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ITEM 127-101-R0505

TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Pamela Joehler, Director of Budget and Accounting
DATE: April 29, 2005
RE: Montana University System
Proposed Tuition and Fee Rates for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007

This memo summarizes tuition and fee rate changes proposed by the Montana University System campuses for the 2007 biennium. Campus-specific information is included in the tabbed section of the document.

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Board Policy – Biennial Approval

Board of Regent Policy 940.12.1 provides that the Board will approve fees and tuition rate changes every other year, in odd-numbered years following the legislative session. The policy for biennial approval was changed in 2003 and was phased-in over two years. At the May 2005 Board meeting, the Board of Regents will consider rate changes for tuition and fees assessed by the Montana University System, including:

- Tuition
- Mandatory Fees
- Course and Program Fees
- Other Fees
- Room and Board

Board Policy - Cost of Attendance

Policy 940.12.1 also requires disclosure of estimated annual costs of attendance at each of the campuses, including costs for tuition, mandatory fees, room and board, and books. The campuses were also asked to include an estimated amount paid per student for course fees.

Board Guidelines

At the March 2005 meeting, the Board issued guidelines for “significant” fee changes, including:

- New fees
- Any increase exceeding 5% for a single fee
- Any increase exceeding \$5 for a single fee

These guidelines apply to all fees other than tuition. Justification for all new fees and proposed fee changes that exceed \$5 and 5% must be included for Board consideration. Some of these new fees and current fees with increases exceeding

Board guidelines are highlighted in this report. A list of all new fees or fee increases exceeding Board guidelines is presented by campus in Appendix D.

PROPOSED CHANGES - TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES

Tuition

Tuition is deposited into the current unrestricted operating fund and used to support the educational and general costs of each campus. Supertuition, or additional tuition assessed for the support of certain high cost programs, is also deposited into the current unrestricted operating fund.

Rate Increases - The presentation of proposed tuition and fee changes for the 2007 biennium, and the ultimate approval by the Board of Regents, completes the biennial budget planning process adopted by the Board approximately two years ago. As you will recall, following a months-long analysis and review of the appropriate expenditure level required to maintain and enhance educational quality, the Board tentatively approved fiscal 2006 and 2007 "budget plans" at the March 2005 meeting and proposed tuition rates necessary to support the budgets (mandatory and miscellaneous fees excluded). This approval was dependent upon final action by the Montana Legislature and final approval by the Board of proposed tuition and fees at the May 2005 meeting.

Table 1 summarizes the proposed tuition rate increases for resident and non-resident undergraduate students for each of the next two years. As shown on the table, a full-time resident undergraduate student will pay, on average, just over \$3,800 for two semesters of tuition at a four-year campus next year, or \$340 more than the current tuition rate. A full-time resident undergraduate student at a two-year campus will, on average, see tuition increase by \$83 to nearly \$2,350 in fiscal 2006 compared to fiscal 2005. In fiscal 2007, average annual tuition at the four-year campuses for full-time resident undergraduate students will increase another \$353 to \$4,160 while two-year students will face an \$81 increase, bringing the average annual tuition for full-time resident undergraduate students at two-year campuses to \$2,430. Non-resident students will also see tuition increases.

Projected Revenue - If tuition rates are approved as proposed, net tuition revenue is projected to increase \$14.2 million in fiscal 2006 and an additional \$14.6 million in fiscal 2007, bringing total net tuition revenue to \$350 million in the 2007 biennium. With fee waivers valued at approximately \$42 million in the 2007 biennium, total tuition revenue in the upcoming biennium will be approximately \$392 million.

For campus-specific tuition rates for all student categories, refer to the tuition matrices in Appendix F.

