

## BOARD OF REGENTS

### BRIEFING PAPER

**1. Agenda Item Title:** 2015-2017 Tuition and Fees – UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law

**Meeting Date:** June 5-6, 2014

#### **2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

On a biennial basis the Board requests that proposals for future tuition and fees for the professional school be reviewed. Upon recommendation by the school, and approval by the UNLV President Donald Snyder, a proposal for 2015-2017 tuition and fees for the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law has been finalized for Board of Regent consideration.

It should be noted that the Law School uses the same fee structure for Summer as the previous Spring.

A reference document is attached providing detailed background in support of this recommendation.

#### **3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:**

The UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law is requesting a registration fee increase for the 2015-2017 biennium of approximately 4% in FY16 and 4% in FY17, based on the information in the attached material.

#### **4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):**

Consistent with the biennial budget process.

#### **5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

- The law school must raise tuition and fees modestly to maintain the long-term sustainability of the current program, remain competitive with peer institutions, and attract a high-quality student body.
- By the time this tuition and fee increase goes into effect, tuition and fees will have remained flat at the law school for four years.
- The proposed tuition and fee structure still falls within the ranges of the law school's peer group.

#### **6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

- Any fee increases have an impact on students and should not be pursued.

#### **7. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:**

- Implement additional program cuts, including faculty reductions. This would seriously impact the viability of the law school.

#### **8. 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 # 4 and Chapter #7 Section #19
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fiscal Impact: Yes  No
- Explain: Proposed increase would generate additional revenues of \$301,000 for FY16 and an additional \$298,000 increase in revenues for FY17.

**UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law**  
**Student Registration Fee Increase Request for the 2015-17 Biennium**  
**March 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**I. Request for Registration Fee and Non-Resident Tuition Increase**

The UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law requests a registration fee increase for the 2015-17 biennium of approximately 4% in FY16 and 4% in FY17. Since FY12, the law school's tuition and fees have remained flat at \$23,900/year for residents and \$34,900/year for nonresidents. We propose new tuition and fee levels in FY16 of \$24,900/year for residents (an increase of 4.184%) and \$36,300/year (4.011%) for nonresidents. In FY17, the tuition and fee levels will be \$25,900/year (4.016%) for residents and \$37,800/year (4.132%) for nonresidents. We also propose proportionate increases to the part time tuition and fees per credit. In FY16, we will charge \$890 per credit for residents and \$1,296 per credit for nonresidents. In FY17, we will charge \$926 per credit for residents and \$1,350 per credit for nonresidents.

Due to reductions in student enrollment in addition to State General Fund reductions in earlier years, the law school must raise tuition and fees modestly to maintain the long-term sustainability of the current program, remain competitive with peer institutions, and attract a high quality student body. By the time this tuition and fee increase goes into effect, tuition and fees will have remained flat at the law school for four years. This increase will generate almost \$900,000 in additional revenue over the biennium. As Figure C demonstrates, a 4% increase is consistent with the increases of our peer schools over the last three years and maintains a tuition level competitive with these peer schools.

**Table A: Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Full-Time**

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Resident Registration Fees	\$23,900.00	\$23,900.00	\$23,900.00	\$24,900.00	\$25,900.00
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$34,900.00	\$34,900.00	\$34,900.00	\$36,300.00	\$37,800.00

**Table B: Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Part-Time**

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Resident Registration Fees	\$854.00 per credit	\$854.00 per credit	\$854.00 per credit	\$890.00 per credit	\$926.00 per credit
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$1,246.00 per credit	\$1,246.00 per credit	\$1,246.00 per credit	\$1,296.00 per credit	\$1,350.00 per credit

*Note 1: at this time we are assuming the state budget for the next biennium will not reflect any further reductions, and at a minimum some inflation will return (i.e. unpaid leave days reinstated and salary reduction). If this assumption does not prove to be accurate, the William S. Boyd School of Law administration will need to determine if it is prudent to request the Board for a higher percent increase in the student registration fee and tuition increase for the 2015-17 biennium.*

