

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. Agenda Item Title: 2017-2019 Tuition and Fees – School of Dental
Medicine, UNLV

Meeting Date: June 9-10, 2016

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

On a biennial basis the Board requests that proposals for future registration fees and tuition for the professional schools be reviewed. Upon recommendation by the school and approval by UNLV President Len Jessup, a proposal for a 2% increase for FY2017-2019 tuition and fees, including summer term tuition and fees, for the UNLV School of Dental Medicine (SDM) has been presented. A reference document is attached providing detailed support for this recommendation.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

UNLV President Len Jessup and Dean Karen P. West, UNLV School of Dental Medicine, request approval of the proposed 2017-2019 biennium tuition and fees, including the summer terms, for the UNLV School of Dental Medicine Pre-Doctoral Program.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

Request is consistent with the biennial budget process.

5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- To ensure that future students are not overburdened with the cost of current students' education.
- To ensure that the SDM remains competitive in the dental school market.
- To continue to be economically viable for students to attend dental school at UNLV.
- To continue to be economically viable for students to practice in underserved and rural areas of Nevada upon graduation and/or attend advanced dental programs.
- To align cost with value to ensure that the UNLV's SDM maintains a reputation for a quality education. This will benefit alumni who become general dentists as well as graduating students who apply to advanced educational programs.

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

Federal financial aid offered to students may not be enough to cover the cost of the education which will effectively price many students out of the market. Any increase, which makes it more difficult for students to pay, could result in students dropping out of the program for financial reasons or defaulting on their loans.

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

Do not approve an increase in registration fees and tuition which would make it the responsibility of future students to absorb the cost of current students' education.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 17 Section # 9
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # 7 Sections # 5 and #18
 Other: _____
X Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No **X**
Explain: _____

**UNLV School of Dental Medicine: Pre-Doctoral Dental Student
Registration Fee Increase Request for the FY2017-19 Biennium
June 9-10, 2016**

Request for Registration Fee and Non-Resident Tuition Increase

The UNLV School of Dental Medicine’s (SDM) pre-doctoral program is requesting a 2% registration fee increase in each fiscal year of the FY2017-19 biennium. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of current programs, remain competitive amongst peer institutions, promote student tuition equity and advance the dental school’s mission of providing high-quality dental care to under-served residents of Nevada, it is necessary to incrementally increase tuition rates. The projected cumulative revenues collected can be found in (Table B). If tuition is not increased on a consistent basis, then future students bear the cost of current students’ education.

Table A: Fall/Spring Semester Cost (2 Semesters) – Tuition/Fees, UNLV School of Dental Medicine*

	FY2014-15	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19
Resident Registration Fees	\$23,840	\$24,794	\$25,786	\$26,302	\$26,828
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$47,380	\$49,276	\$51,248	\$52,273	\$53,318

Table B: Projected Cumulative Fall/Spring Tuition and Fees Collected over FY2016-17 Actuals

	FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19
	(Base)	(2% increase)	(2% Increase)
Registration Fees	\$8,071,018	\$8,232,526	\$8,397,164
Non Resident Tuition	\$1,043,942	\$1,064,811	\$1,086,090
Total Registration Fees & Non Resident Tuition	<u>\$9,114,960</u>	<u>\$9,297,337</u>	<u>\$9,483,254</u>
Cumulative Percent Increase			
Total Projected Increase	FY18	2%	\$182,377
Total Projected Increase	FY19	4%	\$368,294

Graph A: Peer Group Comparison – Cost of 4 Year Program (with projections FY17-19)

UNLV School of Dental Medicine Peer Group: FY 2016-19 Cost of 4-Year Program
 * Denotes Private School ** Denotes Estimated FY16
 (FY16 Source: School Website October FY 2016)
 Forecast (4% average public FY16) FY 17-19, All Schools

