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Dear Dr. Shine:

Attached you will find the tuition and fee draft proposal for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The proposal reflects increases in designated and differential tuition rates, a cadaver fee and course fees for the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program. The Student Leadership Council played a critical role in the preparation of the proposal. Since mid-November, the Council met on four occasions with John Roan and Wes Norred, vice president for student & alumni affairs, to discuss possible increases in tuition and fees. The Student Leadership Council was asked to contribute their thoughts, ideas, and concerns. Both internal and external data regarding long term trends in instructional costs, State funding, and peer institution tuition were analyzed and presented. Attached is the student resolution outlining and endorsing the process related to this proposal.

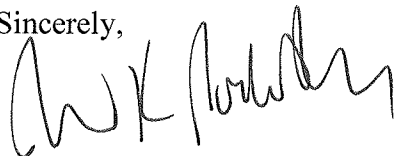
The proposed increase in designated tuition will result in an additional \$1 million dollars per year net of mandatory and voluntary set-asides for financial aid. These funds will be allocated to enhance student services including support for the expansion of academic support services for tutoring, establishing a global health program for study abroad, increased student health services, and infrastructure support for classrooms. Tuition costs at UT Southwestern Medical Center fall below both the national average and 25th percentile of public medical schools. This coupled with reduced State funding and increased instructional costs requires increasing tuition rates in order to stay competitive with other medical institutions and the continuation of providing superior instruction to students. In addition to tuition set-asides as required by statute, UT Southwestern has voluntarily committed increased grant and scholarship resources commensurate with the requested tuition and fee increase that will be made directly available to eligible students. As a result of comparatively low tuition and fees, prudent fiscal responsibility that is instilled in the students receiving financial aid, and appropriate awarding of grant and scholarship resources, UT Southwestern Medical School graduates accumulate a significantly lower medical school debt than the public medical school counterparts around the US (35% below the national average). It is expected that these increased grant and scholarship resources will offset the impact of institutional affordability, particularly for students of modest means.

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Additionally, UT Southwestern is requesting an increase in differential tuition in the amount of \$50 per credit hour for its Physical Therapy Doctorate Program in the School of Health Professions for Fall 2010 and 2011. The resultant increase in revenue projected for FY 2011 and FY 2012 is estimated at \$155,600 each year. The implementation of a differential tuition rate along with increased course fees result from 16 hours of coursework added to the curriculum as compared to the Master of Physical Therapy program. These increases reflect the necessary change in laboratory hours, course content and current market rates for this program. Dr. Patricia Smith, Department Chair of the Physical Therapy Program, met with students enrolled in the PT program to discuss the proposed addition of the differential tuition rate and course fees.

The final proposal due to your office in February will not exceed the amounts listed in the attachment. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,



Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.

Enclosure

Annual Cost to a Full-Time Resident Student

	Southwestern Medical School (37 hours per year)		Southwestern Graduate School and School of Health Professions Masters Program (24 hours per year)	
	Actual 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11	Actual 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11
Statutory Tuition	\$ 6,550	\$ 6,550	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Differential Tuition (1)	-	-	1,200	1,200
Designated Tuition	6,660	7,660	2,400	2,952
Mandatory Fees	1,430	1,430	1,310	1,310
Total Cost:	\$ 14,640	\$ 15,640	\$ 6,110	\$ 6,662
Year-Over-Year Change in Total Cost		\$1,000 6.8%	\$264 4.3%	\$288 4.5%

	Southwestern School of Health Professions Undergraduate Program (30 hours per year)		Southwestern School of Health Professions Physician Assistant Masters Program (45 hours per year)		Southwestern School of Health Professions Physical Therapy Doctorate Program (40 hours per year)	
	Actual 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11	Actual 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11	Actual 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11
Statutory Tuition	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Differential Tuition	-	-	2,250	2,250	-	2,000
Designated Tuition	2,040	2,250	4,500	4,995	4,000	4,440
Mandatory Fees	1,235	1,235	1,356	1,356	1,310	1,310
Total Cost:	\$ 4,775	\$ 4,985	\$ 10,356	\$ 10,851	\$ 7,310	\$ 9,750
Year-Over-Year Change in Total Cost		\$210 4.4%	\$495 4.8%	\$540 5.0%	\$2,440 33.4%	\$480 4.9%

Notes:

(1) Differential Tuition applies to Biomedical Engineering courses only.

Course Specific Fees

	Actual 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11	Proposed 2010-11 vs. Actual 2009-10	Proposed 2011-12	Proposed 2011-12 vs. Proposed 2010-11
Graduate School:					
Dissection Lab Fee (per course):					
BME 5308	\$ 320	\$ 380	60	\$ 380	\$ -
School of Allied Health:					
Dissection Lab Fee (per course):					
HCS 4309	\$ 320	\$ 380	60	\$ 380	\$ -
HCS 5309	\$ 320	\$ 380	60	\$ 380	\$ -
Physical Therapy Course Fee:					
DPT 5138	-	\$ 5	5	\$ 5	\$ -
DPT 5140	-	\$ 60	60	\$ 60	\$ -
DPT 5151	-	\$ 30	30	\$ 30	\$ -
DPT 5217	-	\$ 12	12	\$ 12	\$ -
DPT 5218	-	\$ 20	20	\$ 20	\$ -
DPT 5235 / MPT 5221	32	\$ 35	3	\$ 35	\$ -
DPT 5304	-	\$ 20	20	\$ 20	\$ -
DPT 5306	-	\$ 35	35	\$ 35	\$ -
DPT 5320 / MPT 5220	17	\$ 30	13	\$ 30	\$ -
DPT 5330 / MPT 5230	12	\$ 20	8	\$ 20	\$ -
DPT 5341 / MPT 5241	12	\$ 30	18	\$ 30	\$ -

UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Student Resolution for Tuition and Fee Proposal For Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012

Since the middle of November, the Student Leadership Council has been meeting with Mr. John Roan, executive vice president for business affairs, and Mr. Wes Norred, vice president for student & alumni affairs, to discuss a possible increase in designated tuition.

These meetings had four components:

1. To give the administration the opportunity to provide background information about the UT Southwestern budget including both sources of funds and expenditures.
2. To learn from student leaders what information would enable them to best participate in a discussion regarding a tuition or fee increase.
3. To engage in a discussion in which the administration can describe noteworthy expenses in the past two years with direct or indirect benefits, the financial and operational justification for consideration of a tuition increase, as well as the cost saving steps taken to keep such an increase to a minimum.
4. To solicit student input to inform a decision about a tuition increase and to identify priorities for funding in subsequent years.

Tuition increases are not undertaken lightly and both the administration and the Student Leadership Council together made a concerted effort to give this full consideration. The amount of the increase was proposed by the administration. The Student Leadership Council was not asked to vote on the amount but was asked to endorse the process. The administration made a focused effort to work with the Student Leadership Council and was responsive to questions and suggestions.

Approved by consensus of the Student Leadership Council
January 26, 2010