TABLE 1
THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Proposed Tuition Rate Increases for Resident and Non-Resident Full-Time Undergraduate Students (Annual Rates)
Inventory and Validation of Fees -- Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007

Campus	2004-05		2005-06				2006-07			
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident		Non-Resident		Resident		Non-Resident	
			Proposed	\$ Increase	Proposed	\$ Increase	Proposed	\$ Increase	Proposed	\$ Increase
MSU-Bozeman	\$ 3,654.00	\$ 13,167.60	\$ 4,134.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 13,772.40	\$ 604.80	\$ 4,614.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 14,377.20	\$ 604.80
MSU-Billings	\$ 3,548.40	\$ 11,692.80	\$ 3,762.00	\$ 213.60	\$ 11,906.40	\$ 213.60	\$ 3,987.60	\$ 225.60	\$ 12,132.00	\$ 225.60
MSU-Northern	\$ 3,101.20	\$ 11,811.06	\$ 3,334.80	\$ 233.60	\$ 12,306.84	\$ 495.78	\$ 3,585.82	\$ 251.02	\$ 12,829.32	\$ 522.48
UM-Missoula	\$ 3,390.00	\$ 11,558.40	\$ 3,652.80	\$ 262.80	\$ 12,569.40	\$ 1,011.00	\$ 3,936.00	\$ 283.20	\$ 13,669.20	\$ 1,099.80
Montana Tech	\$ 3,743.40	\$ 12,935.40	\$ 4,192.80	\$ 449.40	\$ 13,582.20	\$ 646.80	\$ 4,695.60	\$ 502.80	\$ 14,261.40	\$ 679.20
UM-Western	\$ 2,929.56	\$ 10,682.52	\$ 3,134.40	\$ 204.84	\$ 11,110.20	\$ 427.68	\$ 3,354.60	\$ 220.20	\$ 11,554.80	\$ 444.60
4-Yr Weighted Average	\$ 3,467.22	\$ 12,281.23	\$ 3,807.10	\$ 339.88	\$ 13,043.14	\$ 761.91	\$ 4,159.72	\$ 352.62	\$ 13,857.52	\$ 814.38
MSU-Billings COT	\$ 2,329.20	\$ 5,234.40	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 70.80	\$ 5,392.80	\$ 158.40	\$ 2,472.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 5,554.80	\$ 162.00
UM-Missoula COT	\$ 2,205.60	\$ 6,922.80	\$ 2,294.40	\$ 88.80	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 277.20	\$ 2,385.60	\$ 91.20	\$ 7,488.00	\$ 288.00
MT Tech COT	\$ 2,200.80	\$ 6,465.60	\$ 2,288.40	\$ 87.60	\$ 6,723.60	\$ 258.00	\$ 2,379.60	\$ 91.20	\$ 6,992.40	\$ 268.80
MSU-GF COT	\$ 2,350.08	\$ 7,491.60	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 73.92	\$ 7,728.00	\$ 236.40	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 7,944.00	\$ 216.00
UM-HCOT	\$ 2,179.20	\$ 6,632.40	\$ 2,266.80	\$ 87.60	\$ 6,898.80	\$ 266.40	\$ 2,358.00	\$ 91.20	\$ 7,174.80	\$ 276.00
2-Yr Weighted Average	\$ 2,266.57	\$ 6,774.94	\$ 2,349.65	\$ 83.07	\$ 6,967.07	\$ 192.13	\$ 2,430.58	\$ 80.94	\$ 7,189.72	\$ 222.65

Note: Undergraduate rates for MSU-Northern, UM-Missoula, MT Tech, and UM-Western are the average of lower division and upper division rates.

Mandatory Fees

Mandatory fees are assessed to each student registering at the campuses, regardless of the academic program chosen by the student. Unlike tuition, fee revenue from all mandatory fees (except the registration fee) is deposited into non-general operating funds, including the plant fund, designated sub fund, or auxiliary sub fund, depending upon the ultimate purpose for the fee.

The term “mandatory” is applicable to the student, not the campus. Each campus determines what is mandatory. Board policy authorizing the fee assessment is permissive. As a result, there are substantial differences among the campuses, reflecting the culture and needs of each institution.

The purpose of each mandatory fee is described in the “Description of Mandatory Fees” report in each campus tab in Appendix F. Examples of mandatory fee use include debt service, campus health services, intercollegiate athletics, campus recreation, computer technology, and student union operations.

Projected Revenue - Mandatory fees assessed by the Montana University System are estimated to generate \$34.4 million in fiscal 2006 and \$35.3 million in fiscal 2007, or just over \$1,000 per FTE student annually. This compares to \$24.4 million in mandatory fee revenue collected in fiscal 2000, or approximately \$775 per FTE student annually.