**Table C: Tuition and Fees Increase Revenue Gain and Uses**

	2015-16	2016-17
Total Revenue from Projected Increase	\$300,928	\$598,706
Uses for Projected Increase	\$58,706 scholarship \$242,222 general fund	\$116,411 scholarship \$482,295 general fund

**Table D: Proposed Distribution of Resident Fees and Tuition, William S. Boyd School of Law**

REGISTRATION FEE	Full-Time per Semester			Part-Time per Credit		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Total General Fund	\$5,962.70	\$6,362.70	\$6,762.70	\$423.81	\$452.61	\$481.41
General Improvement	123.00	123.00	123.00	9.25	9.25	9.25
Capital Improvement	104.50	104.50	104.50	9.00	9.00	9.00
Activities & Programs	2,859.30	2,859.30	2,859.30	204.24	204.24	204.24
Student Access	2,886.50	2,886.50	2,886.50	206.70	206.70	206.70
Student Association	14.00	14.00	14.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
New Financial Aid Fee	0.00	100.00	200.00	0.00	7.20	14.40
<b>Total Resident Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$11,950.00</b>	<b>\$12,450.00</b>	<b>\$12,950.00</b>	<b>\$854.00</b>	<b>\$890.00</b>	<b>\$926.00</b>

Registration Fee	11,950.00	12,450.00	\$12,950.00	\$854.00	\$890.00	\$926.00
Nonresident Tuition	\$5,500.00	\$5,700.00	\$5,950.00	\$392.00	\$406.00	\$424.00
<b>Total Nonresident Tuition &amp; Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$17,450.00</b>	<b>\$18,150.00</b>	<b>\$18,900.00</b>	<b>\$1,246.00</b>	<b>\$1,296.00</b>	<b>\$1,350.00</b>

**Table D Continued: Summer Term Tuition and Fees**

Law School part-time	<u>Summer 2015</u>	<u>Summer 2016</u>	<u>Summer 2017</u>
Resident per credit	\$ 854.00	\$ 890.00	\$ 926.00
Non-Resident per credits	\$1,246.00	\$1,296.00	\$1,350.00

Although the Board policy is to use the same fee structure for Summer and Fall, the law school is charging the same fees in Summer as the previous Spring.

**Impetus:**

More revenue is needed due to reductions in student enrollment in addition to State General Fund reductions in earlier years.

**Bullet Points to Support Request:**

- The law school must raise tuition and fees modestly to maintain the long-term sustainability of the current program, remain competitive with peer institutions, and attract a high quality student body.
- By the time this tuition and fee increase goes into effect, tuition and fees will have remained flat at the law school for four years.
- The proposed tuition and fee structure still falls within the ranges of the law school's peer group.

**Potential arguments against the request:**

- Any fee increases have an impact on students and should not be pursued.

**Alternatives to what is being requested:**

- Implement additional program cuts, including faculty reductions. This would seriously impact the viability of the law school.

**Fiscal Impact on State Budgets:**

- Approval of these fee increases will provide additional revenue to help offset shortfalls due to reductions in student enrollment and state budget reductions from prior years.

