

# The University of Kansas (All Campuses)

## FY 2009 TUITION PROPOSAL

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### **Keeping the Promise – Executive Summary**

Maintaining the trust Kansans have placed in KU is at the heart of the 2009 tuition proposal. KU's mission remains focused on educating the workforce that Kansas will rely upon in coming years and on providing benefits to Kansans from all walks of life. Our teachers educate not only doctors, pharmacists and engineers, but also police officers, firefighters, public servants and professionals. Our faculty and staff treat patients, measure groundwater levels, study alternative fuels, promote art and music, and preserve our heritage, among countless other services.

KU faces an increasing gap in its ability to compete, as well as its capability to meet the expectations of the people of Kansas. This gap is well-documented by analyses conducted by the Board of Regents staff and affects our ability to offer competitive compensation for the top teachers and researchers at KU and to address a building maintenance backlog. State funding on a per-student basis has steadily declined while costs in the areas of campus safety, technology, and energy have all increased.

To meet these challenges, KU has taken action to hold the line on costs, fully tapped available resources, and implemented innovative alternatives to maintain our competitiveness. KU is part of the purchasing pilot project and has already seen significant cost savings in basic products that are a necessity at a university; products ranging from lab equipment to computers. KU Endowment continues to provide substantial support to the university, to the tune of \$95 million last year, while maintaining its fiduciary obligations. And innovations such as the four-year tuition compact enable families to know and plan with certainty for the true cost of a KU bachelor's degree.

The tuition compact promises predictable costs for most of the expenses a new freshman will incur for four years. The freshmen students who entered KU in the Fall of 2007 will see a **0% tuition increase** for each of their next three years at KU. The tuition rate for the Fall 2008 entering class also will not increase for four years...**0% increase for four years.**

Despite these measures, we are concerned about maintaining the momentum achieved with hiring 100 new teachers and researchers over the past five years, and providing competitive salaries, equipment, and materials for KU staff. If the momentum is not maintained, we risk becoming vulnerable to losing our best teachers and researchers and we risk violating the promise made to students, parents and Kansans. Students and families expect a first-class education from KU, which is why we cannot leave our faculty vulnerable to poaching by universities from other states. Further, families expect their students to be entrusted to a safe and modern campus, which is why we must continue to make investments in security measures and updated technology.

Our formal tuition increase proposal is summarized below:

- The 4,000 new freshmen who entered KU in Fall 2007 and are now sophomores will have a 0% tuition increase.
- The Compact Rate for 4,000 new freshmen who will enter KU in Fall 2008 will be 8.7% higher than the Compact Tuition Rate established a year ago. These students will see no tuition increase for their four years at KU. Summing 8.7%, 0%, 0%, and 0% yields an average of 2.2% over the four years.
- Medical Student Tuition will increase 5.5%.
- Standard Tuition Rates will increase 6.0%.

It is important to note that the Medical Center is highly dependent on state support and faces a unique challenge with limited enrollment in its professional schools that provide a high quality educational experience in costly health science programs. Its schools must also be especially mindful of the issues of affordability and student debt. The limited increase in Medical Center tuition revenues cannot cover increases in faculty salaries above the 2.5 % funded by the legislature. This heavy dependence on state funding and limited tuition revenue makes it increasingly difficult to maintain the quality of the Medical Center's educational programs.

Tuition increases at this level, with the current funding proposed by the Legislature, will allow KU to fund current obligations such as annualizing the FY 2008 salary put into effect last July and its increased fringe benefit costs; absorbing the higher utility charges that are anticipated due to rate increases; providing for a limited number of program enhancements; and funding a 3.0% salary increase at Lawrence.

We remain concerned, however, that a 3% increase will not be sufficient to retain our best and most productive teachers and researchers. Early reports of expected FY 2009 salary increases at institutions with which we compete for faculty are 4.0%. Our focus for the past ten years or more has narrowed the gap between our faculty salaries relative to our competitors. In FY 1999 our average salary had deteriorated to 88.1% of our peers. After several years of additional funding from SB 345 and tuition enhancement, we have been able to improve faculty salaries at Lawrence to 93.4% of our peer average. We risk losing that momentum if we fall behind in competitive increases.

A 7.0% increase in tuition would enable KU to provide a 4.0% salary increase thereby allowing us to remain competitive. A 7.0% increase would cost a resident undergraduate \$1.95 more per credit hour compared to the proposed increase of 6.0%.

We take tuition increases very seriously, and we take equally seriously maintaining the trust our students and Kansans have placed in us by making a high quality, affordable education available to Kansas students and families.

## **Introduction**

In Fall 2007, the University of Kansas successfully launched one of the most innovative tuition programs in the country – one that was proposed and initiated by students. Under KU's Four-Year Tuition Compact, first-time, degree-seeking KU freshmen who entered KU in Fall 2007, pay a fixed tuition rate per credit hour that **will not increase for four years**. Under the Compact, students may take as many or as few classes as they wish. The Compact matches the length of time it takes for a student enrolled in 16 hours a semester to complete most bachelor's degree programs at KU.

The response of KU freshmen and their families to the Tuition Compact has been uniformly and overwhelmingly positive. Since Compact Tuition rates are set for four years, the total cost of a college education is now much more predictable. It is this predictability feature of the Tuition Compact that students and families value most. In fact, during KU New Student Orientation, it was not unusual for students and parents to break into spontaneous applause after learning about the four-year, no tuition increase feature of the Tuition Compact.

Course Fees, previously known as differential tuition, for FY 2008 through FY 2011 were approved by the Board of Regents in June 2007, providing further cost certainty for KU students. To maintain a four year schedule of course fees, KU proposes extending the schedule through FY 2012.

A schedule of proposed Required Campus Fees for FY 2009 through 2012 for the Lawrence campus and KUMC, is presented in this document. Like Course Fees, established Required Campus Fees provide an additional measure of educational cost certainty for **all** KU students, including those paying Standard Tuition rates.

KU also offers two-year housing contracts for students and families who want to be able to lock in guaranteed room and board rates for on-campus housing. Those rates were approved by the Board of Regents in December 2007.

A long-term Compact such as this is distinctive because of its comprehensive nature. The Four-Year Tuition Compact between KU and its students reflects KU's unprecedented commitment to holding the line on college costs and to ensuring that a high quality, university education **remains affordable**.

## **Background**

After the Spring 2004 student body elections, the Student Body President and Vice President began looking at how tuition costs could be established for a given period of time. The newly elected leadership team proposed a guaranteed four-year base tuition plan that would be implemented upon completion of the five-year plan then underway. Steve Munch and Jeff Dunlap, former KU Student Body President and Vice President, respectively, worked closely with students and administrators in 2004 and 2005 to develop such a plan.

The Student Tuition Committee and the Planning and Resources (P&R) Committee met with Provost David Shulenburg on January 28, 2005, to discuss the proposal and the Provost requested that the students continue to explore student interest in the proposal. On March 16, 2005, Student Senate approved Resolution No. 2005 – 310, which, in principle, supported the University of Kansas guaranteed four-year tuition program (see Attachment 1, p. 19).

On November 17, 2005, at a meeting of the Student Tuition Committee and the P&R Committee, the two groups also discussed plans for the Student Tuition Committee to develop a list of frequently asked questions/responses (FAQs) relative to the guaranteed tuition plan.

In January of 2006, the groups reviewed the FAQs developed by the Student Tuition Committee and continued their discussion about the specifics of the guaranteed tuition plan.

On March 14, 2006, the groups met with Provost Shulenburg and reviewed a draft of the FY 2007 tuition proposal and continued their review of the guaranteed tuition plan.

On April 21, 2006, the groups met and endorsed the FY 2007 tuition proposal, which included a comprehensive review of KU's guaranteed tuition plan. The Kansas Board of Regents conceptually endorsed a KU guaranteed tuition plan in Fall 2006.

During Fall 2006 and Spring 2007, KU revised and reworked the basic guaranteed tuition plan into the Four-Year Tuition Compact. Student support for the compact was reaffirmed in an April 4, 2007, letter from Jason Boots, University of Kansas Student Body President, to the Kansas Board of Regents (see Attachment 2, p. 21).

