

## **BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER**

- 1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* Revision, 2021-23 Tuition and Fees, UNLV School of Medicine  
**MEETING DATE:** March 5-6, 2020

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

Pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 7 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 2021-2023 tuition and fees for the UNLV School of Medicine ("UNLV SOM") is submitted for the Board's information.

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

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

UNLV President Marta Meana presents for information the proposed 2021-2023 biennium tuition and fees for the UNLV School of Medicine, in accordance with *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* Chapter 7, Sections 4 and 18. The proposal reflects an increase in registration and tuition fees of 3% for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 biennium. UNLV will return to the Board at its June 11-12, 2020 meeting to request approval.

**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**

The requested 3% increase in registration and tuition fees in 2021-2023 will support the educational mission of the UNLV School of Medicine, including the ability to increase the size of future classes. This increase will also support student success and increase workforce capacity by producing additional physicians for southern and rural Nevada.

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

- The requested 3% increase represents an inflation adjustment and covers the cost of providing high quality medical education.
- Not raising tuition and fees will cause slower growth in the number of students the UNLV SOM will be able to accept, which in turn will slow the growth of the number of physicians produced in southern Nevada.
- It is too soon to implement a predictable pricing model at the UNLV SOM.
- Even if the requested tuition increase is approved, tuition at the UNLV SOM will remain near the lower end of other Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) institutions. If compared to the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (UNR SOM) tuition, the UNLV SOM tuition is slightly lower, because the UNR SOM increased its tuition during the last biennium.

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

Higher tuition and fees could possibly discourage students from applying to the UNLV SOM.

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

If the tuition and fees are not increased, state funding will need to be increased because current programs, staff, and students cannot be cut due to accreditation requirements.

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

**10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 17 Section # 7  
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # 7 Section # 4 and 18  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fiscal Impact: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X  
Explain:

**UNLV School of Medicine  
Student Registration and Non-Resident Tuition for the 2021-23 Biennium  
March 5-6, 2020**

**I. Registration and Non-Resident Tuition**

The UNLV School of Medicine proposes a 3% annual increase in registration and tuition fees for each fiscal year of the 2021-23 biennium. Current registration fees were set in FY17, prior to the start of the charter class. (See Table A for detailed school comparisons.)

The requested increase in registration fees supports the educational mission of UNLV's School of Medicine (SOM) by continuing to provide resources at an appropriate level for the increase in class size and the total number of students.

In order to prepare for their much needed service to the community, clinical disciplines and specializations will continue to be developed and offered to the UNLV SOM students. Presently, the UNLV SOM has clinical and educational opportunities in the areas of Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine (limited disciplines), and Family Medicine.

The UNLV SOM also has Graduate Medical Education opportunities in Emergency Medicine and Orthopedics.

Other areas for potential growth in the clinical and educational arena include Anesthesiology and Dermatology. Additional disciplines in Internal Medicine for potential growth are also available in Cardiology, Allergy and Immunology, Hematology/Oncology, and Pathology.

Pediatrics has these other areas for potential growth: Neonatology and Cardiology Radiology, Clinical opportunities in Orthopedics and Emergency Medicine, Transplant Services, and Ophthalmology.

**Competitive workforce:** According to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, Nevada has a severe physician shortage and Clark County has shortages in 98% of the clinical areas.

**Registration and Non-Resident Tuition, UNLV School of Medicine**

**Table A: Registration and Non-Resident Tuition**

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Resident Tuition	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,810	\$28,644
Non Resident Tuition	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$57,680	\$59,410

**Distribution of Tuition, UNLV School of Medicine**

**Table B: Proposed Distribution, UNLV School of Medicine**

Registration Fee	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Total General Fund	\$9,450	\$9,450	\$9,450	\$9,734	\$10,026
General Improvement	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$136	\$140
Capital Improvement	\$112	\$112	\$112	\$115	\$119
Activities & Programs	\$1,781	\$1,781	\$1,781	\$1,834	\$1,889
Student Access	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,086	\$2,148
<b>Total Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$13,905</b>	<b>\$14,322</b>

**Bullet Points to Support Request:**

- The requested 3% increase represents an inflation adjustment, and covers the cost of providing high quality medical education.
- Not raising tuition and fees will cause slower growth in the number of students the UNLV School of Medicine (SOM) will be able to accept, which in turn will slow the growth of the number of physicians produced in southern Nevada.
- It is too soon to implement a predictable pricing model at the UNLV SOM.
- Even if the requested tuition increase is approved, tuition at the UNLV SOM will remain near the lower end of other Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) institutions. If compared to the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (UNR SOM) tuition, the UNLV SOM tuition is slightly lower, because the UNR SOM increased its tuition during the last biennium.

