Meeting of the

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

March 14, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM #:**

 **Tuition and Fees**

**SUBJECT:** Posting of legislative tuition and mandatory fee limits for resident and nonresident undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs for Fiscal Year 2025 and posting of institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**It is recommended that the State Regents approve the posting of 1) legislative tuition and mandatory fee limits for resident and nonresident undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs for Fiscal Year 2025; and 2) institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2025, as reported on the attached schedules.**

**BACKGROUND:**

**Constitutional and Statutory Provisions for the Coordination of Higher Education Tuition and Fees**

Article XIII-A of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma establishes the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education as the coordinating board of control for all public institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. Among others, specific powers enumerated include the power to prescribe and coordinate student fees and tuition within limits prescribed by the Legislature. The State Regents are authorized to 1) establish resident tuition and mandatory fees at levels less than the average rate charged at public institutions in the Big Twelve Conference for research universities and less than the average rate charged at peer institutions for regional universities and community colleges, 2) establish academic services fees, not to exceed the cost of the actual services provided, and 3) make a reasonable effort to increase need-based financial aid available to students proportionate to any increase in tuition, as well as annually report on tuition and fees.

**1) Legislative Tuition and Mandatory Fee Limits**

The attached schedule lists “Not to Exceed” amounts for tuition and mandatory fees that are recommended for posting at this time for Fiscal Year 2025, as provided by law, for resident and nonresident tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The guaranteed tuition rate of undergraduate resident tuition charged to students shall not exceed one hundred and fifteen percent (115%) of the nonguaranteed tuition rate charged students at the same institution. Institutions and governing boards will submit their requested increases for tuition and mandatory fees for Fiscal Year 2025 in June, after the higher education appropriation is known. It is expected that most institutions will request new rates that are in compliance with and well under the maximum rates.

**2) Academic Services Fees**

The supplemental schedule lists institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2025. Institutions assess special fees for instruction and academic services as a condition of enrollment and as a condition of academic recognition for completion of prescribed courses. These fees are required for all students receiving certain courses of instruction or academic services as designated by the institution. The requested changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2024 are recommended for posting at this time. Institutions have provided justifications for requested increases in these fees, the total revenue to be collected from the fees, and the use of increased revenues.

A public hearing will be held April 25, 2024 for the purpose of receiving views and comments on the requested changes to academic services fees, and the legislative limits for resident and nonresident tuition and mandatory fees. Institutional requests are posted here for discussion purposes. The State Regents will act on proposals at their regular meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024. State Regents’ staff will subsequently review institutions’ published tuition and fee schedules for compliance with State Regents’ action.

**POLICY ISSUES:**

This item is consistent with the State Regents’ Policy and Procedures Relating to Tuition and Student Fees.

**ANALYSIS:**

**1) Legislative Tuition and Mandatory Fee Limits**

70 O. S., Section 3218.8, specifies the legislative limits for resident and nonresident tuition and mandatory fees by tier, i.e., research universities, regional universities, community colleges and for professional programs. Regents’ staff compiled a listing of tuition and mandatory fees charged at public institutions in the Big Twelve Conference, at like-type public institutions in surrounding and other states, at public community colleges receiving no local tax funding in surrounding and other states, and for professional programs, as shown in the *FY24 Legislative Peer Limits for Tuition and Mandatory Fees* schedule attached. Peer institutions outside the state also increased their tuition and mandatory fees in FY24. This resulted in Oklahoma’s resident rates, relative to those of their respective peers, increasing for research, regional, and community colleges. Research universities’ current average tuition and mandatory fee rates are 70.8 percent of the Big 12 Conference average, an increase of 0.1 percentage points from last year; the average for regional universities’ resident tuition and mandatory fees increased 1.2 percentage points to 85.2 percent of the peer average; and the average for community colleges decreased 3.9 percentage points to 64.0 percent of their peer average for resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees. The State Regents annually monitor and publish the tuition and mandatory fees at peer institutions, at each institution in Oklahoma, and the maximum possible increase for the next academic year.

**2) Academic Services Fees**

Of the twenty-five public institutions in The State System, seventeen requested changes in academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2025 and eight had no requests for changes in these fees. The institutions requested 93 changes in Special Instruction Fees, 10 changes in Facility/Equipment Utilization Fees, 11 changes in Testing/Clinical Services Fees, 42 changes in Classroom/Laboratory Supply and Material Fees, and 40 changes in various Other Special Fees. A total of 196 changes have been requested to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2025, a decrease of 82 requests when compared to FY24 requests. The fee requests consist of 65 new fees, 81 modifications to existing fees, and 50 deletions of current fees. The complete listing of requests for posting is attached.

This information is being posted for State Regents’ review and public comment.

