

BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER

1. **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision, 2023-2025 Tuition and Fees, School of Dental Medicine, UNLV

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2024

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Background Information

At the March 3-4, 2022 Board of Regents meeting, UNLV presented (as an information only item) “Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision, 2023-25 Tuition and Fees, School of Dental Medicine, UNLV.” Subsequently, the agenda item was formally approved at the June 9-10, 2022 Board of Regents meeting. These items set the registration fee distribution for Dental Medicine for the current FY24-FY25 biennium.

Board Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 8 (B) – Use of Student Access Funds states the following: “In order to improve the access of all students and to encourage participation in higher education, an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the total registration fee at the community colleges (lower-division only) and at least 15 percent of the total registration fee for all other institutions including upper-division at the community colleges, net the amounts distributed to other fee categories, will be dedicated to student financial aid. These percentages are target amounts that must be achieved by the academic year 2022-23. For the purposes of this Section, “Student Access Funds” means budgeted dollars intended for student financial aid, including allocations for such funds from state appropriations and funds generated from registration fees.”

In response to the observations and recommendations documented in the Legislative Counsel Bureau’s audit report, UNLV reviewed student fee account activity to ensure compliance with Board fee policies. This review identified an unintentional oversight in the fee distribution of the UNLV School of Dental Medicine registration fees. The registration fee distribution for the FY24-FY25 biennium did not comply with the Board’s requirement that 15% of the registration fee be allocated to student Access scholarships.

At the December 12, 2023 Board of Regents meeting, UNLV requested this proposed revision to the Procedures and Guidelines Manual to retroactively correct this oversight. The Board requested UNLV re-evaluate the retroactive adjustment and return to the January meeting for reconsideration of the fee allocation correction to be effective FY25. UNLV thus requests this proposed revision to comply with Board policy and increase Student Access to 15% with an effective date of July 1, 2024 (FY25) in response to Board discussion. While the revised fee distribution does not change the fees paid by students, there is a budgetary impact for the School of Dental Medicine. The revised allocation will shift approximately \$1.3 million fee revenue from the state operating budget to student access funds. UNLV Dental Medicine will cover this gap with self supporting dollars and other measures to ensure students have the proper amount of program financial aid.

UNLV is requesting the approval of an amendment to the Procedures and Guidelines Manual, Chapter 7, Section 21 to the following distribution:

2024-25 Total General Fund reducing to \$11,511 and increasing Student Access to \$2,114.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

UNLV President Keith E. Whitfield requests approval to amend Procedures and Guidelines Manual Chapter 7, Section 21 to redistribute the Registration Fee to meet minimum Student Access as required in Board Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 8 (B).

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

UNLV has recently found a discrepancy between the Board approved Procedures and Guidelines Manual, Chapter 7, Section 21 and the Board Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 8 (B). This will increase access to Dental students for the current biennium and align the two policies.

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 adjustment will increase funding to Student Access for Dental students allowing additional financial assistance increasing their access and success in the program.

6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

UNLV estimates this will shift approximately \$1.3m from the state operating budget to student access supporting the financial needs of our students and to align with Board policy.

7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

This will have a negative impact on the state operating budget and create a gap on the state budget to actual revenue.

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

The Board does not approve the distribution change, and UNLV will have a documented exception to the mandatory 15% access funds distribution.

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE:

The Chancellor’s Office recommends approval.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 18 Section # 8(B)
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #7 Section #21
 Other: _____
 Fiscal Impact: Yes No _____

Explain: There will be a decrease of the state operating budget by approximately \$1.3m. UNLV Dental Medicine will cover this gap with self supporting dollars to ensure students have the proper amount of program financial aid.

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

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

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:

	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
REGISTRATION FEE				
Total General Fund	\$12,463.00	\$12,463.00	\$12,798.00	<i>\$11,511.00</i> [\$13,142.00]
General Improvement	132.00	132.00	132.00	132.00
Capital Improvement	112.00	112.00	112.00	112.00
Activities & Programs	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00
Student Access	483.00	483.00	483.00	<i>2,114.00</i> [483.00]
Student Association	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Student Surcharge	0	0	0	0
New Financial Aid Fee	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00
Total Registration Fee	\$13,414.00	\$13,414.00	\$13,749.00	\$14,093.00

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.

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