The KU Four-Year Tuition Compact, a student-driven initiative, was the key component of the FY 2008 KU tuition proposal, which was submitted to the Kansas Board of Regents in Spring 2007. On June 28, 2007, the FY 2008 KU tuition proposal, including the University of Kansas Four-Year Tuition Compact, was approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

## **Estimating Cost: The Impact of the Tuition Compact**

The cost of an undergraduate degree at KU, using the proposed 2008-09 rates, includes five primary components:

1. Tuition – the basic per-credit-hour charge. Tuition accounts for roughly 35 percent of the total cost of attendance for Kansas residents and approximately 59 percent for nonresident students.
2. Course Fees – an additional per-credit-hour charge by academic programs to provide students in KU’s professional schools and students at the Edwards Campus with an enhanced educational program. The amount of Course Fees a student pays each semester varies widely, and depends upon the specific courses in which the student is enrolled. The majority of KU students pay no additional Course Fees.
3. Required Campus Fees – fees approved by students to support services and programs on campus, such as health, recreation, transportation, and student activities. Required Campus Fees account for less than 5 percent of the total cost of attendance for Kansas residents and nonresidents.
4. Housing – room and board. On average, housing accounts for about 35 percent of the cost of attendance for Kansas residents and 22 percent for nonresidents.
5. Books, transportation and personal expenses account for approximately 15-25 percent of the cost of attendance.

The Four-Year Tuition Compact provides first-time, degree-seeking students entering KU as freshmen with explicit, published rates for the first four of these five primary components – approximately 74 percent of the 2008-2009 total cost of a KU undergraduate degree for Kansas residents and approximately 84 percent of the total costs for nonresidents. The four-year time-frame matches the length of time it takes a student earning 16 credit hours each semester to complete a typical bachelor’s degree at KU. Moreover, each 48-month period includes the opportunity to enroll in a total of eight semesters and four summer sessions, plus any intersessions.

The Tuition Compact is **not** a tuition savings or discounted tuition plan. It is a cost estimator. It provides students and their families with fixed tuition rates, course fees, and campus fees, to help them determine more accurately the cost of earning a four-year undergraduate degree at the University of Kansas.

A list of “Frequently Asked Questions” pertaining to the Four-Year Tuition Compact is provided in Attachment 3, p. 22.

## **Definition of Terms**

The terms defined below are used in KU's Four-Year Tuition Compact.

### First-Time Freshman

A first-time freshman, also referred to as a new freshman, is a student who starts at KU immediately after graduating from high school or has never attended another college or postsecondary institution. Students who graduate from high school in Spring 2008 and enroll at KU in Fall 2008 are first-time freshmen, regardless of the number of college or advanced placement credits earned.

### Degree-Seeking Freshman

A degree-seeking freshman is a student who, through his/her application to KU, declares his/her intent to earn a degree at the University of Kansas.

### Compact Tuition Rates

Compact Tuition rates are the fixed, four-year, per-credit-hour rates paid by first-time, degree-seeking freshmen, resident and nonresident. The Fall 2007 KU Freshman class was the first class to pay Compact Tuition rates.

### Standard Tuition Rates

Standard Tuition rates are the per-credit-hour rates that all KU resident and nonresident students will pay, **except first-time, degree-seeking freshmen entering in Fall 2008 and students who entered KU in Fall 2007 as first-time, degree-seeking freshmen.** Since Standard Tuition rates will be requested and approved annually, future Standard Tuition rates are unknown.

### Required Campus Fees

Required campus fees, approved by students, support services and programs on campus, such as health, recreation, transportation, and student activities.

### Course Fees

Previously known as differential tuition, Course Fees are additional per-credit-hour charges by academic programs to provide students in KU's professional schools and students at the Edwards Campus with an enhanced educational program. The amount of Course Fees, if any, a student pays each semester depends upon the specific courses in which the student is enrolled

**Requested Regents Action**

The University of Kansas is requesting that the Board of Regents:

- (1) Approve the Standard Tuition rates for FY 2009 (p. 7),
- (2) Approve the Four-Year Compact Tuition rates for first-time, degree-seeking freshmen entering KU in Fall 2008 (p. 8),
- (3) Approve the FY 2009 modified Course Fee rates for Architecture and Law, the new Course Fees for Social Welfare, and the FY 2012 Course Fees (p. 9), and
- (4) Approve the FY 2012 Required Campus Fee rates and the new Student Technology Fee for KUMC (Attachment 4, p. 26 and Exhibit 1, p. 29) and the FY 2009 Required Campus Fee rates for the Lawrence Campus (Attachment 5, p. 32).

**A. FY 2009 PROPOSED TUITION RATES**

<b>Standard Tuition rates</b> (All students <u>except</u> first-time, degree-seeking freshmen <u>and</u> first-time, degree-seeking students who entered KU in Fall 2007 as freshmen)				
	FY 2008 Tuition Rate	<b>Proposed</b> FY 2009 Tuition Rate	\$ Increase	% Increase
Undergraduate Resident	\$194.80	\$206.50	\$11.70	6.0%
Graduate Resident	240.65	255.10	14.45	6.0%
Undergraduate Nonresident	511.70	542.40	30.70	6.0%
Graduate Nonresident	575.05	609.55	34.50	6.0%
Medical Students Resident	11,243.00/Sem	11,861.40/Sem	618.40/Sem	5.5%
Medical Students Nonresident	19,938.50/Sem	21,035.10/Sem	1,096.60/Sem	5.5%

<b>Compact Tuition rates</b> (For first-time, degree-seeking freshmen entering KU in Fall 2008) <i>The FY 2009 Compact Tuition rates would be in effect for 4 years, FY 2009 through FY 2012</i>					
	Existing FY 2008-11 Compact Tuition Rate	<b>Proposed</b> FY 2009 Compact Tuition Rate	<b>Proposed</b> FY 2010 Compact Tuition Rate	<b>Proposed</b> FY 2011 Compact Tuition Rate	<b>Proposed</b> FY 2012 Compact Tuition Rate
Undergraduate Resident - New Freshman	\$213.00	\$231.45	\$231.45	\$231.45	\$231.45
Percent Increase	-----	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Undergraduate Nonresident - New Freshman	560.00	607.95	607.95	607.95	607.95
Percent Increase	-----	8.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

The above tables reflect the proposed FY 2009 tuition rates per credit hour for:

- **Standard Tuition rates:** These are the per-credit-hour rates that all KU resident and nonresident students, **except first-time, degree-seeking freshmen and students who entered KU in Fall 2007 as first-time, degree-seeking freshmen**, will pay in FY 2009.
- **Compact Tuition rates:** These are the per-credit-hour rates that first-time, degree-seeking freshmen, resident and nonresident, entering KU in Fall 2008 will pay from FY 2009 through FY 2012. The Compact Tuition rate per credit hour is calculated as follows: the FY 2008 Standard Tuition rate per credit hour compounded for four years: at a 6.0 percent rate for the first year, at an 8.0% rate for the second year, at a 7.5% rate for the third year, and at a 7.0% rate for the fourth year. The generated rates for each of the four years are summed, then divided by 4 to derive the Compact Tuition rates. The rates of 8.0%, 7.5%, and 7.0% for the subsequent years are based upon expected uncertainty in state revenues due to current economic conditions. Since the compact rate will be locked in for four years, it is incumbent to develop a compact rate that considers expected economic factors. These rates are less than our 30-year average tuition increase of 9.3%.
- **Medical School tuition** is shown per semester since it is not based on credit hours.

**B. FY 2009 – FY 2012 PROPOSED COURSE FEE RATES FOR SPECIFIED PROGRAMS**

Course Fees, which are charged in addition to the Compact and Standard Tuition rates above, are developed with broad student participation and input. In June 2007, a Course Fee schedule for FY 2008 through FY 2011 was approved by the Kansas Board of Regents. For FY 2012, KU proposes extending the 6 percent annual increase that was approved last year for FY 2008 through FY 2011.

The Course Fee table allows students and their families to know what they will be paying in such fees over the next four years, based on the courses taken by the student. These fees are considered fixed unless they are lowered through university request, or are increased based on student involvement and input supporting an increase beyond what has been approved.