**Potential arguments against the request:**

- Higher tuition and fees could possibly discourage students from applying to UNLV SOM.

**Alternatives to what is being requested:**

- If the tuition and fees are not increased, state funding will need to be increased, because current programs, staff, and students cannot be cut due to accreditation requirements.

**Fiscal Impact on State Budgets:**

- If the tuition and fee increase is not approved, the UNLV SOM will pursue an increase in general fund support.
  
- If the increase is not approved, there will be a need for additional state funding.

## II. Board of Regents Handbook - Chapter 7 Additions and Deletions

### *PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL* **CHAPTER 7, SECTION 4**

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

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

#### **Section 4. Tuition and Fees, UNLV School of Medicine**

- A. All full-time UNLV School of Medicine students who are classified as Nevada residents upon matriculation shall be assessed annual tuition and registration fees as follows:

<b>School of Medicine, Full-time</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Resident Tuition	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,810	\$28,644

- 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:

<b>School of Medicine, Full-time</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Non Resident Tuition	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$57,680	\$59,410

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 UNLV School of Medicine non-resident tuition and the WICHE approved Professional Student Exchange Program fees for Medicine.

(Added 6/16)

**PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL**  
**CHAPTER 7,**  
**SECTION 18**

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

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**Section 18. Distribution of Fees and Tuition, UNLV School of Medicine**

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

<b>Registration Fee Full Time Per Semester</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Total General Fund	\$9,450	\$9,450	\$9,450	\$9,734	\$10,026
General Improvement	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$136	\$140
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Tuition paid by or on behalf of a student of the School of Medicine shall be revenue of the budget for the School of Medicine.

(Added 6/16)

**Table A: Peer Tuition and Fees**

The source is the AAMC Medical School Tuition and Fee national schedule and the WICHE website.

	FY19 Tuition		FY20 Tuition		YTY % Change	
	Resident	Nonresident	▲ Resident	Nonresident	Resident	Nonresident
New Mexico	\$19,349	\$45,396	\$19,713	\$45,396	1.88%	0.00%
Nevada, Las Vegas	\$27,000	\$56,000	\$27,000	\$56,000	0.00%	0.00%
Nevada, Reno	\$28,246	\$55,464	\$28,810	\$56,574	2.00%	2.00%
South Dakota-Sanford	\$30,772	\$73,740	\$31,787	\$76,173	3.30%	3.30%
North Dakota	\$31,130	\$57,620	\$32,064	\$59,348	3.00%	3.00%
Arizona Phoenix	\$31,652	\$54,180	\$32,602	\$54,180	3.00%	0.00%
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UC San Francisco	\$33,849	\$46,095	\$34,521	\$46,766	1.99%	1.46%
UC Irvine	\$33,855	\$46,100	\$34,527	\$46,772	1.98%	1.46%
UC San Diego	\$33,855	\$46,100	\$34,977	\$47,222	3.31%	2.43%
UCLA-Geffen	\$35,187	\$47,432	\$36,374	\$48,619	3.37%	2.50%
Hawaii-Burns	\$36,672	\$71,328	\$36,672	\$71,328	0.00%	0.00%
U Washington	\$35,721	\$65,673	\$36,792	\$66,987	3.00%	2.00%
UC Davis	\$37,686	\$49,931	\$38,340	\$50,585	1.74%	1.31%
Washington State-Floyd	\$37,240	\$38,939	\$38,357	\$38,939	3.00%	0.00%
Colorado	\$39,364	\$39,364	\$40,348	\$40,348	2.50%	2.50%
Utah	\$39,281	\$74,365	\$40,538	\$76,745	3.20%	3.20%
UC Riverside	\$41,430	\$53,652	\$45,861	\$58,083	10.70%	8.26%

▲ Sorted by FY20 resident tuition, ascending