

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* Revision, 2019-21 Tuition and Fees, William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV

MEETING DATE: June 7-8, 2018

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 17 et. seq. of the NSHE Regents' *Handbook*, 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 William S. Boyd School of Law has been finalized for Board consideration.

It should be noted that the Law School uses the same fee structure for Summer as the previous Spring. Attached hereto as reference material is a document providing detailed background information 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 William S. Boyd School of Law in accordance with *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* Chapter 7, Sections 5 and 20, 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 21st 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, pursuing an education at the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law is more affordable to students.

6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- To continue 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.
- Demand based on applications to the law school continues to decline
- Maintaining current tuition and fee levels is consistent with law school trends nationwide.
- An increase in tuition will place additional financial burden on students
- The law school will raise additional revenue through increased fundraising and new programs.

7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

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

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:

Recommend approval

10. 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 #5 and #20
- Other:_____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes_____ No X
Explain:_____

UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
Student Registration Fees and Non-Resident Tuition for the 2019-21 Biennium
June 7-8, 2018

I. Registration Fee and Non-Resident Tuition

The UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law will not raise registration fees for the 2019-21 biennium. Registration fees were last increased in FY17 by approximately 4% to \$25,900/year for residents and \$37,800/year for nonresidents. Part-time tuition and fees was increased to \$926 per credit for residents and \$1,350 per credit for nonresidents. This increase is close to the median increase over the past five years for the thirteen law schools in our peer group, listed in Figure C. The law school is ranked sixth lowest out of these peer institutions for resident tuition cost, 5% below median, and fifth lowest for non-resident tuition, 10% below median. The nationwide trend in law school enrollment continues to decline so it is critical that the law school remain competitive on pricing while maintaining student quality. An increased portion of fee revenue is allocated to scholarships to support recruitment but as there is limited ability to raise the tuition rates, these costs are absorbed by cost reductions in other categories as well as new revenue streams from the LL.M program implemented in FY16 and by fundraising.

Tuition and Fees, William S. Boyd School of Law

Table A:

| Law School, Full-Time | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Resident Registration Fees | \$25,900.00 | \$25,900.00 | \$25,900.00 | \$25,900.00 | \$25,900.00 |
| Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees | \$37,800.00 | \$37,800.00 | \$37,800.00 | \$37,800.00 | \$37,800.00 |

Table B:

| Law School, Part-Time | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Resident Registration Fees | \$926.00/ per credit | \$926.00/ per credit | \$926.00/ per credit | \$926.00/ per credit | \$926.00/ per credit |
| Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees | \$1,350.00/ per credit | \$1,350.00/ per credit | \$1,350.00/ per credit | \$1,350.00/ per credit | \$1,350.00/ per credit |

Table C: Summer Term Tuition and Fees

| Law School part-time | <u>Summer 2019</u> | <u>Summer 2020</u> | <u>Summer 2021</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 assesses the same fees in summer as the previous spring.

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

Table D: Proposed Fee Distribution, William S. Boyd School of Law

| | Full-Time per Semester | | | Part-Time per Credit | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| REGISTRATION FEE | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Financial Aid Fee | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 14.40 | 14.40 | 14.40 |
| Total Registration Fee | \$12,950.00 | \$12,950.00 | \$12,950.00 | \$926.00 | \$926.00 | \$926.00 |
| NON RESIDENT 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 |

Bullet Points to Support Request:

- To continue 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.
- Demand based on applications to the law school continues to decline
- Maintaining a current tuition and fee levels is consistent with law school trends nationwide.
- An increase in tuition will place additional financial burden on students
- The law school will raise additional revenue through increased fundraising and new programs.

Potential arguments against the request:

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

Alternatives to what is being requested:

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

Fiscal Impact on State Budgets:

- There will be no impact to the state budget. The law school will continue to raise additional revenue through increased fundraising and new programs, and will manage costs.