School/Program	FY 2008 Course Fee	FY 2009 Course Fee	FY 2010 Course Fee	FY 2011 Course Fee	<b>Proposed FY 2012 Course Fee</b>
Architecture (1)	\$17.90	\$34.00	\$36.05	\$38.20	\$40.50
Business	86.00	91.15	96.60	102.40	108.55
Business (Masters)	70.80	75.05	79.55	84.30	89.35
Education	17.15	18.20	19.30	20.45	21.70
Engineering	34.45	36.50	38.70	41.00	43.45
Engineering (Edwards Campus - Masters)	38.60	40.90	43.35	45.95	48.70
Fine Arts	17.15	18.20	19.30	20.45	21.70
Journalism	13.80	14.65	15.55	16.50	17.50
Law (2)	154.00	188.25	199.55	211.50	224.20
Pharmacy (PharmD degree)	132.30	140.25	148.65	157.55	167.00
Edwards Campus Programs	34.45	36.50	38.70	41.00	43.45
Social Welfare (3)	<i>No Fee</i>	25.00	26.50	28.10	29.80

### **(1) School of Architecture proposed FY 2009 Course Fee**

The School of Architecture is proposing a FY 2009 Course Fee of \$34.00 per credit hour, which reflects the course fee increase of 6 percent approved last year, plus an additional \$15.00. Based on 16 credit hours per semester, the additional \$15 would result in an additional \$480 in course fees per academic year.

Like other professional schools at KU, the School of Architecture has a special need to fully prepare its students for careers in what has become a technologically advanced field. This requires that computer software and hardware, studio and shop equipment, lab instruments, and other items of technology be acquired and used extensively in the School's instruction curricula. Providing adequate, properly equipped instructional and laboratory space for students is another critical area that would be addressed through the increased course fee.

The fee increase would ensure the availability to all students of state-of-the-art computer equipment, and essential shop and laboratory equipment in a facility on the West Campus that would house design/build studios, materials investigation labs, and shops.

Student involvement in discussion about the fee increase proposal has been extensive. Through meetings with officers of student organizations, School of Architecture Assembly meetings, three open forums for student feedback, and a think-tank meeting with students last April, every effort was made to ensure that every student and faculty member had multiple opportunities and means to learn about the proposal, and to register their support for it, or opposition to it.

The outcome of these meetings shows quite clearly the strong, widespread student support for this proposed fee increase. The School's student organizations, including Student Council, American Institute of Architecture Students, Emerging Green Builders, Kansas Association of Planning Students, and Alpha Rho Chi, fully endorse and support the increased fee. They recognize that this increase will make a material difference in quality of education they receive in KU's School of Architecture.

### **(2) School of Law proposed FY 2009 Course Fee**

The School of Law proposed FY 2009 Course Fee of \$188.25 reflects the course fee increase of 6 percent approved last year, plus an additional \$25.00. This \$25 increase is the second and last such increase under a two-year plan approved last year by the School of Law faculty, law students, and the Board of Regents.

The Law Course Fee increase avoids a situation in which the Law School would be forced to implement a series of small fee increases, rather than implementing larger fee increases that would cover its needs for a period of years.

Law students support this increase. Available data for this region indicate that the KU Law School would remain highly competitive after the increases, so the increases should not adversely affect the School's market position.

### **(3) School of Social Welfare proposed FY 2009 Course Fee**

The School of Social Welfare, the only professional school at KU currently without an established course fee, is proposing a FY 2009 Course Fee of \$25 per credit hour. For a junior in the Bachelor's of Social Welfare (BSW) program taking 9 credit hours per semester, the course fee per academic year would be \$450. For a student in the Masters of Social Welfare (MSW) program taking 16 credit hours per semester, the course fee per academic year would be \$800.

The importance of adjunct lecturers in the preparation of professional Social Welfare degree graduates cannot be overstated. These lecturers are social work practitioners with the terminal MSW professional degree who have extensive field experience, and bring a wealth of real-life practice expertise to the classroom. Adjunct lecturers provide a dynamic link between theory and practice, and serve as a practice role models for students. The stipends they receive for teaching a course do not reflect their importance to the Social Welfare professional program. Their current low pay makes it increasingly difficult to recruit and hire some of the best adjunct lecturers from the professional community, and this jeopardizes the School curriculum.

Similarly, it is more difficult to recruit doctoral students to teach as Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) when they can earn more as research assistants. GTA teaching with mentorship is a crucial element in the overall preparation of doctoral students for future work as professors.

The proposed fee increase would allow raising the classroom adjunct lecturer stipend and the GTA stipend, raise the internship adjunct fee, provide scholarship assistance for those students for whom the increase would be a major hardship, and additional funds for projects related to student leadership development and other student services.

The Dean met with groups of students representing all levels of the program (BSW / MSW / PhD) at all three program locations (Lawrence / KCK-Community College / Edwards Campus). The Dean also discussed the proposal in depth with the Student Advisory Council. In all, the Dean held 10 separate meetings to capture the feelings of all segments of the student population about this course fee.

The support voiced by Social Welfare students was very positive, with affirmation of the crucial role of adjunct lecturers and the importance of quality instruction. The course fee will make it possible for the program to ensure the quality of classroom instruction and internship teaching across the curriculum by strengthening the School's ability to recruit the most experienced professionals and retain the most successful lecturers.

### **C. OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES TO TUITION STRUCTURE:**

No other changes to the tuition structure are proposed.

#### **D. DESCRIPTION OF STUDENT AND OTHER CAMPUS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR REVIEW OF PROPOSALS**

Much of the University focus through Spring 2008 was on the implementation of the second phase of the Tuition Compact. Students, faculty, and staff have been working to ensure Compact approval by the Board, to implement the second phase of the approved Compact swiftly and flawlessly, and to make sure the Compact continues to be well-received and understood by students and parents alike.

A university-wide tuition advisory committee was formed in Spring 2008 to recommend to the Chancellor a tuition increase. The committee, composed of students, faculty, and administrators, met four times. After considering pertinent data regards KU's needs and the current economic climate, the committee recommended a range of increases from 6 percent to 8.25 percent depending upon the funding from the Kansas Legislature. Key to their recommendations was the ability to provide a 4.0% salary increase to keep KU competitive for attracting and retaining faculty, graduate teaching assistants, and staff.

##### Lawrence Campus

In 2007, Vice Provost for Student Success Marlesa Roney worked with an ad hoc group of student leaders and university staff to implement a new four-year plan for Required Campus Fees as a key component of the four-year Tuition Compact. Similar to the schedule of Course Fees, this four-year plan would allow students to anticipate and to plan for Required Campus Fee increases. Student Senate by-law changes were made to permit annual increases in selected Required Campus Fees. During the current fiscal year, the ad hoc group implemented the four-year Required Campus Fee plan, the final component of the four-year Tuition Compact.

The Provost and the Vice Provost for Student Success regularly meet with student leadership at least once a month (more often 2 to 3 times per month) to discuss this and other matters.

##### KUMC Campus

In April 2008, Executive Vice Chancellor Barbara Atkinson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Karen Miller, Vice Chancellor for Administration Ed Phillips, and Dean of Student Services Dorothy Knoll met with the Student Governing Council and discussed proposed tuition increases for FY 2009, the rationale for the increase, adjustments to required student fees, and the use of the FY 2008 tuition increase. The Student Governing Council representatives expressed their understanding of the proposed tuition and fee increases and support for them.

## **E. PROJECTED NEW INCREASE IN TUITION AND FEE REVENUES AND PLANNED USES OF INCREASED REVENUES**

The proposed FY 2009 KU tuition increases will generate approximately \$10.8 million in additional ongoing funding for the Lawrence campus. Funds will largely be used to annualize the one-time funding for salaries from FY 2008 and a 3.0% salary increase for all employees, and a campus minimum wage of \$7.50 per hour to adequately compensate student employees, keep ahead of the federal minimum wage and provide greater financial support for our students. In addition, significant increases in utilities projected for next year will require further substantial allocations to cover energy costs. Finally, some targeted investments in academic and research programs and information technology must be made.

Lawrence campus:

- Annualization of FY 2008 pay increases and fringe benefits - \$1.6 million
- Salary increases – 3.0% or \$4.6 million (including raising the campus minimum wage for students to \$7.50 per hour)
- Programmatic enhancements - \$2.6 million (including support for admissions, science education and teaching excellence, academic program enhancements, and student information systems)
- Utility rate increases - \$2 million

The proposed FY 2009 KU tuition increases will generate approximately \$1.4 million in additional ongoing funding for the Medical Center. This increase will be allocated to have a direct positive impact on the students' educational experience as shown below:

KUMC

- Library support - \$158,000
- Student Service improvements - \$101,000
- GTA support - \$165,000
- School Of Nursing Programs - \$324,000
- School of Allied Health Programs - \$302,000
- School of Medicine Programs - \$350,000

## **F. PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO REQUIRED STUDENT FEES (aka CAMPUS PRIVILEGE FEES)**

The University is proposing several changes to Required Campus Fees at both the KUMC Campus and the Lawrence campus.

