

BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Procedure and Guidelines Manual Revisions – Chapter 7, Section 3, Tuition and Fees, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and Section 17, Distribution of Fees and Tuition, University of Nevada Reno, School of Medicine

MEETING DATE: March 5-6, 2020

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Pursuant to NSHE Board of Regents Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 1.5, Assessment of Registration Fees and Tuition; Tuition and Fees: Schools of Medicine, on a biennial basis, in the spring of every even numbered year, the President, University of Nevada, Reno (or designee), chairs a committee to consider tuition and fee increases for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. (Exhibit 1). The committee gathers and reviews data and makes recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board of Regents 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 University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (UNR Med), the university committee used the following information in its deliberations (Exhibit 2):

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 member states.
 - a. *Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) tuition charges at peer institutions in WICHE states is used as a surrogate for direct comparison with other medical schools.*
2. Information pertaining to the consumer prices in the WICHE region;
 - a. *December 2019 Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for the Western Region*
 - b. *2019 Commonfund Higher Education Price Index*
3. Increase in state funding over the biennium;
4. A needs assessment of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine;
5. Other indices and information needed to determine the appropriateness of UNR Med's tuition and fee rates.

The committee also reviewed recent Board of Regents actions surrounding fee increases and predictable pricing initiatives, including the HEPI index, as it relates to fee increases.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

UNR President Marc A. Johnson will present for information the proposed tuition and fee structure for the 2021-23 biennium for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (Procedures and Guidelines Manual Chapter 7, Sections 3 and 17). The proposal reflects an increase in resident tuition and fees of 2.8 percent per year for each year of the 2021-23 biennium. At the June 11-12, 2020, meeting, President Johnson will seek approval of the full amount of the proposed increase being allocated to the State Supported Operating Budget of UNR Med, net of any increases in the UNR General Improvement, Capital Improvement, Activities and Programs, Student Association, and Technology fees, and the Student Access Fee. The Student Access fee is calculated as a percentage of tuition and fees and therefore results in an automatic increase. Final action on the proposed tuition and fees is scheduled to occur at the June 11-12, 2020, meeting.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

To comply with Board of Regents policy established in Title 4, Chapter 17, Sections 1.5, 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. As in prior biennia, the first hearing in March is an information item on recommended fee levels. Approval will be requested at the June meeting.

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

The proposed inflationary tuition increase provides critical funding to continue the educational experience of medical students through ongoing support of instructional and advising programs that respond to the constantly changing nature of medical education and provide instructional materials to enhance student success in required national examinations. The proposed fee increase contributes directly to enhancing the pipeline of new physicians to serve the state.

6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

This proposal complies with Board of Regents policy established in Title 4, Chapter 17, Sections 1.5, Assessment of Fees and Section 7, Tuition & Fees, School of Medicine.

- The proposed resident fee increase is aligned with the Higher Education Price Index used to establish changes in undergraduate and graduate registration fees for the 2021-23 biennium of 2.8%, while ensuring that UNR Med tuition is competitive with other Western Region Public Medical Schools. (Exhibit 2).
- The proposal to leave non-resident tuition unchanged for the 2021-23 biennium is based on an analysis that shows UNR Med to be ranked in the 70th percentile for non-resident total cost of attendance. By leaving this unchanged, UNR Med can maintain/increase the competitiveness of our non-resident tuition relative to peer institutions.
- All tuition increases, net of any increases in the UNR General Improvement, Capital Improvement, Activities and Programs, Student Association, and Technology fees and the UNR Med Student Access Fee will be allocated to the State Supported Operating Budget of the Medical School.
- Student representation on the committee recommended the increase noted above after discussion with their respective classes and providing an opportunity to voice opinion via a survey. Greater than 65% of students were in favor of a 2.8% increase in resident tuition, while 52% were in favor of no change to non-resident tuition.

7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

Students will be required to pay the increase in tuition and fees to attend the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, which can increase student debt.

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

- Student indebtedness may increase.

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:

10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 17 Section # 1.5
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # 7 Section # 3 and Section # 17
 Other: _____
 Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No X _____
Explain: _____

Exhibit 1

PROPOSED REVISIONS – *PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL* CHAPTER 7, SECTION 3 & SECTION 17

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

Section 3. Tuition and Fees, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

- A. All full-time University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (UNR Med) students who are classified as Nevada residents upon matriculation shall be assessed annual tuition and registration fees as follows:

Medical School	[2017-18]	[2018-19]	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<i>2021-22</i>	<i>2022-23</i>
Resident	[\$27,159.00]	[\$28,245.00]	\$28,810.00	\$29,386.00	<i>\$30,209.00</i>	<i>\$31,055.00</i>

- 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	[2017-18]	[2018-19]	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<i>2021-22</i>	<i>2022-23</i>
Non-resident	[\$55,464.00]	[\$55,464.00]	\$56,573.00	\$57,704.00	<i>\$57,704.00</i>	<i>\$57,704.00</i>

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 UNR Med non-resident tuition and the WICHE approved Professional Student Exchange Program fees for Medicine.

