Title: Approval of UNT FY 2015 through FY 2018 Increases in Undergraduate Board Designated Tuition for the Traditional Tuition Plan and Establishment of the Eagle Express Tuition Plan

Background:

Section 54.017 of the Texas Education Code requires general academic teaching institutions to offer entering undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in a fixed tuition price plan beginning with the Fall 2014 semester. Further, at its March 26, 2013 called meeting the Board approved a policy that all UNT System campuses offering undergraduate degrees develop and present for board approval tuition guarantee plans to be in place in time for registration for the Fall 2014 semester.

In order to provide all incoming and continuing undergraduate students and their parents with the anticipated academic costs associated with attendance, UNT proposes an increase to undergraduate Board Designated Tuition based upon a 3.9% total academic cost increase in FY 2015 for the Traditional Tuition Plan and based upon a 10% increase in total academic cost to create the Eagle Express Tuition Plan (Fixed Rate Plan). (This excludes the increase in the University Union Fee addressed in a separate Board item.)

Over the subsequent three years, FY 2016 through FY 2018, UNT proposes an annual increase in Board Designated Tuition based upon a 3.9% increase in total academic cost in the Traditional Tuition Plan.

In FY 2016 through FY 2018, UNT proposes annual increases in the Eagle Express Tuition Plan calculated by using the Traditional Tuition Plan total academic cost from the previous fiscal year and increasing it by 10%. For example, the FY 2016 Eagle Express Tuition Plan rate would equal 110% of the FY 2015 Traditional Tuition Plan. The resulting rate applies to the cohorts entering UNT in FY 2016 and applies to that cohort for 12 consecutive semesters.

The students who opt in to the Eagle Express Tuition Plan will be locked into the approved rate in effect at the time they enter, for a period of 12 consecutive semesters. Students who qualify will receive a financial bonus by being charged up to $3,000 less in their final semester, plus an additional $1,000 “on time” tuition rebate upon completion of their degree. This reduction is to increase graduation rates and encourage efficient use of facilities.
Total academic cost for undergraduate students includes Statutory ($50 per semester credit hour [SCH]) and Board Designated Tuition, all mandatory fees, and the average of course/instructional fees.

The 3.9% increase in total academic costs will only apply to undergraduate students and will be based on an undergraduate student taking 15 SCH per semester.

The revenue generated by these increases will enhance advising and curriculum infrastructure, assist in supporting and continuing the university’s strategic momentum toward reaching National Research University status, support its targeted growth, and enhance student success.

A public hearing to discuss the proposed tuition and fee increases was conducted on March 6, 2014.

Financial Analysis/History:

The recommended annual 3.9% increase in total academic cost for the Traditional Tuition Plan results in the following increases in undergraduate Board Designated Tuition (BDT):

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The recommended increases in total academic cost for the Eagle Express Tuition Plan result in the following increases in undergraduate Board Designated Tuition for the cohorts entering UNT in that fiscal year:

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Twenty percent (20%) of Board Designated Tuition is set aside for need- and merit-based financial aid.

Thomas McCoy
Acting Institution Chief Financial Officer
Legal Review:
This item has been reviewed by General Counsel.

Schedule:
To be effective beginning with the Fall 2014 semester.

Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize and approve the following Board Order.

Recommended By:

Attachments Filed Electronically:
- UNT Tuition Presentation
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Board of Regents Order 2014-17

At an official meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of North Texas System properly posted and held on March 20, 2014, pursuant to a motion made by Regent and seconded by Regent , the Board approved the motion presented below:

Whereas, the University of North Texas' strategic plan sets a path for targeted growth and increased student success, and

Whereas, the University of North Texas (UNT) is continuing its strategic path for reaching National Research University status, and

Whereas, UNT wishes to enhance its advising and curriculum infrastructure, and

Whereas, tuition revenues at UNT are used, in part, to help achieve these initiatives, and

Whereas, Section 54.017 of the Texas Education Code requires general academic teaching institutions to offer entering undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in a fixed tuition price plan beginning with the Fall 2014 semester, and

Whereas, UNT would like to provide all incoming and continuing undergraduate students and their parents with the anticipated costs associated with attendance over the next four years,

Now, Therefore, The Board of Regents authorizes and approves the following:

1. FY 2015 Traditional Tuition Plan - a $12.34 increase in undergraduate Board Designated Tuition (from $177.79 to $190.13 per SCH) for the Traditional Tuition Plan beginning with the Fall 2014 semester.
2. **FY 2015 Eagle Express Tuition Plan** - a $31.65 increase in undergraduate Board Designated Tuition (from $177.79 to $209.44 per SCH) to create the Eagle Express Tuition Plan beginning with the Fall 2014 semester.

3. **FY 2016 Traditional Tuition Plan** - a $12.82 increase in undergraduate Board Designated Tuition (from $190.13 to $202.95 per SCH) for the Traditional Tuition Plan beginning with the Fall 2015 semester.

4. **FY 2016 Eagle Express Tuition Plan** - a $13.57 increase in undergraduate Board Designated Tuition (from 209.44 to $223.01 per SCH) for the Eagle Express Tuition Plan, to be applied to FY 2016 cohorts beginning with the Fall 2015 semester.

5. **FY 2017 Traditional Tuition Plan** - a $13.32 increase in undergraduate Board Designated Tuition (from $202.95 to $216.27 per SCH) for the Traditional Tuition Plan beginning with the Fall 2016 semester.

6. **FY 2017 Eagle Express Tuition Plan** - a $14.10 increase in undergraduate Board Designated Tuition (from $223.01 to $237.11 per SCH) for the Eagle Express Tuition Plan, to be applied to FY 2017 cohorts beginning with the Fall 2016 semester.

7. **FY 2018 Traditional Tuition Plan** - a $13.84 increase in undergraduate Board Designated Tuition (from $216.27 to $230.11 per SCH) for the Traditional Tuition Plan beginning with the Fall 2017 semester.

8. **FY 2018 Eagle Express Tuition Plan** - a $14.66 increase in undergraduate Board Designated Tuition (from $237.11 to $251.77 per SCH) for the Eagle Express Tuition Plan, to be applied to FY 2018 cohorts beginning with the Fall 2017 semester.

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**VOTE:** ______ ayes ______ nays ______ abstentions

**BOARD ACTION:**

Attested By:                           Approved By:

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Julia A. Boyce, Secretary            Brint Ryan, Chairman
Board of Regents                     Board of Regents