New Rates and Rate Increases – Table 2 on the following page presents total mandatory fees assessed on each campus and the proposed rates for the 2007 biennium. As shown in Table 2, mandatory fees range from \$800 per year to over \$1,200 per year for full time resident students at four-year campuses and \$450 to almost \$1,100 annually at two-year campuses.

Mandatory fee changes requiring Board review are presented in Table 3 on page 6. Table 3 lists the mandatory fees with increases exceeding the Board guidelines. To review the proposed changes to all mandatory fees, refer to Appendix F in the tabbed section of this report.

TABLE 2

THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Proposed Mandatory Fee Rate Increases for Resident and Non-Resident Full-Time Undergraduate Students (Annual Rates)

Inventory and Validation of Fees -- Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007

Campus	2004-05		2005-06				2006-07			
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident		Non-Resident		Resident		Non-Resident	
			Proposed	\$ Increase	Proposed	\$ Increase	Proposed	\$ Increase	Proposed	\$ Increase
MSU-Bozeman	\$ 922.90	\$ 1,009.30	\$ 1,092.50	\$ 169.60	\$ 1,178.90	\$ 169.60	\$ 1,152.20	\$ 59.70	\$ 1,238.60	\$ 59.70
MSU-Billings	\$ 1,001.80	\$ 1,138.60	\$ 1,093.80	\$ 92.00	\$ 1,189.80	\$ 51.20	\$ 1,103.60	\$ 9.80	\$ 1,209.20	\$ 19.40
MSU-Northern	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,100.58	\$ 34.58	\$ 1,187.94	\$ 37.94	\$ 1,145.12	\$ 44.54	\$ 1,235.84	\$ 47.90
UM-Missoula	\$ 1,160.20	\$ 1,232.20	\$ 1,228.70	\$ 68.50	\$ 1,300.70	\$ 68.50	\$ 1,278.70	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,350.70	\$ 50.00
Montana Tech	\$ 1,064.30	\$ 1,136.30	\$ 1,138.52	\$ 74.22	\$ 1,210.52	\$ 74.22	\$ 1,189.72	\$ 51.20	\$ 1,261.72	\$ 51.20
UM-Western	\$ 800.50	\$ 872.50	\$ 805.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 877.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 809.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 881.50	\$ 4.50
4-Yr Weighted Average	\$ 1,026.02	\$ 1,119.57	\$ 1,131.00	\$ 104.98	\$ 1,233.87	\$ 114.30	\$ 1,176.62	\$ 45.62	\$ 1,286.42	\$ 52.55
MSU-Billings COT	\$ 990.00	\$ 1,126.80	\$ 1,078.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 1,174.00	\$ 47.20	\$ 1,082.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 1,187.80	\$ 13.80
UM-Missoula COT	\$ 743.00	\$ 815.00	\$ 789.50	\$ 46.50	\$ 861.50	\$ 46.50	\$ 822.50	\$ 33.00	\$ 894.50	\$ 33.00
MT Tech COT	\$ 631.60	\$ 703.60	\$ 648.40	\$ 16.80	\$ 720.40	\$ 16.80	\$ 665.98	\$ 17.58	\$ 737.98	\$ 17.58
MSU-GF COT	\$ 444.26	\$ 444.26	\$ 452.88	\$ 8.62	\$ 452.88	\$ 8.62	\$ 468.24	\$ 15.36	\$ 468.24	\$ 15.36
UM-HCOT	\$ 578.60	\$ 650.60	\$ 601.40	\$ 22.80	\$ 673.40	\$ 22.80	\$ 624.20	\$ 22.80	\$ 696.20	\$ 22.80
2-Yr Weighted Average	\$ 657.01	\$ 746.19	\$ 681.90	\$ 24.89	\$ 799.01	\$ 52.83	\$ 701.91	\$ 20.01	\$ 827.77	\$ 28.76

Note: Undergraduate rates for MSU-Northern, UM-Missoula, MT Tech, and UM-Western are the average of lower division and upper division rates.

