

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. Agenda Item Title: 2017-2019 Tuition and Fees – William S. Boyd
School of Law, UNLV

Meeting Date: March 3-4, 2016

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 Len Jessup, a proposal for 2017-2019 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:

UNLV President Len Jessup presents for information the determination that the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law is not requesting a registration fee increase for the 2017-2019 biennium. This is the first reading of the 2017-2019 biennium tuition and fee request; final action will be requested at the June 2016 meeting of the Board.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

Consistent with the biennial budget process.

5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- To remain competitive with peer institutions and to attract a high quality student body, the law school will not request a tuition and fee increase in the next biennium.
- Maintaining current tuition and fee levels is consistent with law school trends nationwide given the transition seen in law school applicants.
- The law school will raise additional revenue through increased fundraising and new programs.

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Raising tuition and fees would increase revenue for the law school.

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

- UNLV could request an increase in tuition and fees; however, higher tuition would hurt the law school's ability to compete for top students.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 17 Section # 8
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #7 Sections # 4 and #17
 Other: _____
 Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Explain: _____

UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
Student Registration Fees and Non-Resident Tuition for the 2017-19 Biennium
March 3-4, 2016

I. Registration Fee and Non-Resident Tuition

The UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law will not raise registration fees for the 2017-19 biennium. The law school's tuition and fees remained flat at \$23,900/year for residents and \$34,900/year for nonresidents from FY12 until FY16. Tuition and fee levels were raised in FY16 to \$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. Proportionate increases were made to the part time tuition and fees per credit. In FY16, residents were charged \$890 per credit and nonresidents were charged \$1,296 per credit. In FY17, residents will be charged \$926 per credit and nonresidents will be charged \$1,350 per credit.

The law school increased tuition and fees modestly during the 2015-17 biennium to maintain the long-term sustainability of the law program. To remain competitive with peer institutions and to attract a high quality student body, it is not advisable to raise tuition and fees in the next biennium. Instead, the law school will increase revenue through fundraising and new programs.

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

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Resident Registration Fees	\$23,900.00	\$24,900.00	\$25,900.00	\$25,900.00	\$25,900.00
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$34,900.00	\$36,300.00	\$37,800.00	\$37,800.00	\$37,800.00

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

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	2018-19
Resident Registration Fees	\$854.00 per credit	\$890.00 per credit	\$926.00 per credit	\$926.00 per credit	\$926.00 per credit
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$1,246.00 per credit	\$1,296.00 per credit	\$1,350.00 per credit	\$1,350.00 per credit	\$1,350.00 per credit

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

REGISTRATION FEE	Full-Time per Semester			Part-Time per Credit		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total General Fund	\$6,762.70	\$6,762.70	\$6,762.70	\$481.41	\$481.41	\$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	200.00	200.00	200.00	14.40	14.40	14.40
Total Resident Registration Fee	\$12,950.00	\$12,950.00	\$12,950.00	\$926.00	\$926.00	\$926.00

Registration Fee	12,950.00	12,950.00	\$12,950.00	\$926.00	\$926.00	\$926.00
Nonresident Tuition	\$5,950.00	\$5,950.00	\$5,950.00	\$424.00	\$424.00	\$424.00
Total Nonresident Tuition & Registration Fee	\$18,900.00	\$18,900.00	\$18,900.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00

Table D Continued: Summer Term Tuition and Fees

Law School part-time	<u>Summer 2017</u>	<u>Summer 2018</u>	<u>Summer 2019</u>
Resident per credit	\$ 926.00	\$ 926.00	\$ 926.00
Non-Resident per credits	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$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.