Attachments:

Figure A: Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY14-FY21

Figure B: Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY14-FY21

Figure C: Resident and Nonresident Tuition for Peer Schools, FY14-FY18

Figure D: Enrollment, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY09-FY19

Figure E: Applications, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY09-FY19

**PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 5**

Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

Section 5. Tuition and Fees, William S. Boyd School of Law

- 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 | <u>2018-19</u> | <u>2019-20</u> | <u>2020-21</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Resident Registration Fees | \$25,900 | \$25,900 | \$25,900 |
| Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees | \$37,800 | \$37,800 | \$37,800 |

- 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, Full Time | <u>2018-19</u> | <u>2019-20</u> | <u>2020-21</u> |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Resident Registration Fees | \$926.00/ Per credit | \$926.00/ Per credit | \$926.00/ Per credit |
| Non-Resident Tuition and Registration Fees | \$1,350.00/ Per credit | \$1,350.00/ Per credit | \$1,350.00/ Per credit |

- C. No Change

- 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:

| Law School, Full-Time | <u>Summer 2019</u> | <u>Summer 2020</u> | <u>Summer 2021</u> |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Resident Registration Fees | \$25,900 | \$25,900 | \$25,900 |
| Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees | \$37,800 | \$37,800 | \$37,800 |

Note: The Law School uses the same fee structure for summer as the previous spring.

PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 20
Tuition and Fees, William S. Boyd School of Law

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Section 20. 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>2018-19</u> | | <u>2019-20</u> | | <u>2020-21</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.

| | <u>Summer 2019 Per Credit</u> | <u>Summer 2020 Per Credit</u> | <u>Summer 2021 Per Credit</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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.

Figure A: Tuition and Fees

| Boyd School of Law | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 |
| Resident | \$ 23,900 | \$ 23,900 | \$ 24,900 | \$ 25,900 | \$ 25,900 | \$ 25,900 | \$ 25,900 | \$ 25,900 |
| Non-Resident | \$ 34,900 | \$ 34,900 | \$ 36,300 | \$ 37,800 | \$ 37,800 | \$ 37,800 | \$ 37,800 | \$ 37,800 |