TABLE 3
PROPOSED MANDATORY FEE INCREASES - FISCAL YEARS 2006 AND 2007

Campus	Mandatory Fee	FY	Rate	\$ Chg	% Chg	Justification
MSU-Bozeman	Student Facilities Enhancement	05	\$ -			As approved by Student Referendum in April 2004. This includes \$4.65/credit fee for debt service, beginning in Fall of FY06, and \$0.20/credit for Health & PE O&M costs, beginning Fall FY07.
		06	\$ 55.50	\$ 55.50	NEW	
		07	\$ 58.20	\$ 2.70	4.9%	
MSU-Bozeman	Activity Fee	05	\$ 54.50			Assessed at the request of students to ensure the financial health of student programs -- a \$5 increase to address immediate needs, and subsequent inflationary increases.
		06	\$ 59.50	\$ 5.00	9.2%	
		07	\$ 61.15	\$ 1.65	2.8%	
MSU-Bozeman	Health Fee	05	\$ 129.00			Increases as approved by the Student Health Advisory Committee.
		06	\$ 139.50	\$ 10.50	8.1%	
		07	\$ 147.50	\$ 8.00	5.7%	
MSU-Bozeman	Athletic Fee	05	\$ 56.75			Increases are as previously established in the University's multi-year Athletics Budget Balancing Plan.
		06	\$ 64.25	\$ 7.50	13.2%	
		07	\$ 66.05	\$ 1.80	2.8%	
MSU-Billings	Technology Replacement Fee	05	\$ 23.30			The Technology Replacement Fee is designed to fund the Administrative Information System, campus infrastructure, and supporting computing environment. This fee provides the comprehensive technology platform upon which all students, faculty, and staff conduct the business of the university. An increase in the Technology Replacement Fee was approved by the Board in May 2003, and is scheduled to increase to \$75 in FY07. This will coincide with the elimination of the Network Services Fee of \$65.40 in FY07.
		06	\$ 23.30	\$ -	0.0%	
		07	\$ 75.00	\$ 51.70	221.9%	
MSU-Billings	Network Services Fee	05	\$ 65.40			
		06	\$ 65.40	\$ -	0.0%	
		07	\$ -	\$ (65.40)	-100.0%	
MSU-Billings	Building Fee	05	\$ 96.00			Revenue from this fee is dedicated to bond payments, no repair or replacement projects are funded from this fee. Funds generated from this increase will address ongoing and deferred maintenance needs.
		06	\$ 106.00	\$ 10.00	10.4%	
		07	\$ 116.00	\$ 10.00	9.4%	
UM-Missoula	Health Fee	05	\$ 148.50			Increases in personnel and related benefits, utilities and the cost of medical supplies. 80% of the CHC budget is personnel and projected costs for 06 and 07 average 6%.
		06	\$ 159.25	\$ 10.75	7.2%	
		07	\$ 169.75	\$ 10.50	6.6%	
UM-Missoula	UC Operations	05	\$ 65.00			Increases in personnel and related benefits, building insurance, and a cumulative effect of utility increases since the UC fee was last increased in 2002.
		06	\$ 70.00	\$ 5.00	7.7%	
		07	\$ 74.50	\$ 4.50	6.4%	
MT Tech	Building Fee	05	\$ 45.00			Currently Montana Tech is subsidized by UM-Missoula for its yearly bond payments. Tech's goal is to reach the position of being able to make its own bond payment and to eventually set aside funds for maintenance of the non-state funded facilities. This would include deferred maintenance, aging equipment, ADA requirements, updates on safety and health codes, and preventative maintenance projects. This fee has not been increased since 1995.
		06	\$ 69.00	\$ 24.00	53.3%	
		07	\$ 81.00	\$ 12.00	17.4%	

Combined Increases

Table 4 combines the proposed tuition and mandatory fee increases and summarizes the projected changes for the 2007 biennium.

