

BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision, 2023-25 Tuition and Fees, UNLV

William S. Boyd School of Law

MEETING DATE: March 3-4, 2022

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 8 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 2023-2025 tuition and fees for the William S. Boyd School of Law is submitted for the Board's information.

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

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

UNLV President Keith E. Whitfield presents for information the proposed 2023-2025 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. This proposal reflects an increase in tuition and fees for the 2023-2025 biennium of 0% in FY24 and approximately 2% in FY25. This proposal also includes a correction to the Summer 2022 and Summer 2023 Distribution of Fees and Tuition originally approved at the June 11-12, 2020 meeting. UNLV will return to the Board at its June 9-10, 2022 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 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

This proposed 2% tuition revenue increase in FY 25 will support the educational mission of the Law School and allow the school to continue to provide a quality legal education that will further the employment prospects of our graduates.

A nationally recognized public law school benefits Nevada and ensures the availability of a highly educated pool of legal professionals. The Law School provides placements for Congressional Externships, Judicial Externships, Legislative Externships, and Government and Public Interest Externships. A majority of Boyd graduates remain in Nevada and are employed in positions that meet the needs of individuals, private firms, corporate entities, government agencies, and public interest agencies throughout the state.

This proposal will also correct an error in the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* Chapter 7, Section 20.

6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- The proposed tuition and fee structure still falls within the range of the Law School's peer group (Figure C).
- The Distribution of Fees and Tuition for Summer 2022 and Summer 2023 included an incorrect rate and has been corrected.

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- Students never want to see an increase in fees; however, we do not want to jeopardize offerings in the school.

7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

An increase in tuition will place additional financial burden on students.

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

Without a fee increase, the Law School would need to implement program cuts, reducing resources for student programming and operations and jeopardizing the quality legal education we provide to our students.

Not correcting the Summer 2022 and Summer 2023 tuition schedule would leave outdated *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* information for the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law.

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:

10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- X Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 17 Section # 8
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- X Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # 7 Section # 5 & 20
- Other: _____
- X Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No X
Explain:

UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
Student Registration Fees and Non-Resident Tuition for the 2023-2025 Biennium
March 3-4, 2022

I. Registration Fee and Non-Resident Tuition

The UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law requests a registration fee increase for the 2023-2025 biennium of 0% in FY24 and approximately 2% in FY25. After four years of no tuition increases, the law school increased tuition by 4% in both FY22 and FY23 and proposed to follow the predictable pricing program using the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) as a guide for tuition increases going forward, thereby increasing tuition in smaller increments on a more regular basis. The proposed 2023-2025 tuition and fees increase reflects this plan. After a combined 8% increase over the previous two years, we propose keeping the FY24 tuition at the FY23 levels of \$28,000/year for residents and \$40,900/year for nonresidents and increasing FY25 tuition by 2% to \$28,560/year for residents and \$41,700/year for nonresidents. The proposal includes a proportionate increase to the part time tuition and fees per credit. In FY24, tuition and fees will remain at the FY23 rate of \$1,000 per credit for residents and \$1,460 per credit for nonresidents. A 2% increase in FY25 will increase tuition and fees to \$1,020 per credit for residents and \$1,490 per credit for nonresidents.

This fee increase is necessary due to ongoing inflationary pressures, which is increasing all personnel and operational costs. This proposed increase will generate approximately \$236,000 in additional revenue during the 2023-25 biennium. This tuition increase is consistent with the average tuition increase among our peer schools over the last five years and maintains our competitiveness within this group.

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

Law School, Full-Time	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Resident Registration Fees	\$25,900.00	\$26,900.00	\$28,000.00	<i>\$28,000.00</i>	<i>\$28,560.00</i>
Non-Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$37,800.00	\$39,300.00	\$40,900.00	<i>\$40,900.00</i>	<i>\$41,700.00</i>

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

Law School, Part-Time	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Resident Registration Fees	\$926.00/ per credit	\$963.00/ per credit	\$1,000.00/ per credit	<i>\$1,000.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$1,020.00/ per credit</i>
Non-Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$1,350.00/ per credit	\$1,400.00/ per credit	\$1,460.00/ per credit	<i>\$1,460.00/ per credit</i>	<i>\$1,490.00/ per credit</i>

Table C: Tuition and Fees Increase Revenue Gain and Uses

	2023-24		2024-25	
Total Revenue from Projected Increase	<i>\$0</i>		<i>\$236,000</i>	
Uses for Projected Increase	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>\$120,000</i>
	<i>Scholarship Program</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Scholarship Program</i>	<i>\$53,000</i>
		<i>\$0</i>		<i>\$63,000</i>

