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Subject: REACH Fees - Follow up from the October Board meeting

Regents:

In response to discussion at the October Board meeting on REACH Program fees, attached is further detail provided by the University of Iowa.



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Background

UI REACH is a two-year, transition program for students with multiple intellectual, cognitive, and learning disabilities. UI REACH provides a campus experience to empower young adults to become independent, engaged members of the community. Courses, campus life, and career preparation assist students in reaching their full potential. Post-graduation support assists students as they transition to work and self-sufficiency.

Financial Assistance

The UI is committed to raising scholarship funds through the matching Golden Pledge program. In addition, the UI has requested a freeze in application, acceptance, and the two-year program fees for resident and non-resident REACH students entering the program in AY 2014-15.

The Greater Des Moines Foundation also provides need-based scholarships for students. The amount varies by year, but AY 2013-14 awards totaled \$150,900. Additional scholarship funds are available from the UI Foundation, including Golden Pledge scholarships. In AY 2012-13, eight Iowa resident UI REACH students received a total of \$90,300 in need-based aid, an average of \$11,288 per student.

UI REACH Annual Program Costs (AY 2013-14)

| Related Annual Costs | Iowa Residents | Non-Residents |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Processing Fee | \$40 | \$40 |
| Acceptance Fee | \$450 ¹ | \$450 |
| UI REACH Program Fee/Tuition | \$14,083 ² | \$31,338 ³ |
| University Student Fees | \$1,379 | \$1,379 |
| Room (double, AC, bath), 20-meals/week plan | \$9,366 | \$9,366 |

The UI REACH Program fee/tuition appearing in the Board of Regents docket item is a two-year program fee, (i.e., \$28,166 for residents (2 x \$14,083) and \$62,676 (2 x 31,338) for non-residents). UI REACH programming entails extra expenses related to the special population of students they serve:

- Students receive weeknight and weekend mentoring, events and activity programming
- Program supports four specially-trained residence hall assistants. UI REACH resident assistants (RAs) - undergraduate student staff - live in the UI REACH hall community, attend activities with our students, support students in their transition, and handle situations that may arise in the hall. UI REACH RAs are available on evenings and weekends. A professional UI REACH staff member is on-call 24 hours a day.
- Admission process is much more complex for REACH students compared to non-REACH students and includes interviews and assessments
- Residence hall student-staff ratio (10:1) is much lower than for non-REACH students living in UI residence halls (42:1).

¹ \$300 of this fee is credited to tuition if student matriculates.

² Undergraduate resident tuition for non-REACH students is \$6,678.

³ Undergraduate non-resident tuition for non-REACH students is \$25,548.