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| **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education** |
| ***FY25 Legislative Peer Limits for Tuition and Mandatory Fees*** |
| **Undergraduate (30 Credit Hours)** | **FY25 Peer Limit for Resident Tuition and Mandatory Fees** | **FY25 Per Credit Hour Rate** | **FY25 Peer Limit for Nonresident Tuition and Mandatory Fees** | **FY25 Per Credit Hour Rate** |
| **Research Universities** |  |  |  |  |
| ***(Includes OSU-OKC; OSU-Okmulgee; OSU, Tulsa; OU Health Sciences Center; and OU, Tulsa)*** | **$13,304** | **$443.47** | **$36,219** | **$1,207.30** |
| **Regional Universities**  | **$9,052** | **$301.73** | **$19,243** | **$641.43** |
| **University of Central Oklahoma** | **$9,303** | **$310.10** | **$22,684** | **$756.13** |
| **Univ of Science & Arts of Okla** | **$12,310** | **$410.33** | **$26,177** | **$872.57** |
| **Community Colleges** | **$7,401** | **$246.70** | **$12,352** | **$411.73** |
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| **Graduate (24 Credit Hours)** | **FY25 Peer Limit for Resident Tuition and Mandatory Fees** | **FY25 Per Credit Hour Rate** | **FY25 Peer Limit for Nonresident Tuition and Mandatory Fees** | **FY25 Per Credit Hour Rate** |
| **Research Universities**  |   |   |   |   |
|  ***(Includes OSU, Tulsa; OU Health Sciences Center; and OU, Tulsa)*** | **$12,455** | **$518.96** | **$28,396** | **$1,183.17** |
| **Regional Universities** | **$9,550** | **$397.92** | **$16,876** | **$703.17** |
| **University of Central Oklahoma** | **$10,903** | **$454.29** | **$22,058** | **$919.08** |
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| **70 O.S. Section 3218.8, provides that the limits for undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees shall be less than the average of resident tuition and mandatory fees at peer institutions for each tier. Guaranteed tuition shall not exceed one hundred and fifteen percent (115%) of the nonguaranteed tuition rate.** |
| **Undergraduate nonresident tuition and mandatory fees shall be less than 105 percent (105%) of the average of nonresident tuition and mandatory fees at peer institutions for each tier.** |
| **70 O. S Section 3218.9, provides that the limits for graduate resident and graduate nonresident tuition and mandatory fees shall be less than the average resident and nonresident tuition and mandatory fees at peer institutions for each tier.** |
| **TIER** |  |
| **Research Universities** | **Big 12 Public Institutions** |
| **Regional Universities** | **Like-type public institutions in surrounding and other states** |
| **Community Colleges** | **Like-type public institutions in surrounding and other states** |
| ***At their meeting in June 2024, State Regents will consider FY25 undergraduate and graduate tuition and mandatory fee requests from institutions which are within the legislative limits posted above.*** |
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| **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education** |
| ***FY25 Legislative Peer Limits for Tuition and Mandatory Fees*** |
| **Professional Programs** | **FY25 Peer Limit for Resident Tuition and Mandatory Fees** | **FY25 Peer Limit for Nonresident Tuition and Mandatory Fees** |
| ***University of Oklahoma*** |  |  |
| **College of Law** | **$30,214** | **$43,442** |
| ***OU Health Sciences Center*** |  |  |
| **Doctor of Medicine** | **$37,893** | **$67,396** |
| **Doctor of Dental Science** | **$41,912** | **$75,626** |
| **Physician's Associate** | **$21,370** | **$37,318** |
| **PharmD** | **$25,401** | **$43,542** |
| **Occupational Therapy** | **$18,951** | **$34,670** |
| **Physical Therapy -- Doctoral** | **$18,408** | **$35,623** |
| **Doctor of Audiology** | **$16,875** | **$34,888** |
| **Public Health** | **$15,344** | **$29,063** |
| **Nursing -- Doctor of Nursing Practice** | **$16,442** | **$30,707** |
| **Master of Science in Nursing** | **$15,075** | **$29,493** |
| ***Oklahoma State University*** |  |  |
| **Center for Health Sciences** | **$41,132** | **$71,260** |
| **College of Veterinary Medicine** | **$30,522** | **$60,422** |
| ***Northeastern State University*** |  |  |
| **College of Optometry** | **$34,051** | **$46,456** |
| ***Northwestern Oklahoma State University*** |  |  |
| **Nursing -- Doctor of Nursing Practice** | **$17,261** | **$28,571** |
| ***Southwestern Oklahoma State University*** |  |  |
| **Master of Science in Nursing** | **$13,659** | **$19,058** |
| **PharmD** | **$25,676** | **$39,406** |
| ***Langston University*** |  |  |
| **Physical Therapy -- Doctoral** | **$18,408** | **$35,623** |
| **70 O.S., Section 3218.9, provides that the limits for professional program resident and nonresident tuition and mandatory fees shall be less than the average of resident and nonresident tuition and mandatory fees for like-type professional programs at public institutions.** |
| **At their meeting in June 2024, State Regents will consider FY25 undergraduate and graduate tuition and mandatory fee requests from institutions which are within the legislative limits posted above.** |
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**TUITION PEER LIMITS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES FEES**

**Effective Academic Year 2024-2025**

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving views and comments on the subject of tuition peer limits and academic services fees charged students as a condition for enrollment at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The hearing will be held at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant with the option to participate remotely via Zoom.

The following will be presented for comment during the public hearing:

* Tuition and mandatory fee limits for undergraduate and graduate programs;
* Tuition and mandatory fee limits for professional programs; and
* Academic Service Fee proposals.

Those desiring to be heard should notify the Chancellor’s Office of the State Regents by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024, by e-mail at jjackson@osrhe.edu or by phone at (405) 225-9116.

Instructions to connect to the public hearing via Zoom are listed below:

**Topic: OSRHE Annual Public Hearing on Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2024-25**

When: April 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Central Time (U.S. and Canada)

<https://onenet.zoom.us/j/93193448170?pwd=cnl5Y2dVYWxaOERGdUxMUTErcVJtdz09>

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