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

REGISTRATION FEE	Full-Time per Semester			Part-Time per Credit		
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Total General Fund	\$7,311.00	<i>\$7,311.00</i>	<i>\$7,457.00</i>	\$522.20	<i>\$522.20</i>	<i>\$532.00</i>
General Improvement	123.00	<i>123.00</i>	<i>123.00</i>	9.25	<i>9.25</i>	<i>9.25</i>
Capital Improvement	104.50	<i>104.50</i>	<i>104.50</i>	9.00	<i>9.00</i>	<i>9.00</i>
Student Access	2,886.50	<i>2,886.50</i>	<i>2,886.50</i>	206.70	<i>206.70</i>	<i>206.70</i>
Student Association	14.00	<i>14.00</i>	<i>14.00</i>	1.00	<i>1.00</i>	<i>1.00</i>
Financial Aid Fee	400.00	<i>400.00</i>	<i>400.00</i>	25.00	<i>25.00</i>	<i>25.00</i>
Activities & Programs	3,161.00	<i>3,161.00</i>	<i>3,295.00</i>	226.85	<i>226.85</i>	<i>237.05</i>
Total Registration Fee	\$14,000.00	<i>\$14,000.00</i>	<i>\$14,280.00</i>	\$1,000.00	<i>\$1,000.00</i>	<i>\$1,020.00</i>
Non Resident Tuition	\$6,450.00	<i>\$6,450.00</i>	<i>\$6,570.00</i>	\$460.00	<i>\$460.00</i>	<i>\$470.00</i>
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$20,450.00	<i>\$20,450.00</i>	<i>\$20,850.00</i>	\$1,460.00	<i>\$1,460.00</i>	<i>\$1,490.00</i>

Table D Continued: Summer Term Tuition and Fees

Law School part-time	Summer 2023	Summer 2024	Summer 2025
Resident per credit	<i>\$1,000.00</i>	<i>\$1,020.00</i>	<i>\$1,020.00</i>
Non-Resident per credits	<i>\$1,460.00</i>	<i>\$1,490.00</i>	<i>\$1,490.00</i>

The Law School uses the same fee structure for summer as the following fall.

Impetus:

Additional revenue is needed to cover rising costs while maintaining the quality of the instructional program and enrolling a high-quality student body with a stable class size.

Bullet Points to Support Request:

- The Law School must increase revenue to maintain the long-term sustainability of its current programs.
- The proposed tuition and fee structure falls within the ranges of the Law School’s peer group.
- The burden of covering cost growth will be shared by all constituents.

Potential arguments against the request:

- An increase in tuition will place an additional financial burden on students.

Alternatives to what is being requested:

- Reduce program costs further. These actions would seriously impact the quality of the education provided by the Law School and potentially jeopardize the school’s ability to provide offerings in certain specialty areas.

Fiscal Impact on State Budgets:

- Approval of these tuition increases will provide additional revenue to support the instructional program. If the tuition and fees are not approved, the law school would need to raise additional revenue through new programs and fundraising, and/or implement cost-cutting measures.

Attachments:

Figure A: Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY18-FY25

Figure B: Tuition and Fees, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, FY18-FY25

Figure C: Resident and Nonresident Tuition for Peer Schools, FY18-FY22

Figure A: Tuition and Fees

Full-Time	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Resident	\$25,900	\$25,900	\$25,900	\$25,900	\$26,900	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,560
Non-Resident	\$37,800	\$37,800	\$37,800	\$37,800	\$39,300	\$40,900	\$40,900	\$41,700

