



Resolution No. 2014.06/17
FY2015 Student Tuition, Fees and
Room and Board Rates

Resolution

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University has the authority to approve tuition, mandatory fees and room and board rates, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University recognizes the increasingly important role that revenue from tuition and fees plays in ensuring educational excellence and innovation, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University is committed to maintaining access to and the affordability of its high quality programs:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2015 student tuition, fees and room and board rates contained herein.

Board Action on: _____	Postpone: _____
Motion by: _____	Amend: _____
Second by: _____	Disapprove: _____
Vote: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____	Approve: _____

ATTEST: Board Action, June 6, 2014

Secretary/Chairperson

**Board of Trustees
Illinois State University
FY2015 Student Tuition, Fees, and Room and Board Rates**

Illinois State University is committed to excellence in higher education, as evidenced by the University's placement in the top 100 public universities in the country by *U.S. News and World Report's* Guide to Colleges and Universities. It is also recognized nationally as a good value as our students graduate with much lower debt and default rates than state and national averages. In addition, the University strives to maintain student accessibility despite the difficult economic environment of the State of Illinois and a continued decline in state funding. In FY2014, the University committed \$11 million to supplement shortages in state Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant funding.

In order to maintain education quality and student affordability, a moderate 2.05 percent undergraduate tuition increase is proposed. This will allow the University to continue to meet financial aid obligations, recruit and retain personnel, maintain facilities and manage the general operating needs of the campus.

Undergraduate Tuition

New In-State Students in 2014-15. Illinois State University requests authority to charge new, in-state undergraduate students \$349 per student credit hour for the 2014-15 academic year (FY2015.) This rate is \$7 more per student credit hour, or 2.05 percent, than was charged to new in-state students in the 2013-14 academic year. However, the "Truth-in-Tuition" statute guarantees that these students will continue to pay this rate through summer of 2018. As such, this recommended rate change equates to an average annual increase of .51 percent over the four-year period.

New Out-of-State Students in 2014-15. Illinois State University requests authority to charge new out-of-state undergraduate students \$602 per student credit hour, or an increase of 2.03 percent, for the 2014-15 academic year (FY2015). This rate is \$12 more per student credit hour than was charged new out-of-state students in 2013-14. As with in-state students, these students will continue to pay this rate through summer of 2018. As such, this recommended rate change equates to an average annual increase of .50 percent over the four-year period. However, under the Enrollment Competitiveness Program approved by the Board at its February 17, 2012 meeting, selected entering high-achieving/talented out-of-state students or students residing in states contiguous to Illinois will be eligible to pay the in-state tuition rate.

Table 1 shows the eight undergraduate rates that are proposed for the 2014-15 academic year.

Table 1 ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Undergraduate Tuition Per Credit Hour		
<u>Cohort</u>	<u>In State</u>	<u>Out of State</u>
New Undergraduates Fall 2014	\$349	\$602
New Undergraduates Fall 2013	\$342	\$590
New Undergraduates Fall 2012	\$335	\$578
New Undergraduates Fall 2011	\$321	\$553

Graduate Tuition

In-State Graduate Students in 2014-15. Illinois State University requests authority to charge in-state graduate students \$360 per student credit hour for the 2014-15 academic year. This rate is \$15 more per student credit hour, or 4.3%, than 2013-14 rates. The increase is part of a multi-year plan to bring greater

parity between undergraduate and graduate tuition rates at the University, in recognition of the typically higher cost of graduate instruction. The “Truth-in-Tuition” statute does not apply to graduate tuition rates.

Out-of-State Graduate Students in 2014-15. Illinois State University requests authority to charge new out-of-state graduate students \$747 per student credit hour for the 2014-15 academic year. This rate is \$31 more per student credit hour, or 4.3%, than 2013-14 rates.

Mandatory Student Fees

In conjunction with the implementation of “Truth-in-Tuition”, the University elected to extend the four-year guarantee to include mandatory student fees. This further assures students and parents that a major portion of the cost of attendance will not change from year to year. Mandatory Student Fees are assessed for all students on a per credit hour basis whether undergraduate or graduate status. Each fee is assessed for a specific operational service and/or program. Examples include such things as general activities, Bone Student Center, health services, athletic facilities and services, recreational facilities and services, campus enhancements, instructional support as well as grant-in-aid and student-to-student grants.

Illinois State University requests authority to charge mandatory fees to all new students of \$78.66 per credit hour for the 2014-15 academic year. This rate is \$1.54 more per credit hour, or 2.0 percent, than was charged to new students in the 2013-14 academic year. The increase is necessary to meet operational costs, provide for debt service, and meet repair and replacement reserve requirements.

Illinois State University also requests authority to increase the outreach fee to \$78.66 per credit hour for the 2014-15 academic year, an increase of \$1.54. Outreach fees are charged to groups of students in contracted or non-campus locations that are not otherwise enrolled in University courses. This accommodates costs associated with the varied methods of delivering off-campus instruction.

Table 2 shows the four undergraduate rates that will be in effect for the 2014-15 academic year.

<u>Cohort</u>	<u>In State</u>	<u>Out of State</u>
New Undergraduates Fall 2014	\$78.66	\$78.66
New Undergraduates Fall 2013	\$77.12	\$77.12
New Undergraduates Fall 2012	\$75.60	\$75.60
New Undergraduates Fall 2011	\$73.40	\$73.40

Room and Board

Illinois State University engages on-campus residents through the Association of Residence Halls (ARH) in an annual review of residence hall room rates and dining rates. ARH completed its current review and submitted its recommendations. Based on these recommendations, the University requests authority to increase room rates by 2.5 percent and no increase for dining rates for the 2014-15 academic year. These requests combine for an overall blended housing/dining rate increase of 1.4 percent. These new rates will allow University Housing Services and Campus Dining Services to meet operational costs (including higher food costs), provide for debt service and to meet repair and replacement reserve requirements.

In accordance with the agreement to construct Cardinal Court as a public/private partnership, the authority to approve rental rates for these apartments rests with the Collegiate Housing Foundation, which holds the ground lease and owns the facilities. The rental rates are established to meet the University's management obligations under this agreement. For the 2014-15 academic year, the rent at Cardinal Court apartments has been approved for an increase of 4 percent.

Tables 3 shows proposed FY2015 rates for on-campus housing options.

Table 3 ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Residence Hall Rates per Semester Fiscal Year 2015	
<u>Occupancy</u>	<u>Semester Rate</u>
Multiple	\$2,641
Single	\$3,512
Super Single	\$4,040
Multiple Room in Suite	\$3,565
Single Room in Suite	\$4,093
Super Single Room in Suite	\$4,515

Tables 4 shows FY2015 rates for residence hall dining options.

Table 4
 ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
 Meal Plan Rates
 Fiscal Year 2015
 (no change from FY2014)

	Plan Level	Total Cost per Semester	Base Cost	Flex Dollars*
Residential Plans	7 day unlimited access	\$2,236	\$1,971	\$265
	5 day unlimited access	\$2,067	\$1,727	\$340
	19 meals per week	\$2,344	\$1,908	\$436
	14 meals per week	\$2,158	\$1,673	\$485
	225 meals per semester	\$2,051	\$1,712	\$339

*Flex Dollars can be spent at campus retail venues, such as Burger King.