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FY 2018 Non-Resident Tuition Rates for the School of Medicine MD Program (1st Year Students Only)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors adopt a base non-resident tuition rate decrease of -13.3% for the School of Medicine MD program for FY 2017 for incoming non-resident students only.

Tuition rates and all other fees for all other MD students (both resident and non-resident) will be approved at the March 24, 2017 Board meeting.

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 Year 1 Non-Resident Tuition and Fee Rates

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 on July 1st. In addition, with this proposed decrease for non-resident students, this will allow the School of Medicine additional time to market these changes to prospective students. For FY 2018, the MD non-resident tuition rates are proposed to decrease by -13.3%. This decrease will apply to incoming Year 1 non-resident MD program students only. In addition, this decrease will put the Wayne State University non-resident rates closer to the national average which is approximately \$57,000.

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

CREDIT HOUR ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDED SOM MD TUITION RATES

Category	FY 2017	FY 2018	\$ Change
Non-Resident			
--Tuition (per credit) Year 1 only	\$1,325.10	\$1,148.00	(\$177.10)

**ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDED ANNUAL SOM MD TUITION
(FOR YEAR 1 STUDENT)**

Residency	FY 2017 Tuition & Fees	Recommended FY 2018 Tuition & Fees	\$\$ Change	% Change
Non-Resident	\$66,255	\$57,400	-\$8,855	-13.3%

In addition, many students in the medical school also incur additional costs when failing a course and are required to repeat. A primary cause for this increased debt is the large number of credit hours associated with the medical school courses. Only 5 of the 32 courses in medical school are three credit hours. Two of the courses, Anatomy and Pathophysiology are 12 and 18 credits respectively, and unfortunately have the highest failure rate. To alleviate this additional debt, the University will continue the policy that students failing a course would be responsible for 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 recommendation applies only to 1st year non-resident students enrolled in the School of Medicine MD program and is not an indication of rates for other students in the School of Medicine or 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 later this year.