### **1. KUMC**

The financial impact statement for KUMC Required Campus Fee changes is in Attachment 4, p. 26. The Medical Center is proposing two changes to its required campus fees: setting fees for FY 2012

which parallel the current student fee structure for KUMC students, and a new Student Technology Fee. A brief summary of the proposed changes follows.

**Continue current rate structure in FY 2012**

Last June, the Board of Regents approved the proposal to increase certain campus fees by 3% per year for FY 2008 through FY 2011. The 3% increase is applied to all campus fees except the following: Student Activity, Student Governing Council, and Student Disability Insurance. The fee adjustment is to account for increased operating costs due to inflation. The Medical Center proposes continuing the 3% increase for selected fees for FY 2012.

**Student Technology Fee**

The University of Kansas Medical Center seeks approval of a Student Technology Fee to support the provision of a PDA phone for third and fourth year medical students only, effective fall 2008. The proposed fee of \$450 per year for third year students and \$300 per year for fourth year students would be used to cover the cost of a PDA phone and high-speed data service, text messaging and paging, as well access to voice services. The financial impact statement for this proposed new fee is in Exhibit 1, p. 29.

**2. KU-Lawrence**

The proposed KU-Lawrence Required Campus Fee schedule for FY 2009 includes adjustments to nine of the FY 2008 Required Campus Fees, as well as fee projections for FY 2010 through FY 2012, and are in Attachment 5, p. 32. Below are brief summaries of the nine proposed FY 2009 Required Campus Fee changes per semester.

Required Campus Fee	Current FY 2008 Required Fee	Proposed FY 2009 Required Fee	Amount Change	Percent Change
Campus Environmental Improvement	\$3.75	\$4.00	\$.25	6.7%
Campus Transportation	36.00	64.90	28.90	80.3%
Campus Safety	2.00	1.50	-.50	-25.0%
Legal Services for Students	8.50	10.20	1.70	20.0%
Student Health	105.25	111.50	6.25	5.9%
Student Recreation & Fitness Center	68.00	74.50	6.50	9.6%
Student Union Activities	5.00	5.50	.50	10.0%
Student Union Building	39.00	41.00	2.00	5.1%
Women's & Non-Revenue Intercollegiate Sports (no change in fee, but added sunset date for the Capital Improvement portion)	40.00	40.00	0	0%

**APPENDIX A**

**The University of Kansas**

**FY 2009 PROPOSED TUITION AND REQUIRED (CAMPUS) FEES  
Full Time, Per Semester**

<b>LAWRENCE CAMPUS STANDARD TUITION RATES</b>				
	<b>Approved FY 2008</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2009</b>	<b>\$ Increase</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
<b>Resident Undergraduate (15 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	\$2,922.00	\$3,097.50	\$175.50	6.0%
Required Fees	377.75	423.35	45.60	12.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,299.75</b>	<b>3,520.85</b>	<b>221.10</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
<b>Nonresident Undergraduate (15 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	7,675.50	8,136.00	460.50	6.0%
Required Fees	377.75	423.35	45.60	12.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,053.25</b>	<b>8,559.35</b>	<b>506.10</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b>Resident Graduate (12 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	2,887.80	3,061.20	173.40	6.0%
Required Fees	377.75	423.35	45.60	12.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,265.55</b>	<b>3,484.55</b>	<b>219.00</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
<b>Nonresident Graduate (12 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	6,900.60	7,314.60	414.00	6.0%
Required Fees	377.75	423.35	45.60	12.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,278.35</b>	<b>7,737.95</b>	<b>459.60</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

**LAWRENCE CAMPUS  
COMPACT TUITION RATES**

	<b>Approved FY 2008</b>	<b>Proposed (FY 2009 through FY 2012)</b>	<b>\$ Increase</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
<b>Resident New Freshman (15 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	\$3,195.00	\$3,471.75	\$276.75	8.7%
Required Fees	377.75	423.35	45.60	12.1%
Total	3,572.75	3,895.10	322.35	9.0%
<b>Nonresident New Freshman (15 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	8,400.00	9,119.25	719.25	8.6%
Required Fees	377.75	423.35	45.60	12.1%
Total	8,777.75	9,542.60	764.85	8.7%

**EDWARDS CAMPUS  
STANDARD TUITION RATES**

	<b>Approved FY 2008</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2009</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Resident Undergraduate (15 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	\$2,922.00	\$3,097.50	\$175.50	6.0%
Edwards Campus Course Fee	516.75	547.50	30.75	6.0%
Administrative Fee	468.00	540.00	72.00	15.4%
Required Fees	315.00	252.00	-63.00	-20.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,221.75</b>	<b>4,437.00</b>	<b>215.25</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>Nonresident Undergraduate (15 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	7,675.50	8,136.00	460.50	6.0%
Edwards Campus Course Fee	516.75	547.50	30.75	6.0%
Administrative Fee	468.00	540.00	72.00	15.4%
Required Fees	315.00	252.00	-63.00	-20.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,975.25</b>	<b>9,475.50</b>	<b>500.25</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
<b>Resident Graduate (12 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	2,887.80	3,061.20	173.40	6.0%
Edwards Campus Course Fee	413.40	438.00	24.60	6.0%
Administrative Fee	540.00	540.00	0	0.0%
Required Fees	252.00	252.00	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,093.20</b>	<b>4,291.20</b>	<b>198.00</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
<b>Nonresident Graduate (12 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	6,900.60	7,314.60	414.00	6.0%
Edwards Campus Course Fee	413.40	438.00	24.60	6.0%
Administrative Fee	540.00	540.00	0	0.0%
Required Fees	252.00	252.00	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,106.00</b>	<b>8,544.60</b>	<b>438.60</b>	<b>5.4%</b>

Note: Students who can document that they are residents of one of the four Metro Kansas City, Missouri, counties (Cass, Clay, Jackson, and Platte) are eligible for KC Metro Grants.

**MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS  
STANDARD TUITION RATES**

	<b>Approved FY 2008</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2009</b>	<b>\$ Increase</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
<b>Resident Undergraduate (15 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	\$2,922.00	\$3,097.50	\$175.50	6.0%
Required Fees	174.84	179.50	4.66	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,096.84</b>	<b>3,277.00</b>	<b>180.16</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>Nonresident Undergraduate (15 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	7,675.50	8,136.00	460.50	6.0%
Required Fees	174.84	179.50	4.66	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,850.34</b>	<b>8,315.50</b>	<b>465.16</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>Resident Graduate (12 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	2,887.80	3,061.20	173.40	6.0%
Required Fees	174.84	179.50	4.66	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,062.64</b>	<b>3,240.70</b>	<b>178.06</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>Nonresident Graduate (12 hrs.)</b>				
Tuition	6,900.60	7,314.60	414.00	6.0%
Required Fees	174.84	179.50	4.66	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,075.44</b>	<b>7,494.10</b>	<b>418.66</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>Resident Medical Students*</b>				
Tuition	11,243.00	11,861.40	618.40	5.5%
Required Fees	232.06	238.36	6.30	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,475.06</b>	<b>12,099.76</b>	<b>624.70</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>Nonresident Medical Students*</b>				
Tuition	19,938.50	21,035.10	1,096.60	5.5%
Required Fees	232.06	238.36	6.30	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,170.56</b>	<b>21,273.46</b>	<b>1,102.90</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

\* The Required Fees for Resident and Nonresident Medical Students do **not** include the proposed Medical Student Technology Fee (PDA and related connectivity) for third and four year medical students.



WHEREAS, the proposed guaranteed tuition plan would not take effect until 2007-2008 and thus would allow central administration and student leadership ample time to develop and refine the details of implementation, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for students, faculty, and administrators alike to agree in principle to the scope and structure of this plan before further developing it,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Kansas Student Senate here assembled supports the principles set forth in the University of Kansas Guaranteed Four-Year Base Tuition Plan with one reservation. This body encourages the administration to move forward on this plan; however, we recommend that school-specific tuition rates also be included under the purview of the stated proposal.



