



MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

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ITEM 127-101-R0505

TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Pamela Joehler, Director of Budget and Accounting
DATE: May 3, 2005
RE: Community Colleges Proposed Tuition and Fee Increases – FY 2006

Section 20-15-105, MCA, requires the Board of Regents to approve tuition and fee rates for the Community Colleges.

20-15-105. Courses of instruction -- tuition and fees. (1) A community college district shall provide instruction in academic, occupational, and adult education, subject to the approval of the board of regents of higher education. The board of trustees of such district may, in their discretion and upon approval of the board of regents, prescribe:

- (a) tuition rates for in-district students, out-of-district students who are residents of the state of Montana, and students who are not residents of the state of Montana;
- (b) matriculation charges; and
- (c) incidental fees, including building fees, for students in the community college.

(2) In addition thereto, such board of trustees may prescribe such other fees as it considers necessary to maintain courses, taking into consideration such other funds as may be available under law for the support of such courses.

Flathead Valley Community College

The Board of Trustees is proposing a tuition increase of \$5.35 per credit, or \$75 per semester for full-time in-district students; \$8.95 per credit, or \$125 per semester for full-time out-of-district students; and \$22.15 per credit, or \$310 per semester for full-time out-of-state students.

The Board also approved an increase in equipment fees of \$2 per credit hour for students enrolled in three or less credits and a flat \$3.25 for students enrolled in four or more credit hours.

Miles Community College

The Board of Trustees is proposing a new fee for FY2006 called the graduation fee @.50 per credit hour. Other than the .50 cents per credit hour for the graduation fee,

Miles Community College is not requesting an increase in either tuition or fees for FY2006.

For FY2007 the Board is requesting a maximum tuition increase of \$5 per credit hour for (in-district) and (out-of-district) students and a \$10 per credit hour increase for (out-of-state) students. The WUE increase would be 1.5 times the (out-of-district) rate or \$7.50 per credit hour.

Miles Community is asking for a maximum increase of \$4.50 in FY2007 in the fees charged to students as follows:

Proposed Increases

Incidental Fee .50 cents

PE Building use fee .50 cents

Instructional Media Fee .50 cents

Student Association Fee .50 cents

Athletic Fee \$1.00

Telecommunications Fee \$1.50

Dawson Community College

No tuition or fee increase request had been submitted to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education at press time (May 4, 2005).