TABLE 4

THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Rate Increases for Resident and Non-Resident Full-Time Undergraduate Students (Annual Rates)

Inventory and Validation of Fees -- Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007

Campus	2004-05		2005-06				2006-07			
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident		Non-Resident		Resident		Non-Resident	
			Proposed	\$ Increase	Proposed	\$ Increase	Proposed	\$ Increase	Proposed	\$ Increase
MSU-Bozeman	\$ 4,576.90	\$ 14,176.90	\$ 5,226.50	\$ 649.60	\$ 14,951.30	\$ 774.40	\$ 5,766.20	\$ 539.70	\$ 15,615.80	\$ 664.50
MSU-Billings	\$ 4,550.20	\$ 12,831.40	\$ 4,855.80	\$ 305.60	\$ 13,096.20	\$ 264.80	\$ 5,091.20	\$ 235.40	\$ 13,341.20	\$ 245.00
MSU-Northern	\$ 4,167.20	\$ 12,961.06	\$ 4,435.38	\$ 268.18	\$ 13,494.78	\$ 533.72	\$ 4,730.94	\$ 295.56	\$ 14,065.16	\$ 570.38
UM-Missoula	\$ 4,550.20	\$ 12,790.60	\$ 4,881.50	\$ 331.30	\$ 13,870.10	\$ 1,079.50	\$ 5,214.70	\$ 333.20	\$ 15,019.90	\$ 1,149.80
Montana Tech	\$ 4,807.70	\$ 14,071.70	\$ 5,331.32	\$ 523.62	\$ 14,792.72	\$ 721.02	\$ 5,885.32	\$ 554.00	\$ 15,523.12	\$ 730.40
UM-Western	\$ 3,730.06	\$ 11,555.02	\$ 3,939.40	\$ 209.34	\$ 11,987.20	\$ 432.18	\$ 4,164.10	\$ 224.70	\$ 12,436.30	\$ 449.10
4-Yr Weighted Average	\$ 4,493.24	\$ 13,400.80	\$ 4,938.10	\$ 444.86	\$ 14,277.01	\$ 876.21	\$ 5,336.33	\$ 398.24	\$ 15,143.93	\$ 866.92
MSU-Billings COT	\$ 3,319.20	\$ 6,361.20	\$ 3,478.00	\$ 158.80	\$ 6,566.80	\$ 205.60	\$ 3,554.20	\$ 76.20	\$ 6,742.60	\$ 175.80
UM-Missoula COT	\$ 2,948.60	\$ 7,737.80	\$ 3,083.90	\$ 135.30	\$ 8,061.50	\$ 323.70	\$ 3,208.10	\$ 124.20	\$ 8,382.50	\$ 321.00
MT Tech COT	\$ 2,832.40	\$ 7,169.20	\$ 2,936.80	\$ 104.40	\$ 7,444.00	\$ 274.80	\$ 3,045.58	\$ 108.78	\$ 7,730.38	\$ 286.38
MSU-GF COT	\$ 2,794.34	\$ 7,935.86	\$ 2,876.88	\$ 82.54	\$ 8,180.88	\$ 245.02	\$ 2,964.24	\$ 87.36	\$ 8,412.24	\$ 231.36
UM-HCOT	\$ 2,757.80	\$ 7,283.00	\$ 2,868.20	\$ 110.40	\$ 7,572.20	\$ 289.20	\$ 2,982.20	\$ 114.00	\$ 7,871.00	\$ 298.80
2-Yr Weighted Average	\$ 2,923.58	\$ 7,521.12	\$ 3,031.55	\$ 107.97	\$ 7,766.08	\$ 244.96	\$ 3,132.50	\$ 100.95	\$ 8,017.49	\$ 251.40

Note: Undergraduate rates for MSU-Northern, UM-Missoula, MT Tech, and UM-Western are the average of lower division and upper division rates.

PROPOSED CHANGES – NON-MANDATORY FEES

Course & Program Fees

Course and Program fees may be used for specialized activities, field trips, pass thru fees, laboratory consumables, and materials used by students to create a product that becomes the students' property after use in a specific course. Two-year programs may assess the equivalent of course fees as "Program Fees" that are assessed on all students enrolled in a given program.¹ Because the fees are for a specific purpose designated by the Board of Regents, the financial activity from these fees are accounted for in the designated fund at each campus.

Other Fees

All fees not included in previous categories are in this category and includes fees such as fines, rental fees, certain auxiliary fees, etc.