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Jeff Dunlap, Student Body Vice President  
Presiding Officer of the Student Senate



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Lauren Pierson  
Executive Secretary of Student Senate



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Steve Munch  
Student Body President

Veto: Yes ~~No~~

**The University of Kansas**  
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Board of Regents.

As three years of hard work on the University of Kansas tuition plan comes to a close, I wanted to take an opportunity to restate the student interest and initiative that created this project.

In April of 2004, an aspiring Student Body President and his coalition running for Student Senate first presented the concept of "Guaranteed Base Tuition." The idea created a tuition plan for the University of Kansas that would allow all students coming to the University of Kansas to plan for their education costs.

This platform staple led Steve Munch to 23% margin of victory. Steve and his staff worked with administration at KU for the next semester fleshing out more of the details of how this could work. To back up the student vote in elections, at the final meeting of the next fall, the Student Senate passed "A Resolution in Support of the Guaranteed Base Tuition Concept" unanimously.

Since the passage of the resolution in December of 2004, Student Senate administrations have been working with KU administrators to finalize the details. Student interest in this project has not waned since the end of Steve's administration. Students continue to wait and ask questions about when this will be possible. This year Student Senate worked on methods of making our own student fees more predictable.

I, as the representative of the University of Kansas Student Body, encourage the Board to approve the final "Four Year Tuition Compact" at the University of Kansas.

Sincerely,

Jason Boots  
Student Body President  
University of Kansas

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is the purpose and benefit of KU's Four-Year Tuition Compact?**

The Compact originated with KU's student leadership, which requested a tuition plan that would enable students and their families to plan and budget for college expenses. Similar to national trends, tuition increases at KU have ranged from zero to 25.2 percent over the past 30 years, often with short notice, giving students little time to make financial arrangements to pay for college.

This Compact will enable students to accurately estimate the key costs of a four-year degree -- Tuition, Course Fees, and Required Campus Fees -- based on their academic major and number of credit hours taken. In addition, a two-year on-campus housing contract is available for students. The Compact gives students and their families the confidence that college will remain affordable, and provides certainty for financial planning. KU is the only college or university in Kansas to make this unprecedented commitment to students and their families.

### **2. Does the Compact save students money?**

No. This is not a tuition discount plan. It is intended to help students and their families accurately estimate their total tuition costs for completing a four-year undergraduate degree. While the Four-Year Tuition Compact is not a savings plan, it does protect students from unanticipated tuition rate increases during the four-year period.

### **3. Who participates in the Four-Year Tuition Compact?**

Beginning Fall 2007, all first-time, degree-seeking freshmen participate in the Four-Year Tuition Compact.

### **4. Who is a first-time freshman?**

A first-time freshman is a student who starts at KU immediately after graduating from high school or has never attended another college or postsecondary institution. Students who graduate from high school in Spring 2008 are first-time freshmen, regardless of the number of college or advanced placement credits earned.

New international students who enter KU as first-time freshmen will participate in the Compact.

**5. What tuition rate will sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students pay this fall?**

All sophomores who entered KU in Fall 2007 as first-time freshmen students will pay the FY 2008 Compact Tuition Rates established for their entering class. All others, except for the Fall 2008 entering freshman class, will pay Standard Tuition rates. Standard Tuition rates depend on whether a student has graduate or undergraduate, resident or nonresident status. The proposed Compact and Standard Tuition rates for Fall 2008, pending approval by the Kansas Board of Regents, are available online at [www.tuition.ku.edu](http://www.tuition.ku.edu).

**6. Why does the Tuition Compact expire in four years?**

The Compact matches the length of time it takes for a student enrolled in 16 hours a semester to complete most bachelor's degree programs at KU. The University strongly encourages students to maintain a rigorous academic schedule and graduate in a timely manner. However, there is no penalty if a student does not complete a degree within four years.

**7. What happens if a student does not finish his/her degree in four years?**

After the Compact Tuition rate expires (48 months after starting at KU), students will pay the Standard Tuition rate.

**8. Is there a maximum or minimum limit to the number of hours in which a student may enroll?**

No. The Compact is in effect for four years (48 months) from the date the student enters KU. For example, a student who begins classes in Fall 2008 will pay the same Compact Tuition rate until July 2012. The Compact Tuition rate is in effect regardless of the number of courses the student takes.

**9. Will a freshman entering KU in Fall 2008 pay the same Compact Tuition rate that freshmen in Fall 2007 paid?**

No. Each entering class will pay a different Compact Tuition rate based on a four-year average of anticipated Standard Tuition rates. A first-time freshman who entered KU in Fall 2007 will pay the FY 2008 Compact Tuition rate until it expires in July 2011. A first-time freshman entering KU in Fall 2008 will pay the FY 2009 Compact Tuition rate until it expires in July 2012.

**10. Is the Compact tuition rate the same for residents and nonresidents?**

No. As in the past, tuition for Kansas residents is less than tuition for nonresidents. Kansas residents will pay a Compact Tuition rate that is the average of anticipated resident Standard Tuition rates for the next four years. Nonresident students will pay a Compact Tuition rate that is the average of anticipated nonresident Standard Tuition rates for the next four years.

**11. What will happen if a student leaves KU during the four-year period and comes back later?**

A student who leaves KU but returns during the four-year (48-month) period will continue to pay the same Compact Tuition rate. For example, a student enters KU in Fall 2008 but withdraws the following year. If that student re-enters KU in Fall 2010, s/he will pay the FY 2009 Compact Tuition rate, until it expires in July 2012.

**12. What if a student participates in a full-time internship for a semester or enrolls in a study abroad program?**

The student continues to pay the Compact Tuition rate for four years (48 months). The clock does not stop if the student leaves campus.

Participation in an internship or study abroad program does not prevent students from graduating within four years. Notably, students who study abroad while at KU have higher four-year graduation rates.

**13. Are there any exceptions to the four-year rule?**

Students who need to leave KU for extenuating circumstances such as military service or emergency medical conditions, upon verification by the University Registrar, will continue to pay the Compact Tuition rate when they re-enroll.

Their Compact Tuition rate will be extended beyond its normal expiration date for a period matching their approved absence. For example, a student who enters KU in Fall 2007 but is called to active military duty in December and returns in Fall 2008 will receive an 8-month extension of the Compact Tuition rate.

**14. What if a student is in a five-year or six-year academic program?**

Of all undergraduate programs at KU, only four are designed to take longer than four years to complete. They are:

- Architectural engineering
- Industrial design
- Music therapy
- Visual arts education

Students enrolled in these programs will receive the same 48-month Compact Tuition rate and then pay the Standard Tuition rate for their remaining semesters.

Note: Education typically includes four years of undergraduate study and the fifth year is post-baccalaureate graduate work for certification. Students pay Standard Tuition at the graduate level for the post-baccalaureate year.

**15. What about students who are admitted to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program?**

All students who are admitted to the PharmD program, whether first enrolled as new freshmen at KU or as transfer students, pay the Compact Tuition rate for the four years of the PharmD program. A pre-pharmacy student who enters KU in Fall 2008 will pay the FY 2009 Compact Tuition rate. When the student is admitted to the PharmD program, s/he will pay the Compact Tuition rate for that entering class. For example, if the student is admitted to the PharmD program in Fall 2009, the student will pay the FY 2010 Compact Tuition rate for the next four years.

**16. When will students know what the Fall 2008 tuition rates will be?**

Tuition rates are approved by the Kansas Board of Regents in June. The proposed Compact and Standard Tuition rates for Fall 2008 are available online at [www.tuition.ku.edu](http://www.tuition.ku.edu)

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR  
FY 2009 PROPOSED CAMPUS FEE INCREASES**

**KUMC**

**I. PROPOSED CAMPUS FEE CHANGES**

The tables below display the Required Campus Fees per semester for KUMC undergraduate, graduate, and medical students for FY 2008 through FY 2012. Fees for FY 2008 through FY 2011 that were approved by the Kansas Board of Regents in June 2007. **Thus, for these fees and these years, there are no fiscal impact statements.** The FY 2009 – FY 2011 increase is 3 percent annually for each fee, except Student Activity, Student Governing Council, and Disability Insurance fees, which will remain unchanged through this period. The proposed increase for FY 2012 is 3 percent for all fees, **excluding** Student Activity, Student Governing Council, and Disability Insurance

The Required Campus Fees shown for KUMC Medical Students do **not** include the proposed Medical Student Technology Fee (PDA and connectivity fee) for third and fourth year medical students.

