**Illinois State**

**University**

Board of

**Trustees**

 **Resolution No. 2016.05/07**

 **FY2017 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 FY2017 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 6, 2016

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###  Secretary/Chairperson

Board of Trustees

**Illinois State University**

**FY2017 Student Tuition, Fees, and Room and Board Rates**

The mission statement of Educating Illinois, the strategic plan for Illinois State University, articulates that “we devote all of our resources and energies to creating the most supportive and productive community possible to serve the citizens of Illinois and beyond.” Illinois State University has been recognized for doing so, as evidenced by multiple national rankings, such as our placement in the top 100 public universities in the country by U.S. News and World Report’s Guide to Colleges and Universities.

Remaining strong and stable in the current environment of decreasing State appropriations is a challenge Illinois State University continues to successfully navigate through with healthy enrollments and sound fiscal management. At the same time, value and student access remain high priorities. In 2015, the University was chosen as one of Kiplinger’s Top 100 best values among public universities.

As the University plans for FY2017 with the continued threat of reduced and unpredictable state funding, it strives for a balanced solution of both cost reductions and modest revenue replacement. Such a balanced approach is necessary in order to maintain the quality and affordability expected by the constituents we serve.

In order to maintain student affordability, a moderate 2.1 percent total cost increase for on-campus undergraduate students is proposed. This increase represents a 3.0 percent increase for tuition, a 3.0 percent increase in mandatory fees, and a 1.0 percent increase for housing and dining.

Undergraduate Tuition

New **In-State** Students in 2016-17. Illinois State University requests authority to charge new, in-state undergraduate students $370.25 per credit hour for the 2016-17 academic year (FY2017.) This rate is $10.78 (3.0 percent) more per credit hour than was charged to new in-state students in the 2015-16 academic year. However, the “Truth-in-Tuition” statute guarantees that these students will continue to pay this rate through summer of 2020. 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 2016-17. Illinois State University requests authority to charge new out-of-state undergraduate students $740.50 per credit hour, or an increase of 19.4 percent, for the 2016-17 academic year (FY2017). The increase will result in a ratio of two times the in-state tuition rate. This is a more market-appropriate rate when compared to other Illinois public universities. As with in-state students, these students will continue to pay this rate through summer of 2020. As such, this recommended rate change equates to an average annual increase of 4.54 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 2016-17 academic year.

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Graduate Tuition

**In-State** Graduate Students in 2016-17. Illinois State University requests authority to charge in-state graduate students $389 per credit hour for the 2016-17 academic year. This rate is $15 more per credit hour, or 4.0 percent more than 2015-16 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 2016-17. Illinois State University requests authority to charge new out-of-state graduate students $808 per credit hour for the 2016-17 academic year. This rate is $31 more per credit hour, or 4.0 percent more than 2015-16 rates.

Mandatory Student Fees

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 $81.84 per credit hour for the 2016-17 academic year. This rate is $2.38 more per credit hour, or 3.0 percent, than was charged to new students in the 2015-16 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 $81.84 per credit hour for the 2016-17 academic year, an increase of $2.38. 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 2016-17 academic year.

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Room and Board

Housing

A 1.0 percent increase is recommended for residence hall contracts. University Housing Services will remain adequately funded to meet operational costs, provide for debt service and fulfill 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 2016-17 academic year, the rent at Cardinal Court apartments has been approved for an increase of 2.0 percent.

Tables 3 shows proposed FY2017 rates for on-campus housing options.



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Dining

A 1.0 percent increase is recommended for dining rates for the 2016-17 academic year. Campus Dining Services will remain adequately funded to meet operational costs, provide for debt service and fulfill repair and replacement reserve requirements.

Tables 4 shows FY2017 rates for residence hall dining options.



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