ACTION ITEM:

Request for differential tuition increase for the Master of Science in Genetic Counseling program beginning academic year 2014-2015

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The President and Board of Governors have provided the UNC campuses an opportunity to propose increases in differential tuition rates for professional graduate programs.
- The Master of Science in Genetic Counseling proposes a differential tuition increase to $142.00/sch beginning academic year 2014-2015 for all core genetic counseling (GEN) courses (39 credits). Students in the Master of Science in Genetic Counseling program were consulted before making this recommendation.
- Faced with a reduction in state appropriated funds over the past few years, the program has made every effort to minimize our program costs, maximize our use of available funds, and maintain the high quality educational program that our students expect. In spite of our best efforts, we are now forced to seek an increase in tuition to offset the costs of delivering this quality clinical education to students pursuing a career in genetic counseling.
- Revenue collected through differential tuition will be used to provide direct student financial assistance, program administration, curriculum support, and faculty development.
- Differential tuition will only be applied to incoming students for the 2014-2015 academic year; afterwards it will be applied to both incoming and second year students.
- If approved by the Board of Trustees, the proposal will be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approve the 2014-2015 differential tuition rate proposed for the Master of Science in Genetic Counseling program.

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