

BOARD OF REGENTS  
BRIEFING PAPER

**1. Agenda Item Title: Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision – Chapter 7, Section 3, Tuition and Fees, University of Nevada School of Medicine and Section 16, Distribution of Fees and Tuition, University of Nevada School of Medicine**

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

Pursuant to NSHE Board of Regents Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 17, Sections 1.6 & 1.7, Assessment of Fees and Section 7, Tuition and Fees, on a biennial basis, in the Spring of every even numbered year, the President, University of Nevada, Reno (or designee), chairs a committee composed of the Dean, School of Medicine, School of Medicine student government representatives, University of Nevada, Reno administrative officers, and a representative from the Chancellor's Office. The committee gathers and reviews data and makes recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board on an appropriate level of tuition and fees to be assessed all students in the School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno.

In establishing such rates and fees for the School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNSOM) the university committee uses the following information in its deliberations:

1. Charges at peer institutions as defined in the annual Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) calculation of the median tuition and fees of members' states.
2. Information pertaining to consumer prices in the WICHE region.
3. Projected state funding over the biennium.
4. A needs assessment of the School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno.
5. Other indices and information as needed to determine the appropriateness of UNSOM's tuition and fee rates.

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

President Marc Johnson presents for approval the proposed tuition and fee structure for the 2017-19 biennium for the University of Nevada School of Medicine. This request reflects an increase in resident tuition and fees of 4% per year for each year of the 2017-19 biennium. (Attachment 1a). President Johnson further seeks approval of the full amount of the proposed increase being allocated to the State Supported Operating Budget of the Medical School, net of any increases in the UNR General Improvement, Capital Improvement, Activities and Programs and Technology fees and the Student Access Fee. Student Access Fee increased due to percentage calculation. There are no changes in the other fees. (Attachment 1b)

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

To comply with Board of Regents policy established in Title 4, Chapter 17, Sections 1.6 & 1.7, Assessment of Fees and Section 7, Tuition & Fees, School of Medicine, which requires that tuition and fees for the School of Medicine be established on a biennial basis in the Spring of every even numbered year.

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

- This proposal complies with Board of Regents policy established in Title 4, Chapter 17, Sections 1.6 & 1.7, Assessment of Fees and Section 7, Tuition & Fees, School of Medicine.
- The proposed resident and non-resident increases will narrow the gap between Nevada and the other WICHE institutions (Attachment 2).
- All tuition increases, net of any increases in the UNR General Improvement, Capital Improvement, Activities and Programs and Technology fees and the UNSOM Student Access Fee will be allocated to the State Supported Operating Budget of the Medical School.
- Student representation on the committee initiated the increase after discussion with their respective classes.

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

Students will be required to pay the increase in fees to attend the School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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

Failure to review the appropriateness of UNSOM's tuition and fees would violate Board of Regents policy, Title 4, Chapter 17, Sections 1.6 & 1.7, Assessment of Fees and Section 7, Tuition & Fees, School of Medicine. Student indebtedness may increase.

**8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 17 Section # 1.6 & 1.7, Assessment of Fees and Section # 7, Tuition and Fees, University of Nevada School of Medicine

Amends Current Board Policy: Title #    Chapter #    Section #   

Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # 7 Section # 3 Tuition and Fees, University of Nevada School of Medicine and Section # 16, Distribution of Fees and Tuition, University of Nevada School of Medicine

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal Impact: Yes    No X

Explain: There will be an increase in the fees and tuition.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL  
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 3**

Tuition and Fees, University of Nevada School of Medicine

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- A. All full-time University of Nevada School of Medicine students who are classified as Nevada residents shall be assessed annual tuition and registration fees as follows:

Medical School	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	<b><i>2017-2018</i></b>	<b><i>2018-2019</i></b>
Resident	<del>[\$22,356.00]</del>	<del>[\$24,144.00]</del>	\$25,110.00	\$26,114.00	<b><i>\$27,159.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$28,245.00</i></b>

- B. Except for those students receiving WICHE support, all non-resident medical students upon matriculation shall be assessed combined annual non-resident tuition and registration fees as follows:

