraduates at the University's Springfield campus for 2010 will rise \$107 per semester to \$806. These fees will cover intercollegiate athletics and student programming; debt service, repair and renovation, and overhead; the student health center and student counseling center; and facility renovation. New for fiscal year 2010 is a \$75 per semester library-information technology fee.

The Board of Trustees will set tuition for the 2009-10 school year in the spring.

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