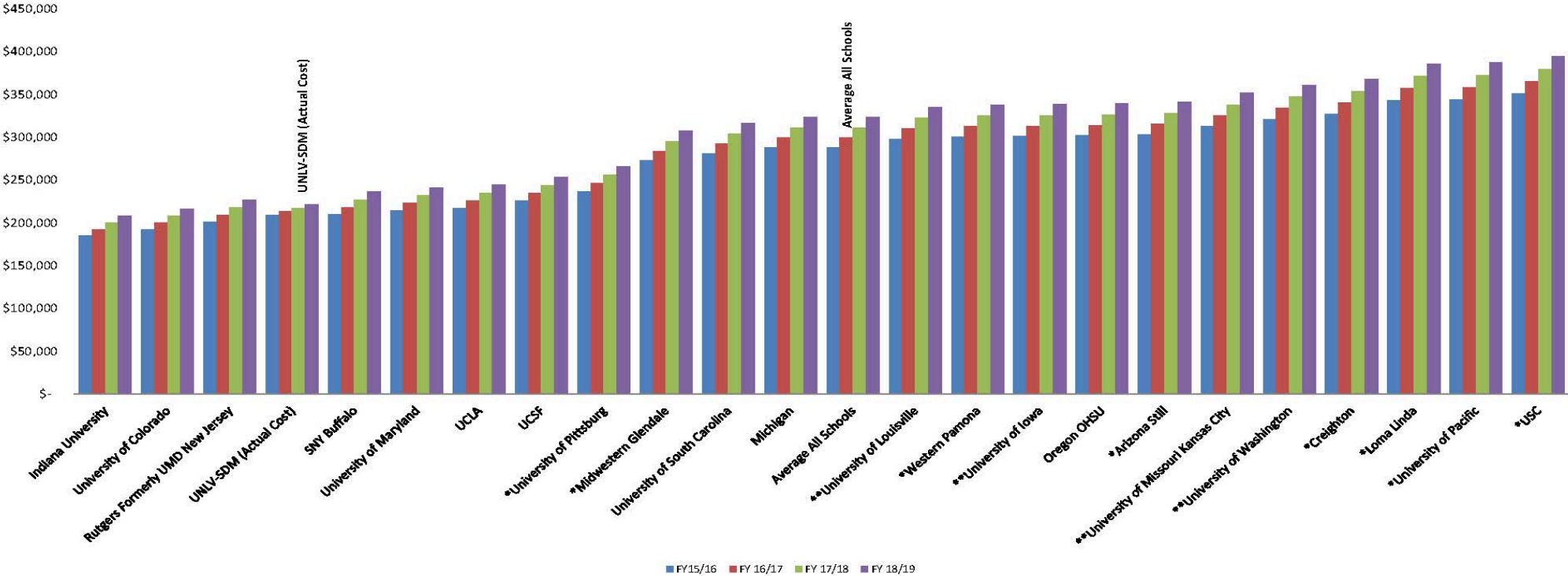


Table C: Proposed Distribution of Resident Semester Tuition/Fees, UNLV School of Dental Medicine

REGISTRATION FEE	FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19
Total General Fund	\$11,942	<i>\$12,200</i>	<i>\$12,463</i>
General Improvement	\$132	<i>\$132</i>	<i>\$132</i>
Capital Improvement	\$112	<i>\$112</i>	<i>\$112</i>
Activities & Programs	\$63	<i>\$63</i>	<i>\$63</i>
Student Access	\$483	<i>\$483</i>	<i>\$483</i>
Student Association	\$15	<i>\$15</i>	<i>\$15</i>
Student Surcharge	\$0	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
New Financial Aid Fee	\$146	<i>\$146</i>	<i>\$146</i>
Total Resident Registration Fee	<u>\$12,893</u>	<u><i>\$13,151</i></u>	<u><i>\$13,414</i></u>

Summer Term Tuition and Fees

	<u>Summer 2016</u>	<u>Summer 2017</u>	<u>Summer 2018</u>
Dental School, Full Time			
Resident Registration Fees	\$12,893	<i>\$13,151</i>	<i>\$13,414</i>
Non-Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$25,624	<i>\$26,136</i>	<i>\$26,659</i>

In FY2014-15 the UNLV School of Dental Medicine (SDM) ranked eighth in the peer group schools in ratio of applicants-to-available seats at 24:1 (See Table D and Graph B). Even though the national trend for dental school applicants is down, the number of overall applicants to available seats still remains very strong. The UNLV SDM continues to attract strong talent both in the state and across the nation.