Figure B: Tuition and Fees

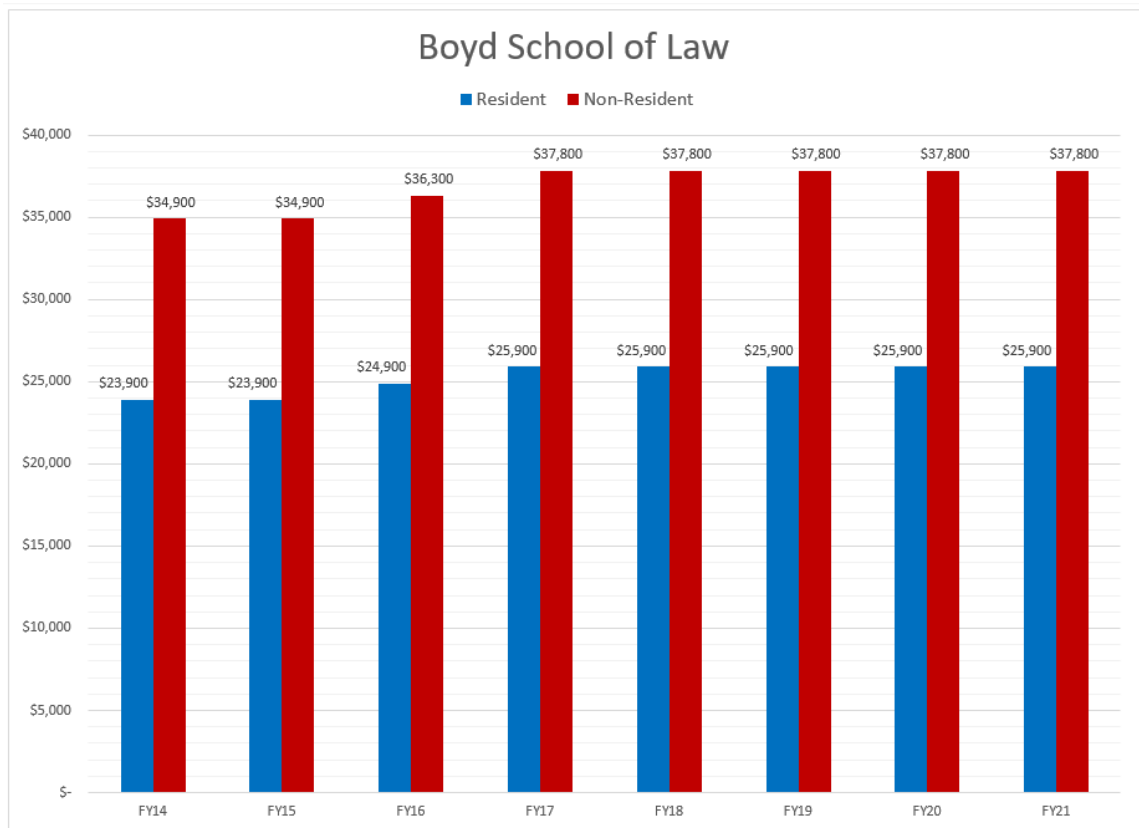


Figure C: Peer Tuition and Fees

| BOYD SCHOOL OF LAW | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT TUITION FOR PEER SCHOOLS | | | | | | | | |
| | | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | 17-18 % Δ | 14-18 % Δ |
| UNLV | Resident | \$ 23,900 | \$ 24,749 | \$ 24,900 | \$ 25,900 | \$ 25,900 | 0.00% | 8.37% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 34,900 | \$ 35,749 | \$ 36,300 | \$ 37,800 | \$ 37,800 | 0.00% | 8.31% |
| Arizona State | Resident | \$ 26,268 | \$ 26,733 | \$ 27,074 | \$ 27,226 | \$ 27,388 | 0.60% | 4.26% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 40,818 | \$ 41,731 | \$ 42,794 | \$ 43,896 | \$ 44,888 | 2.26% | 9.97% |
| Univ Arizona | Resident | \$ 24,381 | \$ 25,826 | \$ 25,826 | \$ 25,826 | \$ 25,826 | 0.00% | 5.93% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 38,841 | \$ 30,326 | \$ 30,326 | \$ 30,326 | \$ 30,326 | 0.00% | -21.92% |
| UC-Davis | Resident | \$ 47,286 | \$ 47,286 | \$ 47,339 | \$ 47,409 | \$ 47,763 | 0.75% | 1.01% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 56,537 | \$ 56,537 | \$ 56,590 | \$ 56,660 | \$ 57,014 | 0.62% | 0.84% |
| UC-Hastings | Resident | \$ 44,186 | \$ 44,186 | \$ 44,200 | \$ 44,218 | \$ 44,326 | 0.24% | 0.32% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 50,186 | \$ 50,186 | \$ 50,200 | \$ 50,218 | \$ 50,326 | 0.22% | 0.28% |
| Colorado | Resident | \$ 31,548 | \$ 31,886 | \$ 31,866 | \$ 31,928 | \$ 31,928 | 0.00% | 1.20% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 38,334 | \$ 38,672 | \$ 38,652 | \$ 38,714 | \$ 38,714 | 0.00% | 0.99% |
| Hawaii | Resident | \$ 18,336 | \$ 19,464 | \$ 20,880 | \$ 22,392 | \$ 22,392 | 0.00% | 22.12% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 36,240 | \$ 39,192 | \$ 42,384 | \$ 45,816 | \$ 45,816 | 0.00% | 26.42% |
| Idaho | Resident | \$ 15,774 | \$ 16,480 | \$ 17,230 | \$ 18,664 | \$ 19,748 | 5.81% | 25.19% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 28,850 | \$ 30,010 | \$ 31,234 | \$ 33,472 | \$ 36,072 | 7.77% | 25.03% |
| Montana | Resident | \$ 11,282 | \$ 11,335 | \$ 11,393 | \$ 11,451 | \$ 12,562 | 9.70% | 11.35% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 28,602 | \$ 29,328 | \$ 30,078 | \$ 30,850 | \$ 32,119 | 4.11% | 12.30% |
| New Mexico | Resident | \$ 15,700 | \$ 16,251 | \$ 16,490 | \$ 16,761 | \$ 16,873 | 0.67% | 7.47% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 33,971 | \$ 34,521 | \$ 35,183 | \$ 35,816 | \$ 36,523 | 1.97% | 7.51% |
| Oregon | Resident | \$ 29,458 | \$ 30,586 | \$ 31,506 | \$ 32,474 | \$ 33,922 | 4.46% | 15.15% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 36,724 | \$ 38,056 | \$ 39,210 | \$ 40,394 | \$ 42,166 | 4.39% | 14.82% |
| Utah | Resident | \$ 23,489 | \$ 24,797 | \$ 25,700 | \$ 26,758 | \$ 27,770 | 3.78% | 18.23% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 44,635 | \$ 47,170 | \$ 48,725 | \$ 50,816 | \$ 52,766 | 3.84% | 18.22% |
| Washington | Resident | \$ 30,891 | \$ 31,980 | \$ 30,891 | \$ 32,721 | \$ 33,426 | 2.15% | 8.21% |
| | Non-Res | \$ 43,392 | \$ 45,021 | \$ 43,053 | \$ 44,112 | \$ 43,914 | -0.45% | 1.20% |