Attachments:

Figure A: Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY12-FY19

Figure B: Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY12-FY19

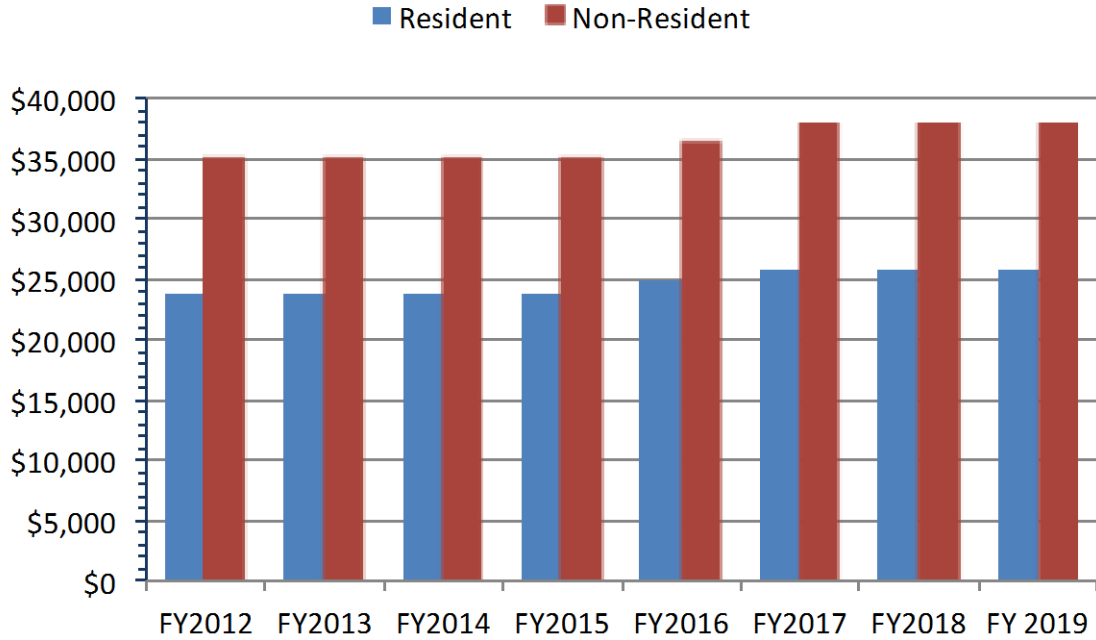
Figure C: Resident and Nonresident Tuition for Peer Schools, FY12-FY16

Figure D: Enrollment (Actual and Projected), UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Fall 09-Fall16

Figure A: Tuition and Fees

	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Resid.	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$24,900	\$25,900	\$25,900	\$25,900
Non-Resid.	\$34,900	\$34,900	\$34,900	\$34,900	\$36,300	\$37,800	\$37,800	\$37,800