Figure B: Tuition and Fees

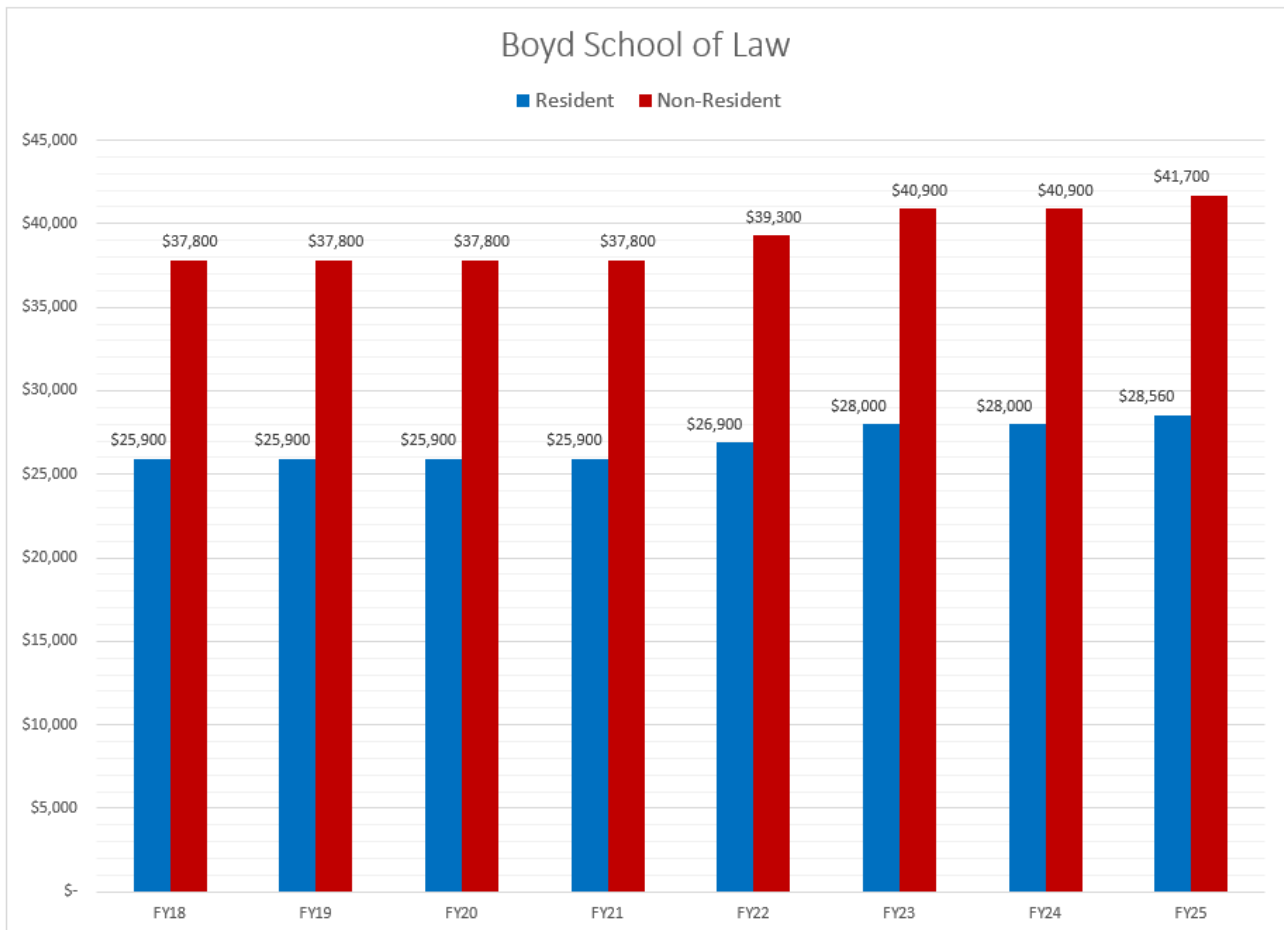


Figure C: Peer Tuition and Fees

University Law School	FY20 TUITION		FY21 TUITION		FY22 TUITION		YTD % Change	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident ▲	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Univ Montana	\$11,988	\$32,448	\$12,738	\$34,268	\$13,956	\$36,480	10%	6%
Univ New Mexico	\$17,064	\$37,591	\$18,288	\$39,240	\$18,201	\$40,306	0%	3%
Univ Hawaii	\$22,392	\$45,816	\$22,392	\$45,816	\$22,392	\$45,816	0%	0%
Univ Idaho	\$22,260	\$41,496	\$22,760	\$41,996	\$23,296	\$42,532	2%	1%
Univ Arizona	\$24,500	\$29,000	\$24,500	\$29,000	\$24,500	\$29,000	0%	0%
UNLV	\$25,900	\$37,800	\$25,900	\$37,800	\$26,900	\$39,300	4%	4%
Arizona State	\$27,170	\$46,414	\$27,170	\$46,414	\$27,170	\$46,414	0%	0%
Univ Utah	\$27,998	\$36,933	\$28,354	\$37,011	\$29,272	\$38,613	3%	4%
Univ Colorado	\$29,718	\$36,504	\$29,718	\$36,504	\$29,718	\$36,504	0%	0%
Univ Washington	\$37,050	\$48,588	\$37,752	\$49,155	\$38,886	\$50,385	3%	3%
Univ Oregon	\$35,604	\$44,820	\$38,088	\$47,952	\$39,618	\$49,878	4%	4%
UC-Hastings	\$43,486	\$49,486	\$43,486	\$49,486	\$43,486	\$49,486	0%	0%
UC-Davis	\$47,332	\$56,436	\$47,723	\$56,974	\$49,514	\$60,457	4%	6%

