

BOARD OF REGENTS  
BRIEFING PAPER

**1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* Revision, 2019-21 Tuition and Fees, UNLV School of Dental Medicine

**MEETING DATE:** June 7-8, 2018

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

Pursuant to the NSHE Regents' *Handbook* Title 4, Chapter 17 et. seq., on a biennial basis, the Board requests that proposals for future tuition and fees for the professional schools be reviewed.

Upon recommendation by the school, and approval by the UNLV President, a proposal for 2019-2021 tuition and fees for the UNLV School of Dental Medicine ("SDM") has been finalized for Board consideration.

Attached hereto is a reference document providing detailed background in support of this recommendation.

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

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas presents for final approval the proposed 2019-21 biennium tuition and fees for the UNLV School of Dental Medicine in accordance with *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* Chapter 7, Sections 6 and 21, which were previously discussed at the March 1-2, 2018, meeting of the Board.

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

To comply with Board of Regents policy established under the Regents' *Handbook*.

**5. CHECK THE NSHE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THIS REQUEST:**

- Access (Increase participation in post-secondary education)
- Success (Increase student success)
- Close the Achievement Gap (Close the achievement gap among underserved student populations)
- Workforce (Collaboratively address the challenges of the workforce and industry education needs of Nevada)
- Research (Co-develop solutions to the critical issues facing 21<sup>st</sup> century Nevada and raise the overall research profile)
- Not Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

**INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL**

By maintaining the current registration fee structure, the Dental Program is more affordable to students.

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

- SDM remains competitive amongst United States dental schools.
- SDM remains economically viable for students to attend
- Applicant to available seats remains strong.

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

Could potentially lead to SDM having to propose tuition/fee "catch up" in the future.

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

A 'modest' tuition increase, which would increase the cost of current students' education.

**9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:**

Recommend Approval

**10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter #17 Section #9
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #7 Section #6 & #21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fiscal Impact: Yes_____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Explain:_____

**UNLV School of Dental Medicine: Pre-Doctoral Dental Student  
Registration Fee Increase Request for the FY2019-21 Biennium  
June 7-8, 2018**

**Request for No Change in Registration Fee and Non-Resident Tuition**

The UNLV School of Dental Medicine’s (the “SDM”) pre-doctoral program is not requesting an increase in registration fees in the FY2019-21 biennium. In the FY2017-19 biennium, SDM received a 2% increase in the tuition and registration fees for each year of that biennium. At that time, the increase was to help ensure the long-term sustainability of current programs and remain competitive amongst peer institutions. After review, the SDM fees committee determined that the school would have sufficient revenue over the next biennium to continue to support this recommendation.

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

	<b>FY2016-17</b>	<b>FY2017-18</b>	<b>FY2018-19</b>	<b>FY2019-20</b>	<b>FY2020-21</b>
Resident Registration Fees	\$25,786	\$26,302	\$26,828	\$26,828	\$26,828
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$51,248	\$52,273	\$53,318	\$53,318	\$53,318
Student Surcharge <i>(Note 1)</i> <i>(Sunset 06/30/2011)</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Resident Student Surcharge <i>(Note 1)</i> <i>(Sunset 06/30/2011)</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

	<b>FY2016-17</b>	<b>FY2017-18</b>	<b>FY2018-19</b>	<b>FY2019-20</b>	<b>FY2020-21</b>
	<b>ACTUALS</b>	<b>(2% increase)</b>	<b>(2% increase)</b>	<b>(0% increase)</b>	<b>(0% Increase)</b>
<b>Registration</b>	\$7,461,420	\$7,759,877	\$8,070,272	\$8,070,272	\$8,070,272
<b>Non Resident</b>	\$1,223,156	1,272,082	1,322,966	1,322,966	1,322,966
<b><u>Total Registration Fees &amp; Non Resident Tuition</u></b>	<u>\$8,684,576</u>	<u>\$9,031,959</u>	<u>\$9,393,237</u>	<u>\$9,393,237</u>	<u>\$9,393,237</u>
Cumulative Percent Increase					
	Total Projected Increase	FY 20	0%	\$0	
	Total Projected Increase	FY21	0%	\$0	
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b><u>\$0</u></b>

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

<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b>	<b>FY2018-19</b>	<b>FY2019-20</b>	<b>FY2020-21</b>
Total General Fund	\$12,463	<b><i>\$12,463</i></b>	<b><i>\$12,463</i></b>
General Improvement	\$132	<b><i>\$132</i></b>	<b><i>\$132</i></b>
Capital Improvement	\$112	<b><i>\$112</i></b>	<b><i>\$112</i></b>
Activities & Programs	\$63	<b><i>\$63</i></b>	<b><i>\$63</i></b>
Student Access	\$483	<b><i>\$483</i></b>	<b><i>\$483</i></b>
Student Association	\$15	<b><i>\$15</i></b>	<b><i>\$15</i></b>
Student Surcharge	\$0	<b><i>\$0</i></b>	<b><i>\$0</i></b>
New Financial Aid Fee	\$146	<b><i>\$146</i></b>	<b><i>\$146</i></b>
Total Resident Registration Fee	<u>\$13,414</u>	<b><i><u>\$13,414</u></i></b>	<b><i><u>\$13,414</u></i></b>