**Attachments:**

Figure A: Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY09-FY17

Figure B: Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY09-FY17

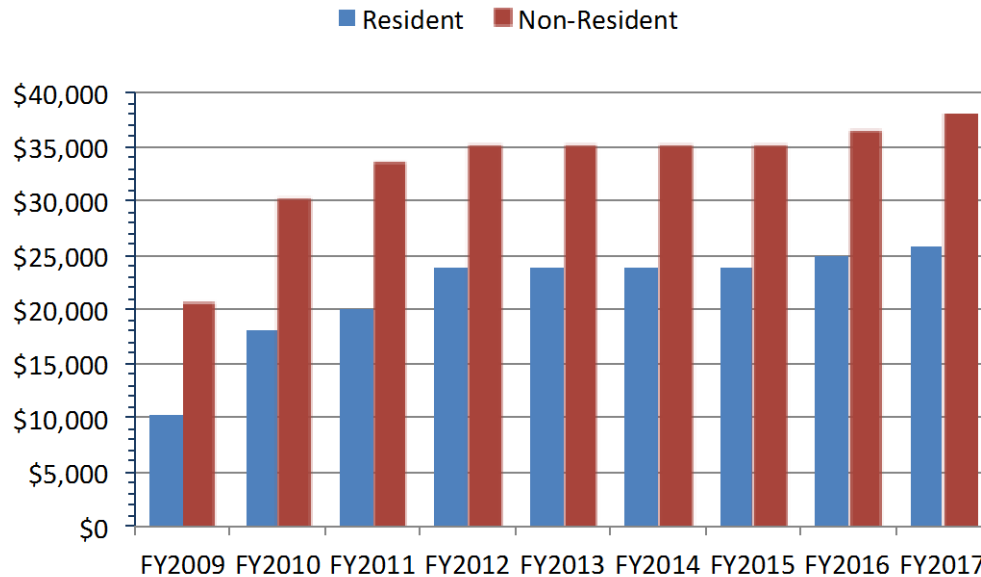
Figure C: Resident and Nonresident Tuition for Peer Schools, FY10-FY14

Figure D: Enrollment (Actual and Projected), UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY09-FY17

## Figure A: Tuition and Fees

	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Resid.	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$24,900	\$25,900
Non-Resid.	\$30,000	\$33,400	\$34,900	\$34,900	\$34,900	\$34,900	\$36,300	\$37,800