Figure B: Tuition and Fees



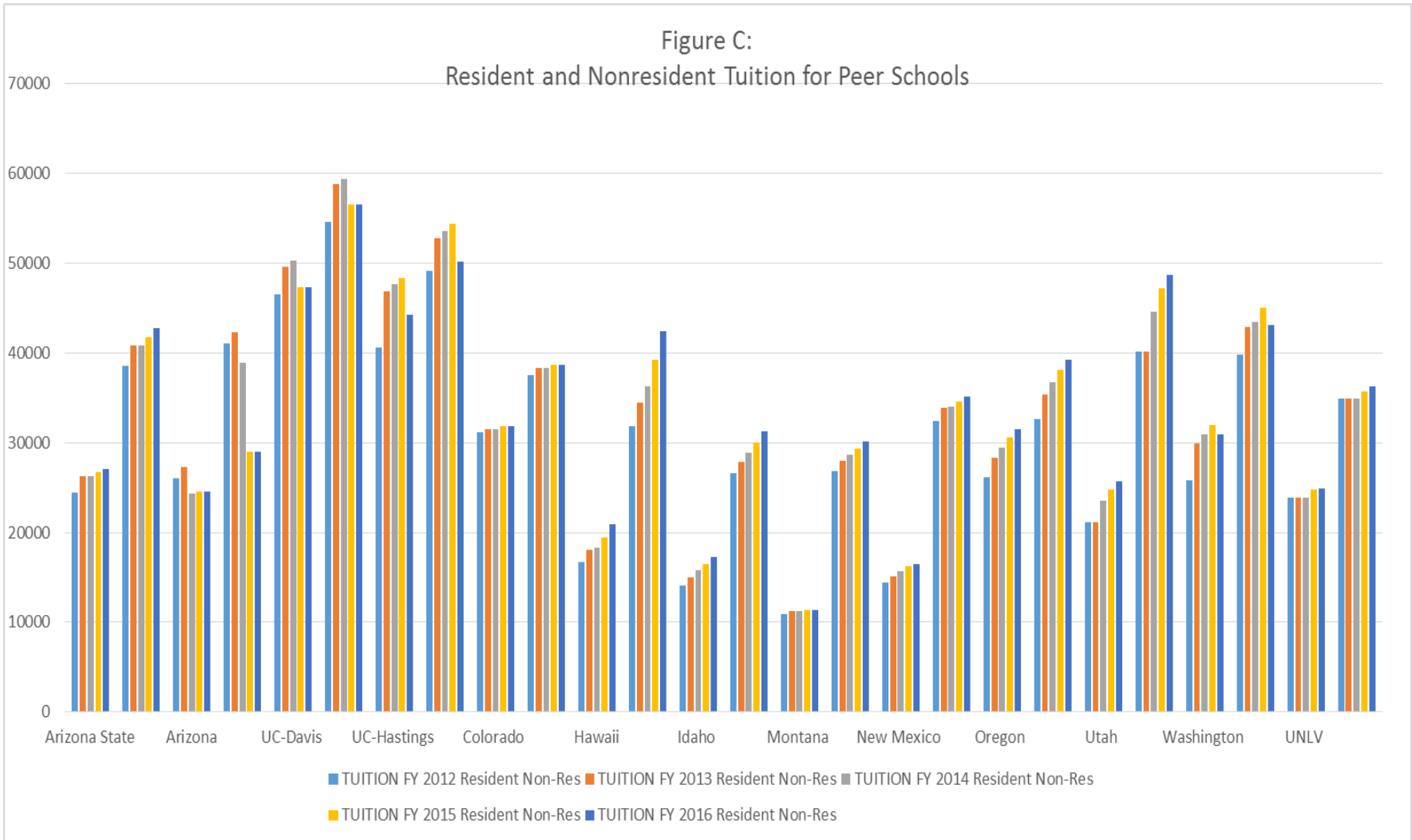
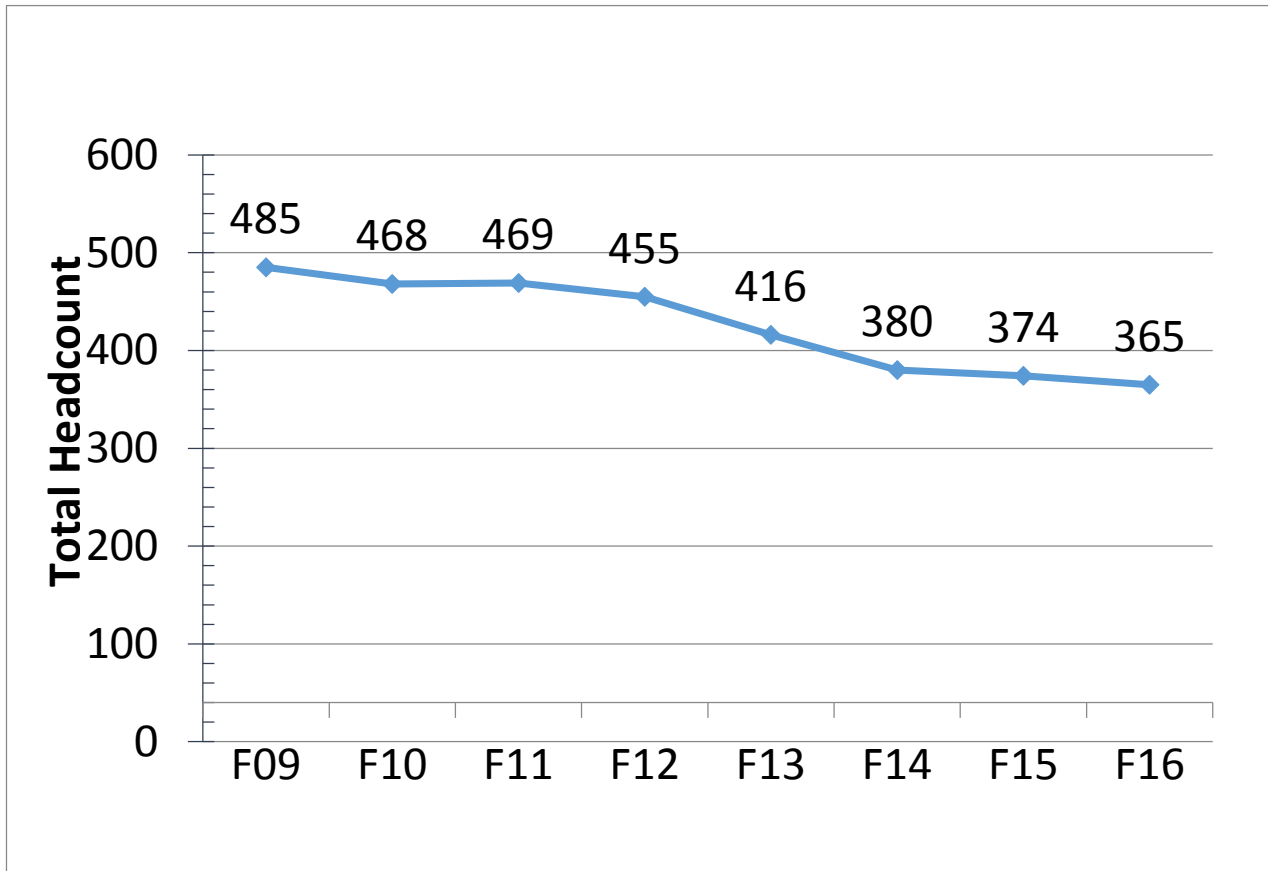