**Summer Term Tuition and Fees**

	<u>Summer 2018</u>	<b><i><u>Summer 2019</u></i></b>	<b><i><u>Summer 2020</u></i></b>
Dental School, Full Time			
Resident Registration Fees	\$13,414	<b><i>\$13,414</i></b>	<b><i>\$13,414</i></b>
Non-Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$26,658	<b><i>\$26,658</i></b>	<b><i>\$26,658</i></b>

Since 2008, nine new dental schools have opened, with five of them in neighboring states (California, Utah, and Arizona). Along with the opening of these new schools, there has also been a 25% increase in the overall number of available enrollments in existing schools. It should be noted that SDM’s pre-doctoral student capacity is 83. SDM’s applicant pool has remained relatively consistent over the past biennium at just under 2,000 applications per year. For FY2016-17 the UNLV SDM had an applicant to seat ratio of 23:1. The UNLV SDM continues to attract strong talent both in Nevada and across the nation (*See*, Table 1).

**Table 1. ADA Survey – Applicants to Available Seats, Peer Dental Schools (FY 2016-17)**

Dental School	Total Applications 2015-17	Total Available Seats 2016-17	Percent Applicants Accepted	Ratio Applicants to Seats
University of Colorado	1,985	81	4.1%	25:1
Rutgers School of Dental Medicine	2,063	91	4.4%	23:1
<b>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>23:1</b>
University of Maryland	2,582	132	5.1%	20:1
University of Buffalo	1,623	95	5.9%	17:1
University of California, SFO	1,415	90	6.4%	16:1
University of Michigan	1,495	109	7.3%	14:1
University of Iowa	868	83	9.6%	10:1
University of Missouri, Kansas City	999	109	10.9%	9:1
University of Utah	380	46	12.1%	8:1
University of Washington	262	63	24.0%	4:1
University of Louisville	374	119	31.8%	3:1
University of North Carolina	255	82	32.2%	3:1
Medical University of South Carolina	207	75	36.2%	3:1
University of California, Los Angeles	156	87	55.8%	2:1
Oregon Health & Science University	140	76	54.3%	2:1

Source: 2016-17 ADA Survey

It is critical for SDM to maintain sufficient balances to cover unexpected catastrophic expenses that come with running a *dental hospital*. However, to remain competitive amongst peer institutions and attract high quality students, from both in and out-of-state, we recommend keeping both tuition and fees at their current rates in order to keep rates as low as possible for the next biennium. The school is consciously maintaining costs, where possible, and has sufficient reserves to cover both the anticipated annual operating costs as well as a planned reserve to accommodate one-time replacement costs for critical dental hospital operating equipment that is nearing the end of its useful life.

**Bullet Points to Support Request:**

- SDM still remains competitive amongst U.S. dental schools.
- Keeps SDM economically viable for students to attend dental school at UNLV.
- Applicant to available seat ratio remains strong.

**Potential arguments against the request:**

- Could potentially lead to SDM having to propose a tuition/fee “catch up” in the future.

**Alternatives to what is being requested:**

- A modest tuition increase, which would increase the cost of current students’ education and potentially increase fund balances.

**Fiscal Impact on State Budgets:**

- None.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL  
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 6**

**Tuition and Fees, UNLV School of Dental Medicine**

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**Section 6. 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 as follows:

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Non-Resident Student Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b><i>\$0</i></b>	<b><i>\$0</i></b>

F. Summer Term Tuition and Fees

Dental School, Full Time	<u>Summer 2016</u>	<u>Summer 2017</u>	<u>Summer 2018</u>	<b><i>Summer 2019</i></b>	<b><i>Summer 2020</i></b>
Resident Registration Fees	\$12,893	<del>\$13,151</del>	\$13,414	<b><i>\$13,414</i></b>	<b><i>\$13,414</i></b>
Non-Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$25,624	<del>\$26,136</del>	\$26,658	<b><i>\$26,658</i></b>	<b><i>\$26,658</i></b>

**PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL**  
**CHAPTER 7, SECTION 21**  
**Tuition and Fees, UNLV School of Dental Medicine**

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**Section 21. 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:

REGISTRATION FEE	<del>2016-17</del>	<del>2017-18</del>	2018-19	<i>2019-20</i>	<i>2020-21</i>
Total General Fund	\$11,942	\$12,200	\$12,463	<i>\$12,463</i>	<i>\$12,463</i>
General Improvement	\$132	\$132	\$132	<i>\$132</i>	<i>\$132</i>
Capital Improvement	\$112	\$112	\$112	<i>\$112</i>	<i>\$112</i>
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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)