Medical School	2013-2014	<del>[2014-2015]</del>	2015-2016	2016-2017	<b><i>2017-2018</i></b>	<b><i>2018-2019</i></b>
Non-Resident	<del>[\$53,640.00]</del>	<del>[\$55,464.00]</del>	\$55,464.00	\$55,464.00	<b><i>\$55,464.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$55,464.00</i></b>

WICHE students must have evidence that they have applied for WICHE support from their state. WICHE students are responsible for paying any difference between the UNSOM non-resident tuition and the WICHE approved Professional Student Exchange Program fees for Medicine

**PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL  
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 16**

Distribution of Fees and Tuition, University of Nevada School of Medicine

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The following fee distribution for the University of Nevada, School of Medicine has been approved by the Board of Regents:

	<u>[2013-14]</u>	<u>[ 2014-15]</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u><b>2017-18</b></u>	<u><b>2018-19</b></u>
RESIDENT TUITION	<u>[FULL TIME]</u>	<u>[ FULL TIME]</u>	FULL TIME	FULL TIME	<b>FULL TIME</b>	<b>FULL TIME</b>
Total General Fund	<del>[- \$ 8565.00]</del>	<del>[ \$ 9,190.00]</del>	\$ 9,542.30	\$ 9,943.90	<b>\$ 10,361.90</b>	<b>\$10,796.30</b>
General Improvement	<del>[ 98.70]</del>	<del>[ 98.70]</del>	98.70	98.70	<b>98.70</b>	<b>98.70</b>
Capital Improvement	<del>[ 160.00]</del>	<del>[ 160.00]</del>	160.00	160.00	<b>160.00</b>	<b>160.00</b>
Activities & Programs	<del>[ 88.00]</del>	<del>[88.00]</del>	88.00	88.00	<b>88.00</b>	<b>88.00</b>
Technology Fee	<del>[ 70.00]</del>	<del>[ 70.00]</del>	70.00	70.00	<b>70.00</b>	<b>70.00</b>
Student Access	<del>[ 2,111.30]</del>	<del>[2,238.30]</del>	2,511.30	2,611.40	<b>2,715.90</b>	<b>2,824.50</b>
Student Association	<del>[ 85.00]</del>	<del>[ 85.00]</del>	85.00	85.00	<b>85.00</b>	<b>85.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<del><b>[\$11,178.00]</b></del>	<del><b>[\$12,072.00]</b></del>	\$12,555.00	\$13,057.00	<b>\$13,579.50</b>	<b>\$14,122.50</b>

Tuition paid by or on behalf of a student of the School of Medicine shall be revenue of the budget for the School of Medicine.



**Build Report:**

Comparison Group: Nevada vs. Western

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Year(s): 2014

	Resident First Year Tuition	Resident First Year Student Fees	Resident First Year Health Insurance	Resident First Year Tuition, Fees, and Health Insurance	Nonresident First Year Tuition	Nonresident First Year Student Fees	Nonresident FirstYear Health Insurance	Nonresident FirstYear Tuition and Student Fees
Nevada	\$22,356	\$2,267	\$2,498	\$27,121	\$53,640	\$2,267	\$2,498	\$58,405
Public, All Regions Average	\$27,682	\$2,196	\$1,916	\$31,794	\$50,566	\$2,837	\$1,903	\$55,305
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<b>Comparison Group</b>								
Western Average	\$29,936	\$1,639	\$2,372	\$33,947	\$52,179	\$5,346	\$2,372	\$59,897
<b>Ranked By Resident First Year Tuition</b>								
1 Oregon	\$38,428	\$2,226	\$3,809	\$44,463	\$53,596	\$2,226	\$3,809	\$59,631
2 Colorado	33,633	2,232	3,827	39,692	33,633	28,187	3,827	65,647
3 Utah	31,982	952	1,590	34,524	60,548	952	1,590	63,090
4 Hawaii-Burns	31,608	690	3,755	36,053	65,232	690	3,755	69,677
5 U Washington	29,094	1,092	0	30,186	58,083	1,092	0	59,175
6 Arizona	28,686	1,003	1,914	31,603	47,861	1,003	1,914	50,778
7 New Mexico	16,120	3,275	1,710	21,105	46,297	3,275	1,710	51,282

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