Action Item

BOT-1.6  Proposals for Differential Tuition for 2017-18.

Background Information

In February 2003, the Board of Governors adopted a new tuition and fee policy permitting differential tuition assessments for graduate programs with high demand and high institutional costs. Proposed differential tuitions that are consistent with the Board of Governors’ policy on establishing tuition & fees and recommended by an institution’s Chancellor, the institutional Board of Trustees, and the President, will be presented to the Board’s Committee on Budget and Finance and then, if recommended, to the full Board.

Differential tuition proposals submitted by UNCG’s School of Health and Human Sciences (for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders) and School of Nursing (for the Nurse Anesthesia concentration) are recommended by Chancellor Gilliam. Summaries of these two requests are presented here. The proposals include multi-year budgets, but the present request to the Board is for 2017-18 only.

Communication Sciences and Disorders

UNCG’s Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), in the School of Health and Human Sciences (HHS), has an excellent national reputation for training highly successful professionals in the field of speech-language pathology. The MA Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program has been offered at UNCG for over 45 years and is consistently ranked among the top graduate programs in the nation. In its most recent national ranking of graduate programs in Health, U.S. News and World Report ranked the UNCG MA program in SLP 30th among all Master’s SLP degree programs in the United States. Applications to our Masters SLP program have more than doubled from 146 applications in 2006 to over 303 applications in 2016.

CSD requests permission to increase its approved school-based differential tuition from $130 per student credit hour to $150 per student credit hour in Fall term 2017 (an increase of $20 per credit hour), for all courses in the CSD Master’s Program in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP). The CSD department continues to make every effort to minimize the costs of our nationally ranked MA program in SLP, maximize our use of available funds, and maintain the high quality educational and clinical training that our students expect. This increase will be used to offset the cost of delivering this quality clinical education program to students pursuing a career in speech-language pathology and to ensure the growth and future development of our highly ranked graduate program. More specifically, the additional increase in revenue will be used for student retention and success, faculty & support personnel, supplies, materials, scientific equipment, fixed charges, and a program coordinator.
School of Nursing

The UNCG School of Nursing is requesting an increase in the differential tuition for students enrolled in the three-year Nurse Anesthesia concentration of the Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. The Nurse Anesthesia concentration of the Post-Baccalaureate DNP program was approved by the Board of Governors in February 2013, and was accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) in February 2015. The first class of 35 students enrolled in the program in August 2015. A second cohort of 34 students enrolled in August 2016. The program, administered through a cooperative agreement with the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia (RSNA), enjoys a high level of demand by top students.

The requested increase in differential tuition of $1,000 per year for students in the Nurse Anesthesia concentration of the Post-Baccalaureate DNP program will enable us to sustain the quality of this graduate advanced practice nursing program. The additional increase in revenue will be used for costs associated with education equipment, lab and simulation supplies, database access to Medatrax, and required review courses and exams.

Recommended Action

That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approve changes for 2017-18 in the MA Speech Language Pathology program and in the Nurse Anesthesia concentration of the Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program:

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