KUMC – Undergraduate and Graduate Students	Approved FY 2008 Required Campus Fee	Approved FY 2009 Required Campus Fee	Approved FY 2010 Required Campus Fee	Approved FY 2011 Required Campus Fee	<b>Proposed</b> FY 2012 Required Campus Fee
Library	\$22.66	\$23.34	\$24.04	\$24.76	\$25.50
Student Activity	\$4.12	\$4.12	\$4.12	\$4.12	\$4.12
Student Governing Council	\$5.60	\$5.60	\$5.60	\$5.60	\$5.60
Disability Insurance	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84
Kirmayer Fitness Center	\$53.56	\$55.17	\$56.82	\$58.52	\$60.28
Student Health Services	\$73.91	\$76.13	\$78.41	\$80.76	\$83.18
Student Records Maintenance	\$5.15	\$5.30	\$5.46	\$5.62	\$5.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$174.84</b>	<b>\$179.50</b>	<b>\$184.30</b>	<b>\$189.22</b>	<b>\$194.31</b>

KUMC - Medical Students	Approved FY 2008 Required Campus Fee	Approved FY 2009 Required Campus Fee	Approved FY 2010 Required Campus Fee	Approved FY 2011 Required Campus Fee	<b>Proposed</b> FY 2012 Required Campus Fee
Library	\$51.50	\$53.05	\$54.64	\$56.28	\$57.97
Student Activity	\$5.15	\$5.15	\$5.15	\$5.15	\$5.15
Student Governing Council	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Disability Insurance	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84	\$9.84
Kirmayer Fitness Center	\$58.97	\$60.74	\$62.56	\$64.44	\$66.37
Student Health Services	\$92.39	\$95.15	\$98.02	\$100.96	\$103.99
Student Records Maintenance	\$7.21	\$7.43	\$7.65	\$7.88	\$8.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$232.06</b>	<b>\$238.36</b>	<b>\$244.86</b>	<b>\$251.55</b>	<b>\$258.44</b>

## II. FEE INCREASE JUSTIFICATIONS

Currently, fees are increased when a request is made by Student Services and approved by the Student Governing Council. This results in the following:

- After several years with no increase in student fees, funds collected become insufficient to cover increasing costs.
- When student fees are increased after several years, the increase is greater than desired to “catch up” for years where no increase occurred.
- Budgeting for upcoming years is made more difficult by the uncertainty of whether the fee increase will pass, and long term planning for general maintenance and improvements is difficult.

For these reasons, KUMC is proposing an annual 3 percent increase in selected KUMC student fees that would benefit both the university and the students by eliminating the problems addressed above. The estimated revenue from the 3% increase is \$22,500.

Note that the disability insurance fee is not subject to this annual fee increase since it is based on the amount of the insurance premium negotiated between KUMC and the insurance company.

### **III. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE FEE INCREASE PROPOSAL**

At the February 1, 2007 Student Governing Council meeting, the co-presidents discussed the idea of simplifying the required Campus Fees and increasing certain fees by 3 percent on an annual basis, excluding fees for Student Activity, the Student Governing Council, and Student Disability Insurance, effective for the 2007-08 academic year.

Discussion took place among the KUMC Student Senators present at the meeting. The students determined that the Student Governing Council fee and the Student Activity fee did not need to be subjected to an annual fee increase due to new bookstore revenues that they are going to receive due to a change in the KUMC Bookstore ownership. A motion was made to approve the 3 percent annual fee increases, and was passed by a vote of 14-1-0. The Student Governing Council deliberated the fee simplification proposal via email and approved the proposal by a vote of 11-1-1. A letter of continuing support from the co-presidents of the Student Governing Council is included at the end of this attachment.

### **IV. IMPACT ON STUDENTS**

These fee increases are only a fraction of the full tuition and fees paid by students. It is not anticipated that these increases will adversely affect the ability of students to finance their education.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Medical Student Technology Fee – PDA Phone and Connectivity**  
**KUMC**

**I. PROPOSED FEE**

The University of Kansas School of Medicine seeks approval of a Student Technology Fee to support the provision of a PDA Phone for each student entering the third year of Medical School beginning with the class of 2010 (fall 2008) at both the Wichita and Kansas City campuses. The third year students would pay a \$450 annual fee and fourth year students would pay a \$300 annual fee.

**II. FEE JUSTIFICATION**

The LCME requires that students keep logs of patients seen during clinical encounters. These clinical logs are to be used as a tool to generate feedback for students about the number of patients and types of cases they have encountered.

In addition, the clinical clerkships must be able to contact students before, during and after clinical hours and in some cases may need immediate contact with students. The students currently carry a PDA and a pager so that they are always available. The PDA phone will replace the PDA and pager and will facilitate text and numeric paging as well as email access.

The University wishes to provide the PDA phone so that each student has identical hardware with identical configurations and software, so that all necessary functionality is available to the student and to assure that faculty can make assumptions regarding the hardware and software available to the student. Finally, standardized systems minimize the impact on technical and support units.

The PDA Phones utilize a high-speed cellular data network that is accessible throughout the hospital and University, as well as outlying areas. This connectivity provides access to online medical resources, email, and internet. The University of Kansas Medical Center has adopted a hospital-wide electronic health record that stores details patient information. This resource is accessible from the PDA Phone and can be a great benefit to students in their patient care activities. The electronic health record is also tied to a clinical reference system called Dynamed that is PDA accessible. Additionally, the PDA Phone is able to host a variety of reference materials and University library resources from the Wichita and Kansas City campuses. Students will be able to access lecture material hosted on the University's learning management system via the PDA Phone wirelessly. This will allow students to prepare for didactic learning prior to the lecture.

The Student Technology Fee will cover the PDA Phone and high-speed data service, text messaging and paging, and access to voice services. Both service and hardware are purchasable under the Kansas state contract. New PDA Phones will be distributed during third year orientation and will become the property of and the responsibility of the student. The PDA phone will be pre-configured, wirelessly enabled, and ready for immediate use for each matriculating class.

### **III. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROPOSAL**

There has been frequent and consistent engagement of students in the development of this proposal, resulting in a letter of endorsement from the co-Presidents of the Medical Student Assembly, which is appended.

### **IV. IMPACT ON THE STUDENTS**

Medical students will have enhanced access to educational materials and new access to patient information in a mobile fashion. They will be able to continually track patients, diagnoses, etc. for the purpose enhancing student educational opportunities and adhering to accreditation requirements. Communication will be enhanced between students, faculty, and administration. Finally, the PDA Phone combines standalone PDAs and Pagers that were previously provided to students, thus reducing the number of devices students are required to carry on their persons at all times.

The PDA Phone is both the property of and the responsibility of the student. Hardware repair will be accomplished via manufacturer warranty where applicable. Sprint will host an on-site technician to address technical issues. The School of Medicine and Sprint will staff an information table during orientation. Sprint and the School will have trained staff on-site to solve student problems with using the PDA Phones. Ongoing Support will be provided by Sprint, the School and Information Resources.

The student is responsible for replacing a lost PDA Phone. The School will assure the online availability of all digital learning and presentation materials in case of the need to restore them to a student's PDA Phone. Students will be encouraged to back up unique information to their Tablet PCs.

The University of Kansas School of Medicine seeks approval of a Student Technology Fee to support the provision of a Personal Data Assistant (PDA) Phone and connectivity for each rising Third-Year Medical Student, beginning with the class of 2010 at both the Wichita and Kansas City campuses. The proposed two-time fee of \$450 for each third year medical student and \$300 for each fourth year medical student would be assessed upon matriculation in the third and fourth years. The \$450 fee covers the PDA phone purchase and connectivity costs, and the \$300 fee covers connectivity costs only.

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March 12, 2008

Reginald Robinson  
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Dear President Robinson,

This letter is to inform you that on March 4, 2008 the Medical Student Assembly unanimously endorsed a proposal for a student technology fee to be assessed in the third and fourth years of medical school. This fee will allow for the purchase and maintenance of a single electronic device for each clinical student that will supplant the current use of pagers and personal data assistants. The Assembly endorsed a student fee of \$450 in the third year and \$300 in the fourth year.

It is the belief of the Assembly that the devices procured through this fee will permit students to discharge their clinical duties with greater ease and serve an important educational objective with respect to the integration of technology in medical practice.