▲ Sorted by FY22 resident tuition, ascending

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

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

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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	2022-23	<i>2023-24</i>	<i>2024-25</i>
Resident Registration Fees	\$28,000.00	<i>\$28,000.00</i>	<i>\$28,560.00</i>
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$40,900.00	<i>\$40,900.00</i>	<i>\$41,700.00</i>

- 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	2022-23	<i>2023-24</i>	<i>2024-25</i>
Resident Registration Fees	\$1,000.00/ Per credit	<i>\$1,000.00/ Per credit</i>	<i>\$1,020.00/ Per credit</i>
Non-Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	\$1,460.00/ Per credit	<i>\$1,460.00/ Per credit</i>	<i>\$1,490.00/ Per credit</i>

- 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 nonrefundable 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 nonrefundable 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 nonrefundable 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:

Law School, Part-Time	<i>Summer 2023</i>	<i>Summer 2024</i>	<i>Summer 2025</i>
Resident Registration Fees	<i>\$1,000.00</i>	<i>\$1,020.00</i>	<i>\$1,020.00</i>
Non Resident Tuition and Registration Fees	<i>\$1,460.00</i>	<i>\$1,490.00</i>	<i>\$1,490.00</i>

The Law School uses the same fee structure for summer as the following fall.

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>2022-23</u>		<u>2023-24</u>		<u>2024-25</u>	
	PART TIME (Per Credit)	FULL TIME (Per Credit)	PART TIME (Per Credit)	FULL TIME (Per Credit)	PART TIME (Per Credit)	FULL TIME (Per Credit)
RESIDENT TUITION						
Total General Fund	\$522.20	\$7,311.00	<i>\$522.20</i>	<i>\$7,311.00</i>	<i>\$532.00</i>	<i>\$7,457.00</i>
General Improvement	9.25	123.00	<i>9.25</i>	<i>123.00</i>	<i>9.25</i>	<i>123.00</i>
Capital Improvement	9.00	104.50	<i>9.00</i>	<i>104.50</i>	<i>9.00</i>	<i>104.50</i>
Student Access	206.70	2,886.50	<i>206.70</i>	<i>2,886.50</i>	<i>206.70</i>	<i>2,886.50</i>
Student Association	1.00	14.00	<i>1.00</i>	<i>14.00</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>14.00</i>
Financial Aid Fee	25.00	400.00	<i>25.00</i>	<i>400.00</i>	<i>25.00</i>	<i>400.00</i>
Activities & Programs	226.85	3,161.00	<i>226.85</i>	<i>3,161.00</i>	<i>237.05</i>	<i>3,295.00</i>
Total Resident Tuition	\$1,000.00	\$14,000.00	<i>\$1,000.00</i>	<i>\$14,000.00</i>	<i>\$1,020.00</i>	<i>\$14,280.00</i>
Additional Nonresident Tuition	460.00	6,450.00	<i>460.00</i>	<i>6,450.00</i>	<i>470.00</i>	<i>6,570.00</i>
Nonresident Total	\$1,460.00	\$20,450.00	<i>\$1,460.00</i>	<i>\$20,450.00</i>	<i>\$1,490.00</i>	<i>\$20,850.00</i>

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 2022</u> (Per Credit)	<u>Summer 2023</u> (Per Credit)	<u>Summer 2024</u> (Per Credit)	<u>Summer 2025</u> (Per Credit)
RESIDENT TUITION				
Law School Summer Account	<i>\$522.20</i>	<i>\$522.20</i>	<i>\$532.00</i>	<i>\$532.00</i>
Total Summer Law	<i>\$522.20</i>	<i>\$522.20</i>	<i>\$532.00</i>	<i>\$532.00</i>
General Improvement	9.25	9.25	<i>9.25</i>	<i>9.25</i>
Capital Improvement	9.00	9.00	<i>9.00</i>	<i>9.00</i>
Student Access	206.70	206.70	<i>206.70</i>	<i>206.70</i>
Student Association	1.00	1.00	<i>1.00</i>	<i>1.00</i>
Financial Aid Fee	<i>25.00</i>	<i>25.00</i>	<i>25.00</i>	<i>25.00</i>
	14.40	14.40		
Activities & Programs	226.85	226.85	<i>237.05</i>	<i>237.05</i>
Total Resident Per Credit Fee	<i>\$1,000.00</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>	<i>\$1,020.00</i>	<i>\$1,020.00</i>
Additional Nonresident tuition	<i>\$460.00</i>	<i>\$460.00</i>	<i>\$470.00</i>	<i>\$470.00</i>
Total Nonresident Per Credit Fee	<i>\$1,460.00</i>	<i>\$1,460.00</i>	<i>\$1,490.00</i>	<i>\$1,490.00</i>

Note: The Law School uses the same fee structure for summer as the following fall.