

Academic Affairs Committee
BRIEFING COMMENTS
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TUITION AND FEES

OVERVIEW

A briefing paper on tuition and fees describing statutory authorizations and amounts of fees and comparison of tuition and fees for U. T. institutions with other public institutions was provided to the new Regents at their orientation. I'll send a copy of that document to all of you.

For today, as background to the seven items in this agenda, I will give a brief overview.

Authority for college and university governing boards to approve the assessment of fees and charges is contained in various sections of the Texas Education Code.

TUITION

Basic tuition for all programs is set by statute

- Base amount for regular programs for **resident** students:
 - \$24 per semester credit hour this year (1992-93)
 - \$26 per SCH next year (1993-94); then,
 - \$2 per year increase until it reaches maximum of
 - \$32 per SCH for 1996-97
- **Nonresident** tuition is based on a calculation by the Coordinating Board of the "Cost of Education"
 - Coordinating Board calculation is arrived at by dividing the total of Education and General appropriation and other E&G income by the total semester credit hours for all Texas public general academic institutions
 - That amount is \$162 per SCH for 1992-93 and 1993-94
- Separate tuition rates are established for **law, medical and dental** programs; current statutory rates are:

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>
• Law	\$60 per SCH	\$150 per SCH
• Medical	\$6,550 per year	\$19,650 per year
• Dental	\$5,400 per year	\$16,200 per year

Differential tuition for graduate programs:

- Governing boards are also authorized to set "differential tuition" rates for graduate programs (See attached table for rates approved for U. T. institutions. Proposed rates for U. T. Arlington and U. T. Dallas are shaded in the table. Others were approved previously.)
 - Differential tuition may not be more than twice the statutory (base) amount
 - The differential tuition rates do not have to be the same for all programs at an individual institution
 - The differential rates for any given program at one institution do not have to be the same for the same or similar programs at other component institutions
- The proposals before you for increases in differential tuition rates for U. T. Arlington and U. T. Dallas also include a request for Regental authorization for future increases to be approved by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and then included in the docket for ratification
 - This approach will make it easier to adjust rates as the base (statutory) rate goes up each year for the next four years and as the cost of education (as calculated by the Coordinating Board) changes.
 - As other components seek Regental approval for increases in differential tuition, the same authorization for approval of future increases will be included

DIFFERENTIAL GRADUATE TUITION RATES AT U. T. SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS

<u>INSTITUTIONS</u> Schools or Colleges	1992-93 Resident/ Nonresident	1993-94 Resident/ Nonresident
U. T. ARLINGTON		
Architecture, Business Administration, Engineering, Nursing, Social Work, Teacher Education, Urban and Public Affairs	<u>\$ 48</u> \$172	<u>\$ 52</u> \$188
U. T. AUSTIN		
Communications, Education, Fine Arts, Liberal Arts, Library and Information Science, Natural Sciences, Nursing, Social Work, Business (Ph.D. program)	<u>\$ 36</u> \$172	<u>\$ 52</u> \$182
Architecture, Engineering, Pharmacy	<u>\$ 48</u> \$172	<u>\$ 52</u> \$182
Business (MBA, MPA, PPA)	<u>\$ 48</u> \$180	<u>\$ 52</u> \$192
Law	<u>\$120</u> \$240	<u>\$120</u> \$260
U. T. BROWNSVILLE		
All Programs		<u>\$ 36</u> \$174
U. T. DALLAS		
Arts and Humanities, General Studies, Human Development, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Social Sciences	<u>\$ 36</u> \$172	<u>\$ 39</u> \$182
Engineering/Computer Science, Management	<u>\$ 48</u> \$172	<u>\$ 52</u> \$182
U. T. EL PASO		
Business Administration, Engineering	<u>\$ 48</u> \$172	<u>\$ 48</u> \$172
Nursing and Allied Health	<u>\$ 42</u> \$172	<u>\$ 42</u> \$172
U. T. SAN ANTONIO		
Business, Fine Arts and Humanities, Sciences and Engineering, Social/Behavioral Sciences	<u>\$ 48</u> \$172	<u>\$ 48</u> \$172

NOTE: Rates for U. T. Arlington and U. T. Dallas (shaded areas) for 1993-94 are pending approval by the Board at the April 1993 meeting.

Various fees and charges are also subject to approval by governing boards, including:

- **Mandatory student services fees**

- Current statutory ceiling is \$150 per semester or summer session; covers such things as recreational activities, student publications, student government, other student activities and services
- Each campus must have a Student Service Fee Advisory Committee composed of a majority of students and the Committee recommends to the president which programs are to be funded and the proposed fee rates
- The statute requires this fee to be prorated for students taking less than a full-time course load, but does not define a full load
- Various U. T. general academic institutions reach the maximum fee at different levels, from 9 hours up to 15 hours
- If the proposed maximum rate increases more than 10%, the law requires student approval either by a majority vote by the student government or by a student election

- **Optional student services fees**

- Students may choose whether or not to pay the optional fees
- Examples include yearbooks, athletic activity fees, fine arts programs, literary magazines
- The Student Service Fee Advisory Committee also recommends programs which may be included and the proposed rates
- Some specific fees are authorized for individual campuses, such as a student union fee, recreational sports fee, shuttle bus fee
 - These fees usually will not receive support in the legislature unless students have clearly demonstrated support for the fee
 - Several new fees for some U. T. components are being sought in this legislature, including:
 - U. T. Dallas - increase student union fee
 - U. T. El Paso - establish recreation facilities fee
 - U. T. Pan American - increase student union fee
 - U. T. San Antonio - establish recreation facilities fee
- Authorization for a medical services fee that is separate from the student services fees is also being sought via the legislature; amount could not exceed \$55 per semester or summer session.

- **Other statutory fees** include such items as:
 - General Fee may not exceed \$12 per SCH; currently, U. T. Arlington, U. T. Dallas, U. T. El Paso, and U. T. San Antonio are authorized to charge \$10, with the others at \$12--fee is designed to provide for cost of providing facilities, activities and operations and may be pledged to pay for bonds for construction and rehabilitation of facilities [Texas Education Code, Chapter 55].
 - Laboratory fees of not less than \$2 nor more than \$30 must be charged for equipment and supplies associated with laboratory courses such as chemistry and biology; amounts may not exceed actual cost of materials and supplies used by the students; handled via docket [Texas Education Code, Section 54.501(a)].
 - Incidental fees such as diploma fee, library fines, advising fee, placement fee, computer services fee must reasonably reflect actual cost of service and may not overlap with a laboratory fee for the same purpose; handled via docket [Texas Education Code, Section 54.504 and others].
 - Supplemental fees include charges over and above regular tuition for individual coaching or instruction in such courses as art, architecture, drama, speech or music; charges ranges from \$10 to \$100; handled via docket [Texas Education Code, Section 54.051(1)].
 - Parking permit fees and enforcement fees; the U. T. Tyler agenda item relates to parking permits; parking permit fees may not be mandatory [Texas Education Code, Section 54.505(a)].