If the terms "course fees", "program fees", "materials fees", "miscellaneous fees", "supertuition" and "auxiliary fees" are confusing to you, you are not alone. Staff review of the fee inventory uncovered instances of inconsistent fee classification, fee disposition, and fee names. Here are three examples:

- Both MSU and Montana Tech have, or are proposing, an Engineering "program fee", even though program fees are intended for use by two-year programs only and both campuses describe the fee as supertuition. One campus deposits the fee revenue into the current unrestricted operating sub fund, while the other campus deposits the fee revenue into the designated sub fund. In both cases, the fee should be classified as supertuition. And because of the defined uses of tuition (and, by inference, supertuition), the fee revenue should be deposited into the current unrestricted operating sub fund.
- The Board requested a new policy for a "single admissions file" in the Montana University System. Seven of the eight campuses have requested a new fee to implement this proposed policy. Six of the seven campuses indicated the fee would be accounted for in the current unrestricted operating sub fund, similar to the application fee. One campus noted it would deposit the fee into the designated sub fund. And, although this fee is new, which might explain the confusion, there are six different names for this fee among the seven campuses proposing it, including:
 - *Supplemental Admission Fee*
 - *Admissions File Fee*
 - *Admissions Fee*
 - *Admissions Single File Supplemental Fee*
 - *Supplemental Admissions Service Fee, and*
 - *Single Admissions File Fee.*

Staff recommends this fee, if approved, be named the Single Admissions File

¹ "Course Fee" and "Program Fee" description from March 2000 Task Force on Fees report to the Board of Regents.

Fee, that the name be used consistently across the system, and all campuses deposit the fee into the current unrestricted sub fund.

- The last example is a classic example of the “MSU vs. UM” differences. All campuses charge a \$10 fee for processing tuition and fee payments with a credit card via the Internet. MSU campuses name this fee the “E-Payment Fee”, while UM campuses name this fee the “E-Commerce Fee”. Half of the campuses deposit the fees into the current unrestricted sub fund; three of the others noted the fees are deposited into the designated sub fund, and one campus did not specify where the fees are deposited.

These examples give a glimpse of the differences in fee classifications, fee dispositions, and fee names uncovered when reviewing the fee inventories. The use of different names for the same fee, while potentially confusing to students and other readers, is a non-substantive issue – which prompts the question of “Why not use the same name for the same fee?” The other two issues, differences in fee classifications and fee dispositions, have substantive implications. For example, if fees for the same services are deposited into different funds, then any future funding studies, which in the past have typically included only the current unrestricted sub fund, will be suspect, due to the inconsistency of how fees are recorded.

In fiscal 1999, the Board directed a study of fees in the Montana University System, and in March 2000, the “Task Force on Fees” report identified some of the same issues raised in the previous paragraph and made recommendations to address the issues. Please refer to the separate report, “Internal Audit on Course Fees”, included in the Board agenda mailing for the May 2005 regular meeting for a broader discussion of this issue.

Projected Revenue – For the 2007 biennium, the total revenue from course and program fees projected by the campuses is approximately \$2.4 million annually, or \$71 per FTE student annually. This compares to \$1.6 million collected in fiscal year 2000, or \$50 per FTE student annually.

Due to the great variability of fees in the Other category, a revenue estimate for the 2007 biennium was not projected. To review the fee change proposals that exceed Board guidelines, refer to Appendix D of this report.

New Rates and Rate Increases - Fee change proposals that exceed the Board guidelines are presented by campus in Appendix D of this report. Highlights of proposed new fees are presented below:

- **MSU-Bozeman** proposes the initiation of a new **Business Program Fee** of \$15 per credit hour per semester for each of its Business courses. The fee would apply to any student taking a Business course and would be used for instructional and curriculum development and for faculty retention. Refer to the Business Program Fee Proposal attached to MSU’s Proposed Changes to Non-Mandatory Fees report in Appendix D of this document.
- **MSU-Bozeman** requests authorization to implement a \$50 fee for a **LPN Advanced Placement** examination to fund the costs involved in developing challenge examinations.
- **MSU-Bozeman** is also requesting authorization to implement a \$50 per credit **Graduate**

Nursing Program Fee and a \$175 **Undergraduate Nursing Program Fee**. The graduate nursing program fee is new, while the undergraduate nursing program fee is intended to replace current clinical course fees.

