

FY 2018 Tuition and Fee Rates for the School of Medicine MD Program

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors adopt a base tuition rate increase that freezes tuition rates at the FY 2017 level for all School of Medicine MD programs for FY 2018, except for the non-resident tuition M1 class. The rates for the M1 non-resident class have already been approved by the BOG. These rates decreased by -13%.

It is further recommended that all Student Medical School Support fees (annual fee) remain at their FY 2017 respective levels and the Student Service Fee (per credit hour) remain at its FY 2017 respective levels.

It is further recommended that for all students, a flat tuition charge be implemented for all students taking 40 or more credit hours on an annual basis.

As part of this resolution, the Board of Governors authorizes the President or his designee to make adjustments to the rates for special programs or where otherwise appropriate.

Background Information

Proposed FY 2018 Tuition and Fee Rates

Over the last several years, the Board of Governors has taken action on the School of Medicine MD program tuition and fee rates prior to approving rates for other University programs. This course of action allows the School of Medicine to better coordinate enrollment and financial aid activities in line with the MD program's academic year, which starts in late June. For FY 2018, the MD tuition and fee rates are proposed to remain frozen at their FY 2017 amounts for all students except M1 non-resident students. Non-Resident tuition rates for Year 1 students were approved at the January 2017 Board Meeting. All future MD student rates will be subject to rate increases as approved by the Board of Governors in that fiscal year.

To summarize, tuition and fee rates in relation to the student's 2016-17 class status are charged as follows (for a student taking 40 credit hours or less):

- Year 1 students—Resident 0% increase; Non-Resident -13% previously approved
- Year 2 students—Resident 0% increase; Non-Resident 0% increase
- Year 3 students—Resident 0% increase; Non-Resident 0% increase
- Year 4 students—Resident 0% increase; Non-Resident 0% increase
- All students will pay a flat tuition rate for any one taking more than 40 or more credit hours on an annual basis. (see table 3 for tuition rate structure)

MD students, like other Wayne State students, pay a University-wide Student Services Fee (the formerly named Omnibus Fee) for student technology and other services. This proposal includes:

- Year 1-- Student Services Fee of \$24.60 per credit hour
- Year 2-- Student Services Fee of \$24.60 per credit hour.
- Year 3--Student Services Fee of \$24.00 per credit hour
- Year 4--Student Services Fee of \$23.00 per credit hour
 - Note: This fee will now be annualized for all students taking 40 or more credit hours for all students.

In addition, the School of Medicine also recommends that the Medical Student Support Fee remain at \$860.50. This annual fee is used to fund microscope rentals, photocopy expenses, teaching materials, National Board examination fees and other course-related expenses. This proposed rate would be applicable to Year 1 and Year 2 students only; Year 3 students would pay \$839.50 and Year 4 students would pay \$823.00 as a carryover from previous tuition freezes.

The following schedule of credit hour and fee rates reflects these recommendations.

CREDIT HOUR ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDED SOM MD TUITION RATES

Table 1:

| Category | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
|---|----------|----------|
| Resident | | |
| --Tuition (per credit) Year 1 only | \$636.75 | \$636.75 |
| --Tuition (per credit) Year 2 only | \$636.75 | \$636.75 |
| --Tuition (per credit) Year 3 only | \$621.25 | \$621.25 |
| --Tuition (per credit) Year 4 only | \$609.05 | \$609.05 |
| --Student Services Fee (per credit) Year 1 and Year 2 | \$24.60 | \$24.60 |
| --Student Services Fee (per credit) Year 3 only | \$24.00 | \$24.00 |
| --Student Services Fee (per credit) Year 4 only | \$23.00 | \$23.00 |
| --Student Medical School Support Fee (annual) Year 1 and 2 only | \$860.50 | \$860.50 |
| --Student Medical School Support Fee (annual) Year 3 only | \$839.50 | \$839.50 |
| --Student Medical School Support Fee (annual) Year 4 only | \$823.00 | \$823.00 |

(table continued below)

Table 2:

| Category | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Non-Resident | | |
| --Tuition (per credit) Year 1 only | Previously | Approved |
| --Tuition (per credit) Year 2 only | \$1,325.10 | \$1,325.10 |
| --Tuition (per credit) Year 3 only | \$1,292.80 | \$1,292.80 |
| --Tuition (per credit) and 4 only | \$1,267.45 | \$1,267.45 |
| --Student Services Fee (per credit) Year 1 and Year 2 | \$24.60 | \$24.60 |
| --Student Services Fee (per credit) Year 3 only | \$24.00 | \$24.00 |
| --Student Services Fee (per credit) Year 4 only | \$23.00 | \$23.00 |
| --Student Medical School Support Fee (annual) Year 1 and 2 only | \$860.50 | \$860.50 |
| --Student Medical School Support Fee (annual) Year 3 only | \$839.50 | \$839.50 |
| --Student Medical School Support Fee (annual) Year 4 only | \$823.00 | \$823.00 |

**TABLE 3: ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDED ANNUAL SOM MD TUITION AND FEES
EXAMPLE FOR YEAR 2 STUDENTS TAKING 40 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS**

| Residency | FY 2017 Tuition & Fees | Recommended FY 2018 Tuition & Fees | \$\$ Change | % Change |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------|-------------|
| Resident | \$33,928.00 | \$33,928.00 | \$0 | 0.0% |
| Non-Resident | \$68,345.50 | \$68,345.50 | \$0 | 0.0% |

For a number of years, Wayne State has limited tuition and fee increases for the MD Program in an effort to bring those rates more in line with other medical schools and also to address the very high level of student debt held by student completing the program. The University believes that the pilot project holding the tuition and fee rates flat for future years addressed this issue and allows medical students and their families to plan with

certainty regarding future academic costs. This action along with the previously approved action of reducing the non-resident tuition rates of the incoming class has brought the WSU School of Medicine tuition rates into alignment with national averages.

In addition, the University will continue the policy that students failing a course will be responsible for only paying a one-time fee to repeat. This fee would not exceed \$2,500 for each repeated course in lieu of tuition and it is not dependent upon the number of credit hours associated with a course. This is needed because many of the courses have a significant number of credit hours associated with them. Only 5 of the 32 courses in medical school are three credit hours. Two of the courses, Anatomy and Pathophysiology, for example, are 12 and 18 credits respectively, and unfortunately have the highest failure rate. There the School of Medicine has instituted a flat fee rather than have the students pay a per credit hour charge for a repeated class.

Finally, this tuition recommendation applies only to students enrolled in the School of Medicine MD program and is not an indication of rates for the general student body or an obligation by the Board of Governors regarding the rates that will be set for the rest of the University's programs in June 2017.