If questions arise regarding this proposal, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

*Adam Obley*

Adam Obley  
Co-President  
Medical Student Assembly

*Elise Schnose*

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR  
FY 2009 PROPOSED CAMPUS FEE INCREASES**

**KU-Lawrence**

**I. FEE SCHEDULE AND PROPOSED CAMPUS FEE CHANGES**

The table below displays the Required Campus Fees per semester for KU-Lawrence students. These fees are based on enrollments of six or more credit hours in the Spring and Fall semesters. Fees are assessed at an hourly rate for enrollments of fewer than six credit hours per semester. Similarly, summer Required Campus Fees are based on credit hour enrollment.

The FY 2009 proposed increases in the nine bolded fees (below) were approved by the Student Senate. on November 14, 2007, and April 25, 2008. The FY 2010 through FY 2012 fees shown below are estimates that may be changed in subsequent years through Student Senate.

KU-Lawrence - All Students	FY 2008 Required Campus Fee	<b>Proposed</b> FY 2009 Required Campus Fee	Estimated FY 2010 Required Campus Fee	Estimated FY 2011 Required Campus Fee	Estimated FY 2012 Required Campus Fee
<b>Student Health</b>	\$105.25	\$111.50	\$118.00	\$125.10	\$132.50
<b>Student Recreation and Fitness Center</b>	68.00	74.50	76.90	79.30	81.50
<b>Student Union Building</b>	39.00	41.00	43.00	45.20	47.50
<b>Campus Transportation</b>	36.00	64.90	68.20	71.20	72.70
<b>Campus Environmental Improvement</b>	3.75	4.00	4.00	4.20	4.20
<b>Legal Services for Students</b>	8.50	10.20	10.50	11.00	11.20
<b>Women's &amp; Non-Revenue Intercollegiate Sports</b>	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	25.00
Educational Opportunity	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

<b>Campus Safety</b>	2.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Child Care Facility Construction	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Student Union Renovation	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Student Senate Activity	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Student Media	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Newspaper Readership	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Multicultural Resource Center	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
<b>Student Union Activities</b>	5.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
Saferide	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Wireless Implementation	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$377.75</b>	<b>\$423.35</b>	<b>\$437.85</b>	<b>\$453.25</b>	<b>\$451.85</b>

## II. FEE INCREASE JUSTIFICATIONS

### Student Health Fee

Student Health Services (SHS) at Watkins Memorial Health Center provides a breadth of medical services to KU students. The Center has been accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) since 1988. Most recent documented AAAHC survey results indicate the highest possible ranking in all accreditation standards. SHS provides high quality services including: allergy clinic, general medicine, gynecology clinic, travel/immunization clinic, laboratory, nutrition counseling, pharmacy, physical therapy, radiology, sports medicine, urgent care and wellness.

SHS is highly utilized and valued by the students of our University as demonstrated by a utilization rate of 77.26% (20,686 unique students during FY 2007). The patient satisfaction survey conducted by the Student Health Advisory Board shows an overall satisfaction rating of 87.45%.

Student Health Services has a history of being excellent stewards of finances and provides services in a fiscally responsible manner. The average cost per visit at SHS is 60% below the median for comparable services in our community (per the MEDPAR data provided by the federal government). This fee is now reviewed annually by Student Senate for consideration of an increase for inflationary increases, recognizing, in

particular, the need for annual salary adjustments, and increases in the cost of medical supplies and equipment.

The proposed combined Student Health Fee is anticipated to yield approximately \$5,296,800 FY 2009; \$5,605,400 FY 2010, \$5,942,800 FY 2011, and \$6,294,300 FY 2012. This represents an increase of about \$216,950, \$308,600, \$337,400, and \$351,500, respectively. The proposed increases will allow students to receive the benefit of continuation of the existing level of health services.

Student Review and Approval: Student Health Advisory Board discussed proposals during the early Fall semester of 2007. Student Senate Campus Fee Review Subcommittee, October 20, 2007; Student Senate Finance Committee, November 7, 2007; Student Senate, November 14, 2007.

### **Student Recreation and Fitness Center Fee**

Encouraging a healthy lifestyle and providing meaningful recreational opportunities is a reflection of current societal attitudes toward wellness activities. The programs and services of the recreation center provide for the recreational enrichment of participants, social life skills and physical competence; and provide individual leadership opportunities through competition, participation and employment.

Students depend on Recreation Services to continue to provide a high quality environment in which to conduct safe, non-threatening recreation and fitness activities. An average of 3,500 students per day utilize the programs and facilities operated by Recreation Services. The fee currently funds 26 diverse Sports Clubs with approximately 900 student members who travel extensively to represent KU in many forms of competition. An expansion of the Center began construction late spring 2007 and should be available beginning fall 2008.

The composition of the current \$68.00 fee is: Operations, Facilities & Construction Bond, \$64.00; Sports Clubs, \$3.00; and Facility Maintenance, \$1.00. The increase is slated to increase Recreation Services' operating budget. This fee is now reviewed annually by Student Senate for consideration of an increase for inflationary increases, recognizing, in particular, the need for staff growth due to the facility expansion, annual salary adjustments, and increases in the cost of general maintenance, utilities and equipment. The adjusted Student Recreation Fitness Center Fee is anticipated to yield approximately \$3,510,000 FY 2009; \$3,623,100 FY 2010; \$3,736,200 FY 2011; and \$3,839,900 FY 2012. This represents an increase of about \$207,000; \$113,100; \$113,100; and \$103,700, respectively.

Student Review and Approval: Recreation Services Advisory Board, September, 2007; Student Senate Campus Fee Review Subcommittee, October 20, 2007; Student Senate Finance Committee, November 7, 2007; Student Senate, November 14, 2007

## **Student Union Building Fee**

Student fee support of the KU Memorial Unions' budget is an important and significant resource which supplements the sales of goods and services. The contributing factors of cost increases are utilities and custodial labor. Current activity levels are 1.8 million building users and over 51,000 event bookings annually.

The KU Memorial Unions continues to be a great steward of the fee monies and have created excellent programming space and made resources available for students while keeping a low student fee rate. This fee is now reviewed annually by Student Senate for consideration of an increase for inflationary increases, recognizing, in particular, annual salary adjustments, and increases in the cost of utilities and general operating costs. The increase will prevent the erosion of services and secure the reliability of the Unions' ability to serve the campus community. The adjusted Student Union Building Fee is anticipated to yield approximately \$1,931,700 FY 2009; \$2,025,950 FY 2010; \$2,129,600 FY 2011; and \$2,238,000 FY 2012. This represents an increase of about \$108,100; \$94,250; \$103,650; and \$108,400, respectively.

Student Review and Approval: Student Senate Campus Fee Review Subcommittee, October 20, 2007; Student Senate Finance Committee, November 7, 2007; Student Senate, November 14, 2007.

## **Campus Transportation Fee**

KU on Wheels, the campus transportation system, originated under Student Senate and has been in operation since 1970. Averaging 6,800 boardings per day, the ten bus routes mobilize students through out the campus and to many student-concentrated residential areas within the city. In FY 2007, 1,087,070 rides were provided. The bus system is fully funded by students through the Campus Transportation Fee and student bus pass sales. The Transportation Board provides operational oversight. The Board consists of seven appointed students, Student Body President, Student Senate Treasurer, one elected representative from the Student Senate Finance Committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Board Chair, and representatives of the University Comptroller, Department of Parking & Transit, Student Housing and Student Involvement and Leadership Center.

Students initiated the concept of a 'fare free' system that would allow any student to board any KU on Wheels bus by showing their KUID. To implement a fare free system, the need to purchase a bus pass would be eliminated by increasing the overall required campus fee. Via Student Senate, a referendum vote was held on April 9 and 10 asking if students would support a \$20 per semester increase to create a fare free system. The referendum passed, with 64% of those voting supporting the additional fee increase.

In addition, this fee is now reviewed annually by Student Senate for consideration of an increase for inflationary increases, recognizing, in particular, fluctuation in fuel costs, the need for annual salary adjustments, increase costs of equipment maintenance and general operations provided through the service provider. The first review occurred in the fall semester as part of the annual, inflationary costs review resulting in an increase

of \$2.70 in the operations portion of the fee. Another increase occurred in the spring semester. Campus Transportation requested an increase due to extreme fuel cost increases and higher service provider costs, resulting in an additional \$6.20 increase.