Figure D: Enrollment - Actual & Projected

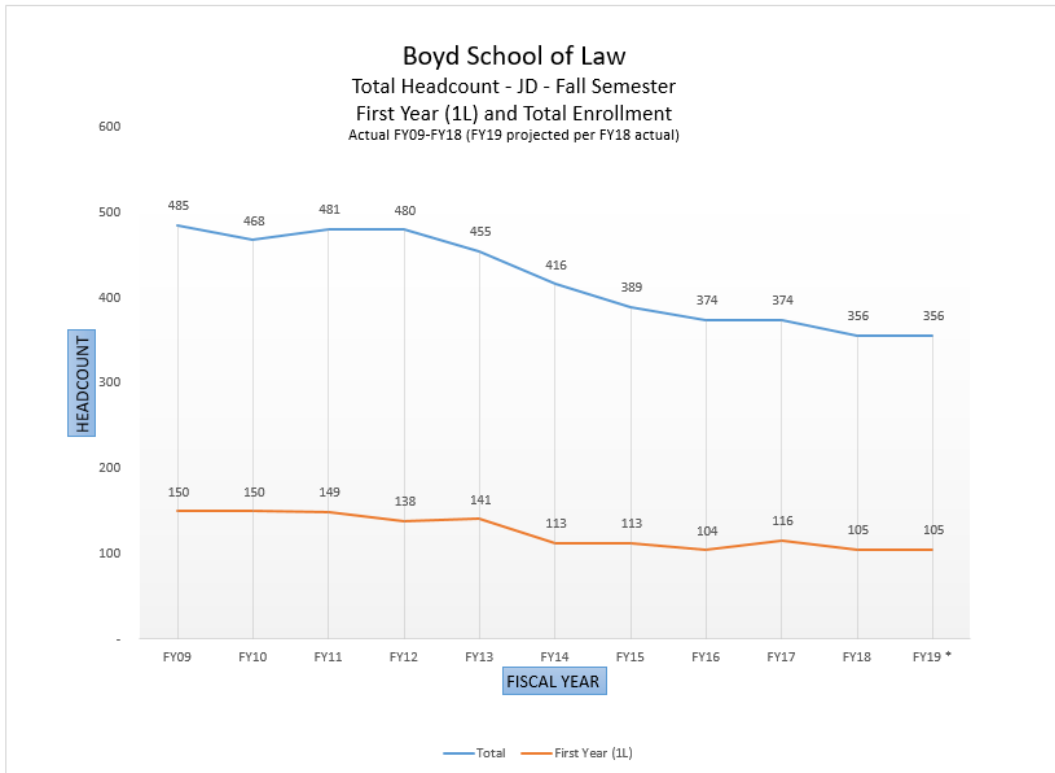


Figure E: Law School Applications