## Figure B: Tuition and Fees

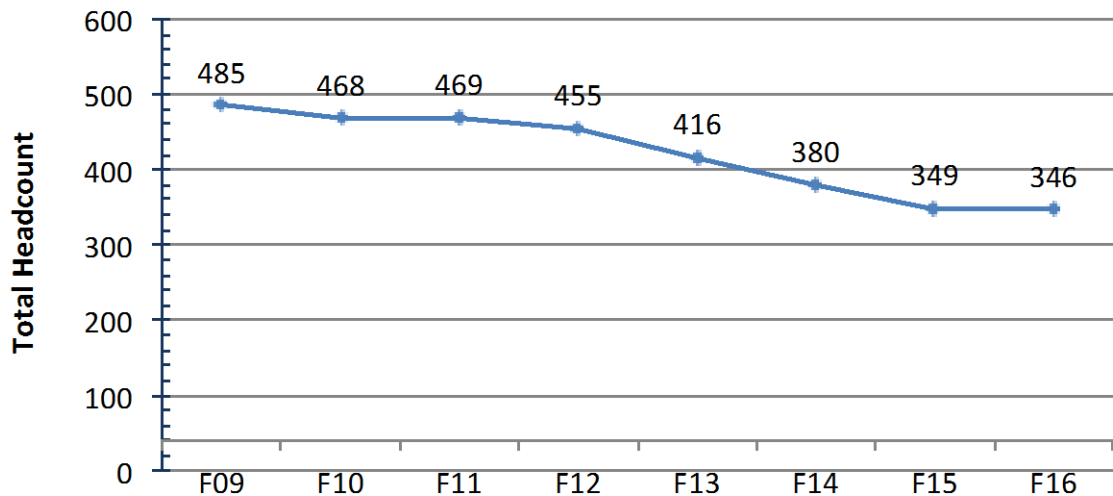


## Figure C: Resident and Nonresident Tuition for Peer Schools

	TUITION FY 2010	TUITION FY 2011	TUITION FY 2012	TUITION FY 2013	% Increase 11-'12	TUITION FY 2014	% Increase 12-'13	% Increase 09-'13
	Resident Non-Res	Resident Non-Res	Resident Non-Res	Resident Non-Res		Resident Non-Res		
<b>Arizona State</b>	18635	21598	24471	26267	6.84%	26268	0.00%	29%
	31829	35147	38595	40815	5.44%	40818	0.01%	22%
<b>Arizona</b>	20895	23527	26089	27288	4.39%	24381	-11.92%	14%
	35807	39389	41051	42298	2.95%	38841	-8.90%	8%
<b>UC-Davis</b>	33949	41763	46485	49564	6.21%	50279	1.42%	32%
	46194	50595	54622	58815	7.13%	59350	0.90%	22%
<b>UC-Hastings</b>	32244	39085	40653	46806	13.15%	47634	1.74%	32%
	43469	50240	49153	52806	6.92%	53634	1.54%	19%
<b>Colorado</b>	25431	28934	31114	31495	1.21%	31548	0.17%	19%
	33495	35792	37522	38281	1.98%	38334	0.14%	13%
<b>Hawaii</b>	15192	15960	16728	18094	7.55%	18336	1.32%	17%
	28176	30024	31872	34486	7.58%	36240	4.84%	22%
<b>Idaho</b>	11776	12940	14040	15036	6.62%	15774	4.68%	25%

	21856	24532	26560	27824	4.54%	28850	3.56%	24%
<b>Montana</b>	10946	10972	10938	11250	2.77%	11282	0.28%	3%
	24304	26096	26821	27917	3.93%	28602	2.39%	15%
<b>New Mexico</b>	12570	13660	14480	15098	4.09%	15700	3.83%	20%
	28235	30604	32440	33908	4.33%	33971	0.19%	17%
<b>Oregon</b>	22328	24078	26146	28354	7.79%	29458	3.75%	24%
	27818	30000	32590	35374	7.87%	36724	3.68%	24%
<b>Utah</b>	17950	19637	21166	21113	-0.25%	23489	10.12%	24%
	34046	37262	40166	40142	-0.06%	44635	10.07%	24%
<b>Washington</b>	22267	24399	25780	29948	13.92%	30891	3.05%	28%
	32777	37299	39850	42918	7.15%	43392	1.09%	24%
<b>UNLV</b>	18000	20000	23900	23900	0.00%	23900	0.00%	25%
	30000	33400	34900	34900	0.00%	34900	0.00%	14%

Figure D: Enrollment (Actual and Projected)



**PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL  
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 4**

**Tuition and Fees, William S. Boyd School of Law Students**

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**Section 4. Tuition and Fees, William S. Boyd School of Law Students**

A. All full-time William S. Boyd School of Law resident and non-resident students shall be assessed annual tuition and registration fees as follows:

Law School, Full-Time	<del>2012-2013</del>	<del>2013-2014</del>	2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
Resident Registration Fees	\$ <del>23,900</del>	\$ <del>23,900</del>	\$23,900	<b>\$24,900</b>	<b>\$25,900</b>
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$ <del>34,900</del>	\$ <del>34,900</del>	\$34,900	<b>\$36,300</b>	<b>\$37,800</b>

B. All part-time William S. Boyd School of Law resident and non-resident students shall be assessed per credit tuition and registration fees as follows:

Law School, Part-Time	<del>2012-2013</del>	<del>2013-2014</del>	2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
Resident Registration Fees	\$ <del>854.00/</del> per credit	\$ <del>854.00/</del> per credit	\$854.00/ per credit	<b>\$890.00/</b> <b>per credit</b>	<b>\$926.00/</b> <b>per credit</b>
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$ <del>1,246.00/</del> per credit	\$ <del>1,246.00/</del> per credit	\$1,246.00/ per credit	<b>\$1,296.00/</b> <b>per credit</b>	<b>\$1,350.00/</b> <b>per credit</b>

C. All admitted law students must deposit \$500 to hold the applicant's place in the class. The deadline for this deposit will meet the Law School Admission Council's Statement of Good Admission and Financial Aid Practices requiring admitted students to deposit no sooner than April 1. If the entering law student's offer of admission has come after March 1, the admitted law student will be required to deposit within one month of acceptance for admission. The deposit will be applied toward tuition and is not refundable. A second \$500 non refundable deposit will be due June 10 for all admitted law students who were accepted prior to May 10 and who paid the initial \$500 deposit. This second non refundable deposit is required to continue to hold the applicant's place in the class. Both of these deposits will be applied toward registration fees and/or tuition. All admitted law students accepted after May 10 must, according to the date specified in the acceptance packet for admission, make a \$1,000 non refundable deposit to hold the applicant's place in the class. This deposit is required to hold the applicant's place in the class and will be applied toward registration fees and/or tuition.