(B/R 1/99; Added 6/05; A. 4/06, 4/08, 4/10, 6/11, 6/12, 6/14, 12/14, 6/16, 3/18, 6/18, **3/20**)

Section 17. Distribution of Fees and Tuition, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

The following fee distribution for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (UNR Med) has been approved by the Board of Regents:

Resident Tuition	[2017-18]	[2018-19]	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<i>2021-22</i>	<i>2022-23</i>
	[FULL TIME]	[FULL TIME]	FULL TIME	FULL TIME	<i>FULL TIME</i>	<i>FULL TIME</i>
Total General Fund	[\$10,361.90]	[\$10,796.30]	\$11,026.39	\$11,260.96	<i>\$11,547.02</i>	<i>\$11,870.39</i>
General Improvement	[98.70]	[98.70]	100.67	102.68	<i>105.56</i>	<i>108.51</i>
Capital Improvement	[160.00]	[160.00]	163.20	166.46	<i>171.13</i>	<i>175.92</i>
Activities & Programs	[88.00]	[88.00]	89.76	91.56	<i>94.12</i>	<i>96.75</i>
Technology Fee	[70.00]	[70.00]	71.40	72.83	<i>74.87</i>	<i>76.96</i>
Student Access	[2,715.90]	[2,824.50]	2,866.88	2,910.08	<i>3,020.90</i>	<i>3,105.50</i>
Student Association	[85.00]	[85.00]	86.70	88.43	<i>90.91</i>	<i>93.46</i>
Total	[\$13,579.50]	[\$14,122.50]	\$14,405.00	\$14,693.00	<i>\$15,104.50</i>	<i>\$15,527.50</i>

Tuition paid by or on behalf of a student of the UNR Med shall be revenue of the budget for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine.

(Added 6/05; A. 4/06, 7/07, 8/08, 4/09, 4/10, 6/11, 6/12, 6/14, 6/16, 3/18, 6/18, **3/20**)

Exhibit 2



Build Report:

Comparison Group: Nevada Reno vs. Public WICHE

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Year(s): 2020

	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 First Year Health Insurance	Nonresident First Year Tuition and Student Fees
Nevada Reno	\$28,810	\$2,400	\$3,144	\$34,354	\$56,574	\$2,400	\$3,144	\$62,118
Public, All Regions Average	\$32,520	\$2,605	\$2,486	\$37,556	\$56,284	\$3,413	\$2,558	\$62,194
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Comparison Group								
Public WICHE Average	\$32,985	\$3,249	\$3,005	\$39,239	\$54,824	\$4,815	\$3,157	\$62,795
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Ranked By Resident First Year Tuition								
1 Oregon	\$43,488	\$2,352	\$5,507	\$51,347	\$66,844	\$2,352	\$5,507	\$74,703
2 Utah	40,538	1,246	1,773	43,557	76,745	1,246	1,773	79,764
3 Colorado	40,348	364	3,000	43,712	40,348	26,320	3,000	69,668
4 Washington State-Floyd	38,357	1,012	276	39,645	NI	NI	NI	NI
5 UC Davis	38,340	2,891	3,801	45,032	50,585	2,891	3,801	57,277
6 U Washington	36,792	1,095	0	37,887	66,987	1,095	0	68,082
7 Hawaii- Burns	36,672	772	4,665	42,109	71,328	772	4,665	76,765
8 UCLA- Geffen	36,374	1,573	4,319	42,266	48,619	1,573	4,319	54,511
9 UC San Diego	34,977	2,113	3,900	40,990	47,222	2,113	3,900	53,235
10 UC Irvine	34,527	1,998	4,942	41,467	46,772	1,998	4,942	53,712
11 UC San Francisco	34,521	1,500	5,511	41,532	46,766	1,500	5,511	53,777
12 Arizona	32,602	1,334	2,597	36,533	54,180	1,334	2,597	58,111
12 Arizona Phoenix	32,602	800	2,597	35,999	54,180	800	2,597	57,577
14 North Dakota	32,064	1,524	0	33,588	59,348	1,524	0	60,872
15 South Dakota- Sanford	31,787	2,235	2,182	36,204	76,173	2,235	2,182	80,590
16 Nevada	28,810	2,400	3,144	34,354	56,574	2,400	3,144	62,118
Reno								
17 Nevada Las Vegas	27,000	7,237	2,497	36,734	56,000	7,237	2,497	65,734
18 New Mexico	15,483	3,112	2,590	21,185	44,468	3,112	2,590	50,170
19 UC Riverside	11,442	26,170	3,795	41,407	23,687	26,170	3,795	53,652

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