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PROPOSED 2015-2016 COMMON AND UNIVERSITY / PROGRAM SPECIFIC FEES

Actions Requested:

- ▶ Consider the proposed changes to common and university/program specific fees for the 2015-2016 academic year. These proposed changes are highlighted in blue in the spreadsheets on pages 2-5; justifications may be found on pages 6-14; and
- ▶ Authorize the Executive Director to file the notice of intent to amend Iowa Administrative Rules §681-1.7 for the University of Northern Iowa to increase application fees for Graduate/Professional Students as shown below:
 - ◆ Graduate/Professional Domestic Student \$50 to \$60
 - ◆ Graduate/Professional International Student \$70 to \$75

Executive Summary: Separate from tuition and mandatory fees, students may pay one or more fees as presented in this memorandum for the direct costs associated with using additional miscellaneous services. These fees are based on students' programs, interests, or needs and are applied only if students use them.

All proposed changes for the 2015-2016 academic year include justifications, which may be found on pages 6-14 in this memorandum. Glossaries of all fees may be found on line with Agenda Item 10 at <http://www.regents.iowa.gov/Meetings/DocketMemos/10Memos/October2014/>.

Final Board approval is required prior to implementation of the fee changes. In addition, the Administrative Rules Committee must approve UNI's proposed change to its application fees since these fees are specified in the Iowa Administrative Code. If authorized as requested above, the Executive Director will prepare and file the notice to begin that process.

Board action on these fees is scheduled for the December meeting. Adoption of these fees are subject to revision at a later date if cost recovery is different than the original estimate.

Background:

Regent Policy Manual §8.04: (1) requires that the Board review and approve all new institutional or college-wide fees over \$1 per semester and all departmental fees over \$10 per semester; and (2) encourages the three universities to work together to establish common titles and amounts for fees. Some differences in fee titles and amounts may remain because of the unique nature of some programs and services at each institution.

Iowa Code §262.9(19) requires the Board to take action no sooner than 30 days after notification of the proposed fee changes to presiding officers of each student government organization at each affected institution. Written notification of the proposed fee changes will be sent to the student government president at each of the universities.

Iowa Administrative Code §681-1.7 requires that application fees be modified through the Iowa Administrative Rules process. The Board Office prepares and files the proper filings with the Administrative Rules Committee.