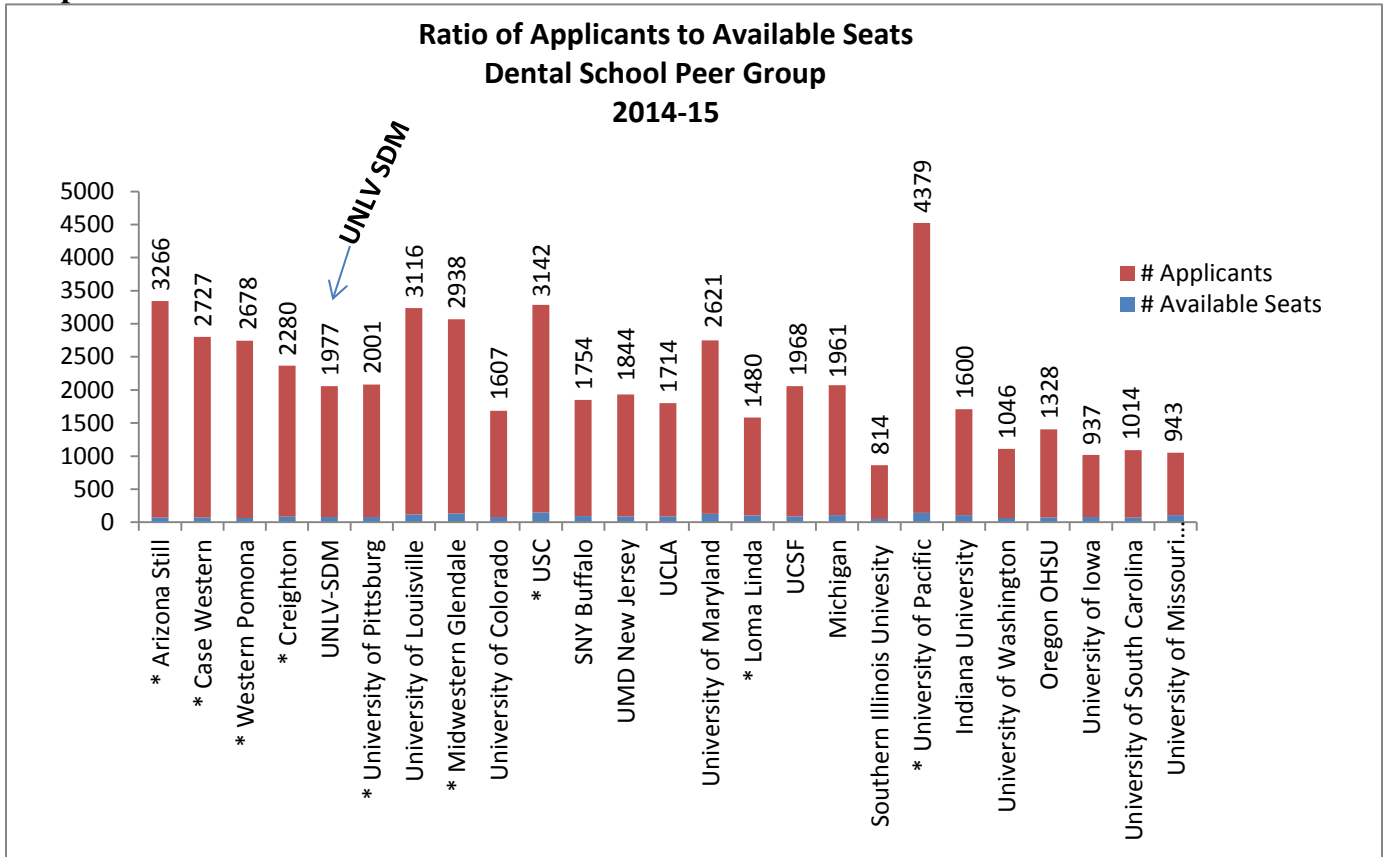
Table D: ADA Survey - Applicants to Available Seats, Peer Dental Schools FY14-15

Dental School	Total Applications	Total Available Seats	Percent Applicants	Ratio
	2014-15	2014-15	Accepted	Applicants
Arizona Still*	3266	76	2.3%	43:1
Case Western Reserve*	2727	74	2.7%	37:1
Western Pomona*	2678	67	2.5%	40:1
Creighton*	2280	86	3.8%	27:1
UNLV-SDM	1977	81	4.1%	24:1
University of Pittsburg*	2001	80	4.0%	25:1
University of Louisville	3116	120	3.9%	26:1
Midwestern Glendale*	2938	131	4.5%	22:1
University of Colorado	1607	80	5.0%	20:1
USC*	3142	145	4.6%	22:1
SNY Buffalo	1754	93	5.3%	19:1
UMD New Jersey	1844	90	4.9%	20:1
UCLA	1714	89	5.2%	19:1
University of Maryland	2621	129	4.9%	20:1
Loma Linda*	1480	101	6.8%	15:1
UCSF	1968	90	4.6%	22:1
Michigan	1961	110	5.6%	18:1
Southern Illinois University	814	50	6.1%	16:1
University of Pacific*	4379	1436	3.3%	31:1
Indiana University	1600	107	6.7%	15:1
University of Washington	1046	63	6.0%	17:1
Oregon OHSU	1328	76	5.7%	17:1
University of Iowa	937	80	8.5%	12:1
University of South Carolina	1014	75	7.4%	14:1
University of Missouri Kansas City	943	110	11.7%	9:1

*Indicates Private School

Source: 2014-15 ADA Survey

Graph B:



Impetus:

The proposed increases for FY2017-19 biennium are necessary in order to ensure future students do not bear the cost of current students’ education, to maintain the current standard of dental education as educational costs continue to rise in the healthcare field, to align with programmatic requirements for accreditation, to provide quality infection control, and to effectively compete for the most qualified Nevada and national dental school applicants.