Figure D: Enrollment



PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL

CHAPTER 7, SECTION 4

Tuition and Fees, William S. Boyd School of Law

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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	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Resident Registration Fees	\$23,900.00	\$24,900.00	\$25,900.00	\$25,900.00	\$25,900.00
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$34,900.00	\$36,300.00	\$37,800.00	\$37,800.00	\$37,800.00

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	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Resident Registration Fees	\$854.00/ per credit	\$890.00/ per credit	\$926.00/ per credit	\$926.00/ per credit	\$926.00/ per credit
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$1,246.00/ per credit	\$1,296.00/ per credit	\$1,350.00/ per credit	\$1,350.00/ per credit	\$1,350.00/ per credit

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 as follows:

Resident Per Credit	\$854.00	\$890.00	\$926.00
Nonresident Per Credit	\$1,246.00	\$1,296.00	\$1,350.00

Note: The Law School uses the same fee structure for summer as the previous spring.
(Added 6/05; A. 1/06, 4/06, 3/08, 4/08, 4/10, 6/11, 12/11, 6/12, 6/14)

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CHAPTER 7, SECTION 17

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>2016-17</u>		<u>2017-18</u>		<u>2018-19</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	\$481.41	\$6,762.70	\$481.41	\$6,762.70	\$481.41	\$6,762.70
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
Financial Aid Fee	14.40	200.00	14.40	200.00	14.40	200.00
	\$926.00	\$12,950.00	\$926.00	\$12,950.00	\$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 2017 Per Credit	Summer 2018 Per Credit	Summer 2019 Per Credit
RESIDENT TUITION			
Law School Summer account	\$481.41	\$481.41	\$481.41
Total Summer Law	\$481.41	\$481.41	\$481.41
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
Financial Aid Fee	14.40	14.40	14.40
Resident Per Credit Fee	\$926.00	\$926.00	\$926.00
Additional Nonresident tuition**	\$424.00	\$424.00	\$424.00
Nonresident Per Credit Fee	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00

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

(B/R 3/04; Added 6/05; A. 11/06, 3/08, 4/08, 4/09, 12/10, 6/11, 6/14)