**Illinois State**

**University**

Board of

**Trustees**

**Resolution No. 2015.05/19**

**FY2016 Student Tuition, Fees and**

**Room and Board Rates**

## Resolution

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University has the authority to approve tuition, mandatory fees and room and board rates, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University recognizes the increasingly important role that revenue from tuition and fees plays in ensuring educational excellence and innovation, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University is committed to maintaining access to and affordability of its high quality programs;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2016 student tuition, fees and room and board rates contained herein.

Board Action on: Postpone:

Motion by: Amend:

Second by: Disapprove:

Vote: Yeas: Nays: Approve:

ATTEST: Board Action, May 30, 2015

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### Secretary/Chairperson

Board of Trustees

**Illinois State University**

**FY2016 Student Tuition, Fees, and Room and Board Rates**

Illinois State University is committed to excellence in higher education, as evidenced by the University’s placement in the top 75 public universities in the country by *U.S. News and World Report’s* Guide to Colleges and Universities. It is also recognized nationally as a good value as reflected in *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance,* which ranks the University in the top 100 best values in the nation and *Money* magazine, which has rated the University as one of “The 25 Colleges That Add the Most Value.” In addition, the University strives to maintain student accessibility despite the difficult economic environment of the State of Illinois and a continued decline in state funding. In FY2015, the University committed $12 million to supplement shortages in state Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant funding.

Mindful of student affordability, a moderate 1.6 percent total cost increase for on-campus undergraduate students is proposed. This increase represents a 3.0 percent increase for tuition, a 1.0 percent increase in mandatory fees, no increase for housing and no increase for dining.

Undergraduate Tuition

In order to maintain education quality in the face of significant reductions in the state appropriation, the following increases are proposed. This will allow the University to continue to meet financial aid obligations, recruit and retain personnel, maintain facilities and manage the general operating needs of the campus.

New **In-State** Students in 2015-16. Illinois State University requests authority to charge new, in-state undergraduate students $359.47 per credit hour for the 2015-16 academic year (FY2016.) This rate is $10.47 (3.0 percent) more per credit hour than was charged to new in-state students in the 2014-15 academic year. However, the “Truth-in-Tuition” statute guarantees that these students will continue to pay this rate through summer of 2019. As such, this recommended rate change equates to an average annual increase of 0.74 percent over the four-year period.

New **Out-of-State** Students in 2015-16. Illinois State University requests authority to charge new out-of-state undergraduate students $620 per credit hour, or an increase of 3.0 percent, for the 2015-16 academic year (FY2016). This rate is $18 more per credit hour than was charged new out-of-state students in 2014-15. As with in-state students, these students will continue to pay this rate through summer of 2019. As such, this recommended rate change equates to an average annual increase of 0.74 percent over the four-year period. However, under the Enrollment Competitiveness Program approved by the Board at its February 17, 2012 meeting, selected entering high-achieving/talented out-of-state students or students residing in states contiguous to Illinois will be eligible to pay the in-state tuition rate.

Table 1 shows the undergraduate rates proposed for the 2015-16 academic year.



Graduate Tuition

**In-State** Graduate Students in 2015-16. Illinois State University requests authority to charge in-state graduate students $374 per credit hour for the 2015-16 academic year. This rate is $14 more per credit hour, or 3.9 percent more than 2014-15 rates. The increase is part of a multi-year plan to bring greater parity between undergraduate and graduate tuition rates at the University, in recognition of the typically higher cost of graduate instruction. The “Truth-in-Tuition” statute does not apply to graduate tuition rates.

**Out-of-State** Graduate Students in 2015-16. Illinois State University requests authority to charge new out-of-state graduate students $777 per credit hour for the 2015-16 academic year. This rate is $30 more per credit hour, or 4.0 percent more than 2014-15 rates.

Mandatory Student Fees

In conjunction with the implementation of “Truth-in-Tuition”, the University elected to extend the four-year guarantee to include mandatory student fees. This further assures students and parents that a major portion of the cost of attendance will not change from year to year. Mandatory Student Fees are assessed of all students on a per credit hour basis whether undergraduate or graduate status. Each fee is assessed for a specific operational service and/or program. Examples include such things as general activities, Bone Student Center, health services, athletic facilities and services, recreational facilities and services, campus enhancements, instructional support as well as grant-in-aid and student-to-student grants.

Illinois State University requests authority to charge mandatory fees to all new students of $79.46 per credit hour for the 2015-16 academic year. This rate is $.80 more per credit hour, or 1.0 percent, than was charged to new students in the 2014-15 academic year. The increase is necessary to meet operational costs, provide for debt service, and meet repair and replacement reserve requirements.

Illinois State University also requests authority to increase the outreach fee to $79.46 per credit hour for the 2015-16 academic year, an increase of $.80. Outreach fees are charged to groups of students in contracted or non-campus locations that are not otherwise enrolled in University courses. This accommodates costs associated with the varied methods of delivering off-campus instruction.

Table 2 shows the undergraduate rates proposed for the 2015-16 academic year.



Room and Board

Housing

There is no increase proposed for residence hall contracts. University Housing Services will remain adequately funded and still meet operational costs, provide for debt service and satisfy repair and replacement reserve requirements.

In accordance with the agreement to construct Cardinal Court as a public/private partnership, the authority to approve rental rates for these apartments rests with the Collegiate Housing Foundation, which holds the ground lease and owns the facilities. The rental rates are established to meet the University’s management obligations under this agreement. For the 2015-16 academic year, the rent at Cardinal Court apartments has been approved for an increase of 4.0 percent.

Tables 3 shows proposed FY2016 rates for on-campus housing options.



Dining

Illinois State University engages on-campus residents through the Association of Residence Halls (ARH) in an annual review of residence hall room rates and dining rates. ARH completed its current review and submitted its recommendations. Based on these recommendations, the University has added $60 in flex dollars to the 5-Day Unlimited plan and subtracted $60 in flex dollars from the 19-Meal Traditional plan. These changes are reflected in the total cost per semester. For every flex dollar purchased as part of a dining plan, students have that same amount available to spend at retail food venues. The change in flex dollars is the only revision recommended for dining rates for the 2015-16 academic year. Campus Dining Services will remain adequately funded with flat rates overall and still meet operational costs, provide for debt service and to meet repair and replacement reserve requirements.

Tables 4 shows FY2016 rates for residence hall dining options.

