

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
Recommended Tuition and Fee Increases, 2015-16 through 2018-19

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Pursuant to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 1*), every odd-numbered year, the Chancellor must convene a committee composed of institutional Presidents, student representatives, and System Administration staff to review and make recommendations for tuition and fees. Board policy sets forth three principles to guide the process: shared responsibility, access and affordability, and predictable pricing. In addition, Board policy outlines a methodology the Committee must consider, including charges at peer institutions in the western region of the United States, higher education inflation as measured by the Higher Education Price Index or a similarly appropriate index, anticipated state funding, and institutional needs and mission.

In developing its recommendations, the committee reviewed charges at peer institutions in the WICHE region, the most recent Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), and state funding trends. In addition, the committee discussed the implications of the new funding formula, as well as the impact of time-to-degree initiatives recently adopted by the Board. Once the committee made its recommendations, hearings were held across the System to discuss the proposal with students at each institution throughout the months of January and February.

The Committee's tuition and fee recommendations are considered over the course of two prior Board meetings. The Board was first presented with these recommendations during the March 6-7, 2014 meeting and again at the April 25, 2014, special meeting. Final action on the tuition and fee recommendations will take place at the June 5-6, 2014 meeting.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

The Tuition and Fees Committee recommends increasing the undergraduate registration fees at the universities and community colleges (upper and lower) by 4 percent in each of the next four academic years: 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19. In addition, the committee recommends increasing the graduate registration fees at the universities by 2 percent in academic years 2017-18 and 2018-19. For NSC, the Committee recommends an increase in undergraduate registration fees of 2.5 percent in academic year 2015-16 and an increase of 3.5% in each of the next three academic years. For non-resident tuition, the Committee recommends retaining the existing tuition rate at the universities and community colleges in academic years 2015-16 and 2016-17 and increasing nonresident tuition by 2 percent in academic years 2017-18 and 2018-19. For NSC, the committee recommends an increase of 4 percent in nonresident tuition in each of the four academic years. (See the attached tuition and fee tables.)

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

Tuition and fee rates for the upcoming biennia must be set prior to finalization of the NSHE biennial budget so that revenue estimates may be calculated. Board policy stipulates that a final decision on tuition and fees must be determined by June 30th of every even-numbered year (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 1*).

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- The Committee's recommendations for registration fees and non-resident tuition increases are consistent with the Board's guiding principles of shared responsibility, access and affordability, and predictable pricing.
- The Committee's recommendations are consistent with financial indicators for the cost of a college education in the Western states.
- Based on its review, the Committee recommends certain increases in registration fees and non-resident tuition in order to support quality, student access and student success at NSHE institutions

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed increases will create additional financial challenges for students already struggling to pay for the cost of a college education as noted under public comment at prior hearings.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

The Board could vote to have no increase or a different increase. In either case staff would need to edit the proposed updates to the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* and bring them back to the Board for approval. Final approval would need to occur by June 30, 2014 so that the NSHE biennial budget for 2015-17 may be finalized.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #____ Chapter #____ Section #____
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title #____ Chapter #____ Section #____
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: *Chapter 7, Section 1*
- Other: _____

Fiscal Impact: Yes No _____

Explain: *The proposed tuition and fee increases will generate revenues to be considered in the biennial budget process.*

NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 1
Registration Fees and Non-Resident Tuition Rates

Additions appear in ***boldface italics***; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

Section 1. Registration Fees and Non-Resident Tuition Rates

Registration Fees

		2014-15	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>	<i>2018-19</i>
Registration Fees, Universities (undergraduate)		\$191.50/ per credit	<i>\$199.25/ per credit</i>	<i>\$207.25/ per credit</i>	<i>\$215.50/ per credit</i>	<i>\$224.00/ per credit</i>
Registration Fees, Universities (graduate)		\$264.00/ per credit	<i>\$264.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$264.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$269.25/ per credit</i>	<i>\$274.75/ per credit</i>
Registration Fees, NSC (undergraduate)	....	\$138.25/ per credit	<i>\$141.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$146.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$151.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$157.00/ per credit</i>
[Registration Fees, NSC (graduate)]		\$201.25/ per credit]				
Registration Fees, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper-division)		\$138.25 per credit	<i>\$143.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$149.50/ per credit</i>	<i>\$155.50/ per credit</i>	<i>\$161.75/ per credit</i>
Registration Fees, Community Colleges		\$84.50/ per credit	<i>\$88.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$91.50/ per credit</i>	<i>\$95.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$98.75/ per credit</i>

[In addition to the registration fees, the following surcharges are in effect for academic years 2011-12 and 2012-13:

Student Surcharges*

	2011-12	2012-13
Registration Fees, Universities (undergraduate)	\$20.50 per credit	\$20.50 per credit
Registration Fees, Universities** (graduate)	\$12.00 per credit	\$24.50 per credit
Registration Fees, NSC (undergraduate)	\$14.75 per credit	\$14.75 per credit
Registration Fees, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper divisions)	\$14.75 per credit	\$14.75 per credit
Registration Fees, Community Colleges	\$9.00 per credit	\$9.00 per credit

*15 percent of the funds generated from student surcharges will be allocated to student financial aid subject to the Board's Student Access policy, Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 8.

