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PROPOSED TUITION POLICY

Action Requested:

Consider adopting the revised tuition and related fees policy for use in determining tuition and fees for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Executive Summary:

Board leadership appointed a Tuition Task Force to evaluate Regent tuition policies. The Task Force participants included: Regent Teresa Wahlert, Regent Jenny Rokes, President Greg Geoffroy (ISU), President David Skorton (SUI), President Robert Koob (UNI), and Greg Nichols.

The following proposal is brought forward for immediate Board review and action:

C. Principles for Setting Tuition and Related Fees

The following principles will be used to set tuition and related fees at the three public universities governed by the Board of Regents for the years FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009, consistent with its Partnership Plan for Transformation and Excellence:

1. Tuition Categories:

- a. Resident Undergraduate Students
- b. Resident Graduate Students
- c. Nonresident Undergraduate Students
- d. Nonresident Graduate Students
- e. Resident Professional Students
- f. Nonresident Professional Students

2. On an annual basis, the Board of Regents will consider tuition and fee proposals suggested by each university president for the following academic year at their university.

3. Within each tuition category, each university president will have sufficient flexibility, with appropriate justification, to recommend differential levels of tuition and fees for all students at their university or for subcategories of students, consistent with Regent and institutional strategic goals, based on student classification level, program of study, or other relevant criteria.

4. The Board will use, as a benchmark in evaluating university-proposed tuition and fee increases, an inflationary percentage range of the projected HEPI (Higher Education Price Index) as determined by the University of Iowa's Institute for Economic Research, in consultation with economists at Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa.

5. University Tuition and Fee Proposals

Prior to submitting tuition and fee proposals to the Board Office for review and analysis, each university president must:

- a. Ensure that tuition and fee proposals are discussed on campus with the elected leadership of faculty, staff, and student organizations.
- b. Keep the other two university presidents fully informed throughout the development process of tuition and fee requests.

- c. Use the HEPI benchmark as a guide to Board expectations for rates increases, absent adverse changes in the overall fiscal environment for the university.
 - d. Provide clear explanation and justification for all tuition and fee requests.
 - e. Any mandatory fee proposal higher than the median of the HEPI range and earmarked for specific non-academic student benefits should also include the endorsement of students and identification of the specific uses and duration of the fee.
 - f. Provide specific documentation of the university strategic goals and objectives related to the tuition and fee proposals.
 - g. Tuition for nonresident undergraduate students should, at a minimum, cover the full cost of their education at each Regent university.
 - h. Provide at least the minimum required 15% gross tuition proceeds set-aside for student financial aid.
6. All initial proposed tuition increases, changes in mandatory student fees, and tuition-related miscellaneous charges must be submitted and presented for the Board's consideration at the same Board meeting.