- D. All William S. Boyd School of Law resident and non-resident students shall be assessed per credit tuition and registration fees for Summer term courses.

	<u>Summer</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Summer</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Summer</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Summer</u> <u>2017</u>
Resident Per Credit	\$854.00	\$854.00	<b>\$890.00</b>	<b>\$926.00</b>
Nonresident Per Credit	<del>\$1,246.00</del>	\$1,246.00	<b>\$1,296.00</b>	<b>\$1,350.00</b>

***Note: The Law School uses the same fee structure for Summer as the previous Spring.***



**PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL**  
**CHAPTER 7, SECTION 19**

**Tuition and Fees, William S. Boyd School of Law Students**

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**Section 19. Distribution of Fees and Tuition, William S. Boyd School of Law**

The following fee distribution for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law has been approved by the Board of Regents (per semester):

	<u>2014-15</u>		<u>2015-16</u>		<u>2016-17</u>	
	PART TIME (Per Credit)	FULL TIME (Semester)	PART TIME (Per Credit)	FULL TIME (Semester)	PART TIME (Per Credit)	FULL TIME (Semester)
RESIDENT TUITION						
Total General Fund	\$423.81	\$5,962.70	<b><i>\$452.61</i></b>	<b><i>\$6,362.70</i></b>	<b><i>\$481.41</i></b>	<b><i>\$6,762.70</i></b>
General Improvement	9.25	123.00	9.25	123.00	9.25	123.00
Capital Improvement	9.00	104.50	9.00	104.50	9.00	104.50
Activities & Programs	204.24	2,859.30	204.24	2,859.30	204.24	2,859.30
Student Access	206.70	2,886.50	206.70	2,886.50	206.70	2,886.50
Student Association	1.00	14.00	1.00	14.00	1.00	14.00
<b><i>Financial Aid Fee</i></b>	0.00	0.00	<b><i>7.20</i></b>	<b><i>100.00</i></b>	<b><i>14.40</i></b>	<b><i>200.00</i></b>
	\$854.00	\$11,950.00	\$890.00	\$12,450.00	\$926.00	\$12,950.00

Tuition paid by or on behalf of a student of the William S. Boyd School of Law shall be revenue of the budget for the William S. Boyd School of Law.

	Summer 2015 Per Credit	Summer 2016 Per Credit	Summer 2017 Per Credit
RESIDENT TUITION			
Law School Summer account	\$423.81	<b><i>\$452.61</i></b>	<b><i>\$481.41</i></b>
Total Summer Law	\$423.81	<b><i>\$452.61</i></b>	<b><i>\$481.41</i></b>
General Improvement Fund	9.25	9.25	9.25
Capital Improvement Fund	9.00	9.00	9.00
Activities & Programs	204.24	204.24	204.24
Student Access	206.70	206.70	206.70
Student Association	1.00	1.00	1.00
<b><i>Financial Aid Fee</i></b>	0.00	<b><i>7.20</i></b>	<b><i>14.40</i></b>
Resident Per Credit Fee	\$854.00	<b><i>\$890.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$926.00</i></b>
Additional Nonresident tuition**	\$392.00	<b><i>\$406.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$424.00</i></b>
Nonresident Per Credit Fee	\$1,246.00	<b><i>\$1,296.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,350.00</i></b>

**Note: The Law School uses the same fee structure for Summer as the previous Spring.**

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