The adjusted Campus Transportation Fee is anticipated to yield approximately \$3,057,800 FY 2009; \$3,213,300 FY 2010; \$3,354,600 FY 2011; and \$3,425,300 FY 2012. This represents an increase of about \$2,086,410; \$155,500; \$141,300; and \$70,700, respectively.

Student Review and Approval: Inflationary Increase: Student Senate Campus Fee Review Subcommittee, October 20, 2007; Transit Commission reviewed, November 2; Student Senate Finance Committee, November 7, 2007; Student Senate, November 14, 2007. The \$6.20 increase: Transit Commission, March 24, 2008; Student Senate Campus Fee Review Subcommittee and Student Senate Finance Committee, March 26, 2008; Student Senate April 2, 2008. The \$20.00 increase: Transit Commission, March 24, 2008; Student Senate Fee Review Subcommittee and Student Senate Finance Committee recommended Referendum, March 26, 2008; Student Senate recommended Referendum, April 2, 2008; Passed Student Referendum held April 9-10, 2008.

### **Campus Environmental Improvement Fee**

The initiation of this fee in the fall of 1998 has resulted in the development of an effective, on-going basic recycling program. Benefits of recycling and the universal concern for improvement of the environment are well documented. The implementation of the campus-wide recycling and environmental improvement program has had a positive impact on the entire University community. Campus recycling efforts have realized an 18% increase in the amount of recyclable material collected since 2004, with an increase of over 98 tons since FY 2007. The program's significant growth over the last fiscal year can be directly attributed to the move to the newly constructed 5000 sq ft recycling warehouse space, the addition of a full-time University Support Staff person for the recycling program, and the grant award to purchase and install a large horizontal baler. The Environmental Stewardship Program was awarded a second Solid Waste Management Competitive Plan Implementation Grant from the Kansas Department of Health & Environment, approximately \$14,000, to partner with KU Facilities Operations Housekeeping to pilot a desk-side office paper recycling program for select campus administrative buildings.

This fee is now reviewed annually by Student Senate for consideration of an increase for inflationary increases. Based on incremental salary increases and expanded program, a \$.25 increase is proposed.

This adjusted fee is projected to yield \$188,460 during FY 2009 and FY 2010, \$197,900 during FY 2011 and FY 2012, an increase of about \$6,460 and \$9,440 respectively. Student Review and Approval: Student Senate Campus Fee Review Subcommittee, October 20, 2007; Student Senate Finance Committee, November 7, 2007; Student Senate, November 14, 2007.

### **Legal Services for Students Fee**

Legal Services for Students (LSS) has been fully funded by Student Senate and in operation since 1979. This service provides legal assistance in areas of law, where students often need advice, and for which it is difficult to obtain legal counsel at an affordable price. This office consults and advises students on any legal matter, i.e., matters relating to consumer contracts, divorce, adoption, child support, alcohol offenses, loans, landlord/tenant situations, income tax reporting, automobile accidents, identity theft, immigration, etc. LSS plays an important role in supporting the academic mission and assists students in reaching academic success by allowing them to focus on classroom and academic issues.

This fee was last increased fall 2005. Beginning fall 2007, this fee is one of those now reviewed annually by Student Senate for consideration of an increase for inflationary increases, recognizing, in particular, the need for annual salary and employee benefits adjustments and increases in the cost of general operating costs. Since it is two years since the last increase, a slightly larger increment is proposed for FY 2009.

The adjusted Legal Services for Students Fee is anticipated to yield approximately \$480,570 FY 2009; \$494,700 FY 2010; \$518,265 FY 2011; and \$527,700 FY 2012. This represents an increase of about \$67,740; \$14,130; \$23,565; and \$9,435, respectively.

Student Review and Approval: Student Senate Legal Services for Students Advisory Board, October 3, 2007; Student Senate Campus Fee Review Subcommittee, October 20, 2007; Student Senate Finance Committee, November 7, 2007; Student Senate, November 14, 2007.

### **Women's and Non-Revenue Intercollegiate Sports Fee**

The revenue generated from this fee is dedicated to assist Kansas Athletics with the funding of women's and non-revenue sports at KU. The fee was last increased fall 2006, which included the addition of \$15.00 for capital improvements. The action taken by the Student Senate this spring places a sunset date of the end of spring semester, 2011. The fee can be extended by a vote of the Student Senate for capital projects with the recommendation of the Women's and Non-Revenue Intercollegiate Sports Advisory Board.

Student Review and Approval: Student Senate Rights Committee and Student Senate Finance Committee, March 5, 2008; Student Senate, March 12, 2008.

### **Campus Safety Fee**

Beginning Fall 1992, Student Senate established a Campus Lighting Fee to fund improvements to campus lighting and to promote the safety of students on the Lawrence Campus. The University administration agreed to match a minimum of \$100,000

annually to any monies generated from this student fee and to complete each project within the fiscal year the funds became available. Significant progress in improvements to campus lighting has been achieved. Student Senate is committed to promoting campus safety and in 1997, 2001, and again in 2004 voted to continue this fee for three years, respectively. In 2001 the fee was renamed the Campus Safety Fee. Projects for this fee include, but are not limited to, blue emergency phones, lighting (excluding parking lots), dual usage phones and security cameras. Funds may be used for other programs, lectures, workshops, or services designed to promote a safe environment on campus. The Campus Safety Advisory Board, composed of students, faculty and staff, reviews programs that could enhance campus safety. Since significant progress has been made as a result of the funding made available by this fee, Student Senate decided to lower the fee from \$2.00 to \$1.50. The sunset date was removed. The adjusted Campus Safety Fee is anticipated to yield approximately \$70,700 annually FY 2009 thru FY 2012. This represents an annual decrease of about \$26,425 .

Student Review and Approval: Student Senate Rights Committee and Student Senate Finance Committee, March 5, 2008 and Student Senate, April 16, 2008.

### **Student Union Activities Fee**

Student Union Activities (SUA) operates as a department within the KU Memorial Unions. SUA was created in 1938 by the University of Kansas Memorial Corporation as a way to popularize the Kansas Union and make it the center of activity for students. SUA provides quality entertainment and an ongoing commitment to enriching the KU community through student involvement. It is the primary student event programming body at KU, coordinating more than 150 programs per year. KU students benefit academically, culturally, and socially from high quality events, lectures and other programming. Each year the ability of the SUA budget to cover the rising costs of talent fees of prominent performers and lecturers becomes more difficult. In order to maintain reduced ticket prices and offer multiple free events, additional funds are needed.

The adjusted Student Union Activities Fee is anticipated to yield approximately \$255,500 annually FY 2009 thru FY 2012. This represents a yearly increase of about \$15,100.

Student Review and Approval: Student Senate Campus Fee Review Subcommittee, October 20, 2007; Student Senate Finance Committee, November 7, 2007; Student Senate, November 14, 2007.

### **III. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE FEE INCREASE PROPOSAL**

Students and student leaders assume the full responsibility for initiating and considering the Required Campus Fees. All Required Campus Fees have a student advisory board and university department providing administrative oversight. As a general rule, a fee proposal will first be reviewed and approved by the appropriate student advisory board.

Then the proposal will be reviewed and approved by a combination of the Student Senate Finance Committee plus one of the following committees: Student Senate Fee Review, Student Senate University Affairs Committee, Student Senate Multicultural Affairs Committee, Student Senate Student Rights Committee or Student Senate Graduate Affairs Committee.

Most often, the final student review and approval step is Student Senate. However, fees and fee increases also may be initiated/modified and approved through a student referendum. For a student referendum to pass, ten percent (10%) of the enrolled student body must vote and fifty percent (50%) of the votes must support the issue. A fee proposal is then reviewed and approved by the central administrative staff of the University.

#### **IV. NUMBER OF STUDENTS AFFECTED**

All students, undergraduate and graduate, who pay the Lawrence Required Campus Fees, would be affected by the proposed changes. Students enrolled in six or more hours each semester will pay the semester rate and students enrolled in five hours or more in Summer Session will pay the Summer Session rate. Other students will pay the prorated hourly fee rate. The estimated income is based on a combined fall/spring FTE enrollment of 44,715 and a summer FTE of 4,800.

#### **V. IMPACT ON STUDENTS**

These fee increases are only a fraction of the full tuition and fees paid by students. It is not anticipated that these increases will adversely affect the ability of students to finance their education.