**25 percent of funds generated from surcharges for UNLV graduate students will be allocated to student financial aid subject to the Board's Student Access policy, Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 8.]

Non-Resident Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Full-time* Non-resident Tuition, Universities	. . . .	\$13,910/ per year	\$13,910/ per year	\$13,910/ per year	\$14,188/ per year	\$14,472/ per year
Full-time* Non-resident Tuition, NSC		\$10,275/ per year	\$10,686/ per year	\$11,113/ per year	\$11,558/ per year	\$12,020/ per year
Full-time* Non-resident Tuition, Community Colleges		\$6,645/ per year	\$6,645/ per year	\$6,645/ per year	\$6,778/ per year	\$6,913/ per year

* Full-time non-resident tuition rates are assessed to students enrolled in 7 or more credits

Part-Time Non-Resident Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Part-time** Non-resident Tuition, Universities (undergraduate)	. . . .	\$210.75/ per credit	\$219.25/ per credit	\$228.00/ per credit	\$237.00/ per credit	\$246.50/ per credit
Part-time** Non-resident Tuition, Universities (graduate)		\$290.50/ per credit	\$290.50/ per credit	\$290.50/ per credit	\$296.25/ per credit	\$302.25/ per credit
Part-time** Non-resident Tuition, NSC [(undergraduate)]		\$152.00/ per credit	\$156.00/ per credit	\$161.50/ per credit	\$167.00/ per credit	\$172.75/ per credit
[Part-time** Non-resident Tuition, NSC (graduate)]		\$221.50/ per credit]				
Part-time** Non-resident Tuition, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper-division)		\$152.00/ per credit	\$158.25/ per credit	\$164.50/ per credit	\$171.00/ per credit	\$178.00/ per credit
Part-time** Non-resident Tuition, Community Colleges		\$93.00/ per credit	\$96.75/ per credit	\$100.75/ per credit	\$104.50/ per credit	\$108.75/ per credit

**Part-time non-resident tuition rates are assessed to students enrolled in fewer than 7 credits

Good Neighbor Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Good Neighbor Tuition, Universities (undergraduate)	. . . .	\$210.75/ per credit	\$219.25/ per credit	\$228.00/ per credit	\$237.00/ per credit	\$246.50/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, Universities (graduate)		\$290.50/ per credit	\$290.50/ per credit	\$290.50/ per credit	\$296.25/ per credit	\$302.25/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, NSC (undergraduate)		\$84.00/ per credit	\$85.00/ per credit	\$88.00/ per credit	\$91.00/ per credit	\$94.25/ per credit
[Good Neighbor Tuition, NSC (graduate)]		\$120.75/ per credit				
Good Neighbor Tuition, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper division)		\$84.00/ per credit	\$86.25/ per credit	\$89.75/ per credit	\$93.25/ per credit	\$97.00/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, Community Colleges		\$50.75/ per credit	\$52.75/ per credit	\$55.00/ per credit	\$57.00/ per credit	\$59.25/ per credit

Effective Fall 2011, the Good Neighbor tuition [~~will be~~] **was** discontinued. Students receiving the discount at that time may continue to receive the discount so long as they are continuously enrolled.

Children of Alumni Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Children of Alumni Tuition, Universities (<i>undergraduate</i>)	. . . .	\$115.00/ per credit	\$119.50/ per credit	\$124.25/ per credit	\$129.25/ per credit	\$134.50/ per credit

Effective Fall 2011, the Children of Alumni tuition [~~will be~~] **was** discontinued. Students receiving the discount at that time may continue to receive the discount so long as they are continuously enrolled.

Distance Education Tuition
(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

		2014-15	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>	<i>2018-19</i>
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, University (undergraduate)		\$95.75/ per credit	<i>\$99.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$103.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$107.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$112.00/ per credit</i>
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, University (graduate)		\$132.00/ per credit	<i>\$132.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$132.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$134.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$137.50/ per credit</i>
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, NSC (undergraduate)	....	\$69.25/ per credit	<i>\$71.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$73.50/ per credit</i>	<i>\$76.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$78.50/ per credit</i>
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, NSC (graduate)		\$100.75/ per credit]				
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper-division)		\$69.25/ per credit	<i>\$72.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$74.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$77.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$81.00/ per credit</i>
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, Community Colleges		\$42.25/ per credit	<i>\$44.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$45.75/ per credit</i>	<i>\$47.50/ per credit</i>	<i>\$49.50/ per credit</i>

* Assessed only to non-resident students who are residing outside of Nevada during the semester in which enrollment in the distance education course(s) occurs.