The school is cautious of pricing UNLV’s tuition out of the market and proposes a 2% increase in each year of the biennium to align with increasing costs. Many dental students rely on financial aid to pay for the cost of their dental education and balancing the need for tuition increases with the need to keep student debt ratios low continues to be a challenge. It is recommended that the incremental revenue that is generated from the tuition increase be placed in the dental school’s general fund to pay for programmatic enhancements and additional programs as well as pay for outreach efforts.

The UNLV School of Dental Medicine’s mission is to provide dental services to the underserved citizens of both urban and rural areas of Nevada and to encourage students to establish private practices in the underserved areas of the state. As a relatively young school, the goal is to enhance the programmatic offerings and curriculum expansions so that the students have the opportunity for a more robust educational experience which they then carry with them into their private practices. Systematic increases in registration fees will keep the school on track to cover inflationary costs expand and grow into one of the top tier dental schools of choice for aspiring young dentists through program enhancements and expansions.

This proposed tuition increase will result in additional projected revenues for the Dental School of \$521,605 over the FY17-19 biennium. The additional revenues will be used for the following critical growth items:

- Hiring of additional faculty and staff (increase in headcount) in program areas such as Anesthesiology, Periodontics, and Endodontics.
- Purchases of additional specialized, state-of-the-art equipment to be used both in the labs and in the teaching clinics. This would include such items as a critical new 3-D cone-beam imaging system.
- Recruiting and program marketing expenses associated with both obtaining well-qualified students and advertising these specialty dental services.

PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 5
Tuition and Fees, UNLV School of Dental Medicine

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Section 5. Tuition and Fees, UNLV School of Dental Medicine

1. School of Dental Medicine Resident and Non-Resident

A. All full-time School of Dental Medicine resident and non-resident students shall be assessed annual tuition and registration fees for the academic year (fall and spring combined) as follows:

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B. Out-of-state tuition for students who establish residency during their first year will be assessed non-resident tuition and registration fees for the first year of the four-year program of study. Once granted in state status, they will pay resident registration fees for the next three years.

C. WICHE students must have evidence that they have applied for WICHE support from their state. Each out-of-state student must agree to apply for in-state status at the end of the first year of school. If the student is not granted in-state status, then he/she will revert to the regular out-of-state tuition for the second year and beyond. Out-of-state WICHE students shall not be permitted to convert to in-state resident status.

D. All entering School of Dental Medicine resident and non-resident students must, according to the date specified in the acceptance letter for admission, make a \$750 non-refundable deposit to hold the applicant's place in the class. A second \$1,000 non-refundable deposit will be due May 1 for all entering School of Dental Medicine resident and non-resident students who were accepted prior to May 1 and paid the initial \$750 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 towards registration fees and/or tuition.

All entering School of Dental Medicine resident and non-resident students accepted after May 1 must, according to the date specified in the acceptance letter for admission, make a \$1,750 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.

E. Part-time tuition and fees will be assessed on the basis of a 20 credit hour load per term. Each credit hour for part-time students will be calculated at 1/20th of the rate for full-time enrollment.

F. All School of Dental Medicine resident and non-resident students shall be assessed per semester tuition and registration fees for Summer term courses as follows:

Dental School, Full-time	<u>Summer</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Summer</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Summer</u> <u>2016</u>	<i>Summer</i> <i>2017</i>	<i>Summer</i> <i>2018</i>
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**PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 18**

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Section 18. Distribution of Fees and Tuition, School of Dental Medicine

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

	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	2016-17	<i>2017-18</i>	<i>2018-19</i>
REGISTRATION FEE					
Total General Fund	\$11,115	\$11,520	\$11,942	<i>\$12,200</i>	<i>\$12,463</i>
General Improvement	\$132	\$132	\$132	<i>\$132</i>	<i>\$132</i>
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Student Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
New Financial Aid Fee		\$72	\$146	<i>\$146</i>	<i>\$146</i>
Total Registration Fee	\$11,920	\$12,397	\$12,893	<i>\$13,151</i>	<i>\$13,414</i>

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

(B/R 3/04; Added 6/05, A. 11/06, 4/08, 4/09, 6/09, 4/10, 6/11, 6/14)