- **UM-Missoula** is proposing a new \$285 per semester fee for the **Associate of Science Registered Nursing Program**, which begins in AY06. This fee will cover the cost of review modules and National Council of Licensure Exams study guides, which are required to prepare for licensure.
- **UM-Missoula** requests approval to implement an \$875 fee for its **Montana Business Development Institute**, a training program in entrepreneurship designed for the non-business student.
- **UM-Missoula College of Technology** proposes new course fees for some of its **Radiation Technology Program**. The fees will be used to cover the cost of radiation monitors for student use during their clinical education and the cost of consumable supplies.
- **Montana Tech** is proposing the implementation of an **Engineering Program Fee** with a corresponding elimination of numerous Engineering course fees. Lower division Engineering students would pay a lower program fee than upper division and graduate level Engineering students.
- **MSU-Northern** is also proposing a \$175 **Undergraduate Nursing Program Fee**. This fee will be used to partially offset the high cost of faculty salaries to meet faculty ratios to maintain accreditation and external partners' standards.
- **MSU-Northern** is requesting authorization to implement an **Athletic Participation Fee** of \$95 in FY06 and \$125 in FY07 to partially offset increased insurance costs for student athletes. This fee would be charged to student athletes only, not to the general student population.
- **MSU-GF COT** is proposing a \$25 per year increase in its **Dental Assisting Program Fee** to fund the increased cost of supplies. Additionally, this campus requests the implementation of a new **Dental Hygiene Program Fee** for supplies to meet safety and hygiene requirements and standards.
- **Student Health Insurance Fee** -- All four-year campuses belong to a student health insurance consortium that collectively purchases student health insurance coverage that is a mandatory fee for students, unless they can produce evidence of other coverage. This contract is bid annually. As of April 29, 2005, the consortium is still engaged in the bid process. Staff recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education establish the fee for student health insurance, pending the final outcome of the bid. (See the discussion in Appendix E of this report for more information).

Room and Board

Room and board rate schedules proposed by the campuses are included in Appendix F. Requested rate increases range from less than 2% to over 9%. The cost of utilities is a factor in increased housing costs.

COST OF ATTENDANCE

Board of Regent Policy 940.12.1 also requires each request to approve fees or tuition to include a statement of the total cost of attendance, based on the annual charges likely to be assessed against a typical full time resident student and non-resident student for tuition, fees, board, room, and books. In addition, the campuses were asked to estimate course fees that a typical full time student will pay.

Table 5 summarizes the projected total cost of attendance for each campus for each

year of the 2007 biennium. Note that the cost of attendance for MSU-Great Falls College of Technology and UM-Helena College of Technology excludes an estimate for room and board, as there is no student housing at these institutions.

Detailed information on the cost of attendance for each campus is included in Appendix A of this report.

