

ITEM FOR ACTION

RE: Authorization to Adjust Summer Term Tuition and Fee Tables

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Utah State University seeks approval to implement small but meaningful changes in the structure of its summer tuition and fee tables. This is in response to repeated requests from students as well as surveys of current students. A university task force was formed to determine the feasibility of implementing changes to make summer courses more affordable for students enrolled in one or two classes, but especially for those enrolled in just one class.

1. Change to Effective Date of Annual Tuition Increases

The university has historically followed a Summer-Fall-Spring approach in applying any board-approved tuition increases. The university is seeking approval to change to a Fall-Spring-Summer approach, meaning any tuition rate increase approved by the Board of Trustees and the Utah Board of Higher Education (traditionally at the March meeting) will take effect in the subsequent Fall term. The Utah Board of Higher Education has given institutions the option of selecting which structure it will follow. This change will allow the university to publish its Summer term tuition schedule much earlier in the year, which will make a meaningful impact in the university's ability to market its Summer course offerings.

This change will impact all tuition tables.

2. Change in Rates Below the Plateau

The second change requested by the university is a reduction in the rates at the lower credit hour levels. Tuition and fees will remain flat at the plateau levels. The price at the 3 credit hour level, as well as the 6 credit hour level (where the majority of Summer students enroll), has been a barrier. The proposed structure will lower the cost to students who register for less than 12 credit hours, as illustrated in the attached table. Logan undergraduate students at the 3 credit hour level will realize savings of \$500 while those at the 6 credit hour level will see savings of \$333. Statewide undergraduate students will see savings of \$341 and \$228 at the 3 credit hour and 6 credit hour levels respectively. The savings difference for Statewide students reflects the fact that Statewide students pay the same tuition as Logan students but already pay a lower amount for student fees. Nearly 90% of students who enroll in Summer courses enroll in fewer than 10 credit hours.

These recommendations are consistent with the wishes of the student body as assessed in several recent surveys of current students.

The changes will not affect the following tuition and fee tables:

- Price/Blanding/Moab with 65 or fewer earned credits,
- out of state online,
- technical education, and
- veterinary medicine

Illustration of Proposed Changes – USU Summer Tuition and Fee Schedules

Logan Undergraduate			
Credits	Current	Proposed	Change
3	\$1,631	\$1,131	-\$500
6	\$2,514	\$2,181	-\$333
9	\$3,397	\$3,230	-\$167
12 (Plateau)	\$4,280	\$4,280	\$0

Logan Graduate			
Credits	Current	Proposed	Change
3	\$1,850	\$1,298	-\$552
6	\$2,882	\$2,514	-\$368
9	\$3,914	\$3,730	-\$184
12 (Plateau)	\$4,946	\$4,946	\$0

Statewide Undergraduate			
Credits	Current	Proposed	Change
3	\$1,481	\$1,140	-\$341
6	\$2,345	\$2,117	-\$228
9	\$3,208	\$3,094	-\$114
12 (Plateau)	\$4,071	\$4,071	\$0

Statewide Graduate			
Credits	Current	Proposed	Change
3	\$1,700	\$1,306	-\$394
6	\$2,712	\$2,450	-\$262
9	\$3,725	\$3,594	-\$131
12 (Plateau)	\$4,738	\$4,738	\$0