TABLE 5						
THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM						
Total Average Annual Cost of Attendance* -- Fiscal Years 2005, 2006 and 2007						
For An Undergraduate Full Time Student (15 credits per semester)						
	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Resident	Nonresident	Resident	Nonresident	Resident	Nonresident
MSU-Bozeman	\$ 11,080.90	\$ 20,680.90	\$ 12,192.50	\$ 21,917.30	\$ 13,080.20	\$ 22,929.80
Annual \$ Increase			\$ 1,111.60	\$ 1,236.40	\$ 887.70	\$ 1,012.50
Annual % Increase			10.0%	6.0%	7.3%	4.6%
MSU-Billings	\$ 9,649.00	\$ 17,881.40	\$ 10,055.80	\$ 18,296.20	\$ 10,551.20	\$ 18,805.20
Annual \$ Increase			\$ 406.80	\$ 414.80	\$ 495.40	\$ 509.00
Annual % Increase			4.2%	2.3%	4.9%	2.8%
MSU-Northern	\$ 9,801.60	\$ 18,595.40	\$ 10,493.10	\$ 19,552.50	\$ 11,279.37	\$ 20,613.59
Annual \$ Increase			\$ 691.50	\$ 957.10	\$ 786.27	\$ 1,061.09
Annual % Increase			7.1%	5.1%	7.5%	5.4%
MSU-GF COT	\$ 3,782.26	\$ 8,923.86	\$ 3,865.88	\$ 9,169.88	\$ 4,006.24	\$ 9,454.24
Annual \$ Increase			\$ 83.62	\$ 246.02	\$ 140.36	\$ 284.36
Annual % Increase			2.2%	2.8%	3.6%	3.1%
UM-Missoula	\$ 10,884.70	\$ 19,125.10	\$ 11,533.30	\$ 20,521.90	\$ 12,166.50	\$ 21,971.70
Annual \$ Increase			\$ 648.60	\$ 1,396.80	\$ 633.20	\$ 1,449.80
Annual % Increase			6.0%	7.3%	5.5%	7.1%
MT Tech	\$ 10,611.46	\$ 19,875.46	\$ 11,366.11	\$ 20,827.51	\$ 12,261.26	\$ 21,899.06
Annual \$ Increase			\$ 754.65	\$ 952.05	\$ 895.15	\$ 1,071.55
Annual % Increase			7.1%	4.8%	7.9%	5.1%
UM-Western	\$ 9,000.50	\$ 16,825.50	\$ 9,471.40	\$ 17,519.20	\$ 9,926.10	\$ 18,198.30
Annual \$ Increase			\$ 470.90	\$ 693.70	\$ 454.70	\$ 679.10
Annual % Increase			5.2%	4.1%	4.8%	3.9%
UM-HCOT	\$ 4,694.80	\$ 9,220.00	\$ 4,919.20	\$ 9,625.60	\$ 5,134.20	\$ 10,027.80
Annual \$ Increase			\$ 224.40	\$ 405.60	\$ 215.00	\$ 402.20
Annual % Increase			4.8%	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%

*Includes tuition, mandatory fees, room & board, books, and average course fees

STUDENT INPUT

Board Policy 506.1 – Student Participation in Fee Decisions requires the Board of Regents to give student government organizations the opportunity to express student opinion regarding any changes in tuition and fees. The procedure associated with this policy requires the campuses to include a copy of the notification to the associated student government and documentation of the formal presentation. Further, the policy expresses the intent of the Board of Regents to not entertain any proposals regarding any fee changes or initiation of new fees without evidence of student input.

Table 6 summarizes the status of this documentation for each campus. The documentation submitted by each campus is included in Appendix B of this report.

Table 6 – Student Input Documentation		
Campus	Received?	Comment
MSU-Bozeman	No	Student Input received on Business Program Fee. Other information in transit at press time.
MSU-Billings	Yes	See Appendix B
MSU-Northern	Yes	See Appendix B
MSU-GF COT	Yes	See Appendix B
UM-Missoula	Yes	Available for handout
MT Tech	Yes	See Appendix B
UM-Western	Yes	See Appendix B
UM-HCOT	Yes	See Appendix B

APPENDICES

- A. Actual and Proposed Annual Cost of Attendance by Campus, Fiscal Years 2005 – 2007
- B. Student Input Documentation
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 - 3. Description of Mandatory Fees
 - 4. Proposed Changes to Non-Mandatory Fees, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007, Fee Description, and Justification for Rate Changes Exceeding Board of Regent Guidelines
 - 5. Tuition Matrices for Summer 2005, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007
 - 6. Room & Board Rate Schedules, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007

APPENDIX A

**ACTUAL AND PROPOSED ANNUAL COST OF ATTENDANCE BY
CAMPUS**

FISCAL YEARS 2005 – 2007

APPENDIX B
STUDENT INPUT DOCUMENTATION

APPENDIX C

**MANDATORY FEES ASSESSED BY CAMPUS
FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

FISCAL YEARS 2006 AND 2007

APPENDIX D

PROPOSED CHANGES TO NON-MANDATORY FEES

FISCAL YEARS 2006 AND 2007

APPENDIX E

**CONTINGENT APPROVAL FOR STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE FEE
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FISCAL YEARS 2006 AND 2007

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