

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2017-\_\_\_\_\_**

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING, AMENDMENTS TO  
CHAPTER 7, UPDATING TUITION RATES FOR AY 2018-2019**

**WHEREAS**, District of Columbia law (D.C. Official Code §38-1202.06(8)) provides for the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia (the “University”) to fix tuition to be paid by resident and nonresident students attending the University; provided, that such tuition is adopted by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the provisions of D.C. Official Code §2-505(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the University consists of a flagship urban land-grant university offering a broad range of academic and professional programs; a community college branch campus offering workforce development opportunities, academic certifications and academic associate degrees; and a law school whose mission is to recruit and enroll students from groups under-represented at the bar, to provide a well-rounded theoretical and practical legal education that will enable students to be effective and ethical advocates, and to represent the legal needs of low-income District of Columbia residents through the school's legal clinics; and

**WHEREAS**, the University is trying to avoid sporadic, significant tuition increases and trying instead to maintain existing cost structure consistent with the rate of inflation by implementing consistent incremental increases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Year 2018-2019 tuition rate will be increased by 2.8% based on the 2016 Higher Education Price Index of 1.8%.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the University hereby takes proposed rulemaking action to amend Chapter 7 of the University Rules (Title 8B DCMR) to increase tuition to the rates as indicated in the attached Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Counsel of the University is hereby directed to publish this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the D.C. Register as soon as is practicable for a comment period of not less than thirty (30) days, in accordance with the provisions of D.C. Official Code §2-505 (a).

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

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Date

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Dr. Elaine A. Crider  
Chairperson of the Board

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia pursuant to the authority set forth under the District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Reorganization Act Amendments (Act) effective January 2, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-36; D.C. Official Code §§ 38-1202.01(a); 38-1202.06)(3),(13) (2001 & 2011 Supp.) hereby gives notice of its intent to amend chapter 7 (Admissions and Academic Standards) of subtitle B (University of the District of Columbia) of title 8 (Higher Education) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

The purpose of the proposed rule is to adjust tuition rates for degree granting programs beginning in the fall semester of 2018. The Board of Trustees will take final action to adopt these amendments to the University Rules in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

**Chapter 7, ADMISSIONS AND ACADEMIC STANDARDS, of subtitle B, UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, of title 8, HIGHER EDUCATION, is amended as follows:**

**Section 728, TUITION AND FEES: DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS, Subsection 728.1 is amended as follows:**

728.1           The following tuition and fees have been approved by the Board of Trustees consistent with D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.06(8):

**728, TUITION AND FEES: DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS, Subsection 728.2 is amended as follows:**

728.2	COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS	<u>Per Credit Hour</u>
	Washington, D.C. Residents	\$111.00
	Metropolitan Area Residents	\$187.00
	All Other Residents	\$316.00

**Section 728, TUITION AND FEES: DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS, Subsection 728.3 is amended as follows:**

728.3	FLAGSHIP BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS	<u>Per Credit Hour</u>
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Washington, D.C. Residents	\$308.00
Metropolitan Area Residents	\$356.00
All Other Residents	\$647.00

**Section 728, TUITION AND FEES: DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS, Subsection 728.4 is amended as follows:**

728.4	FLAGSHIP GRADUATE DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS	
		<u>Per Credit Hour</u>
	Washington, D.C. Residents	\$488.00
	Metropolitan Area Residents	\$552.00
	All Other Residents	\$939.00

**Section 728, TUITION AND FEES: DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS, Subsection 728.5 is amended as follows:**

728.5	DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS FULL TIME PROGRAM STUDENTS (FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS ONLY)	
		<u>Per Semester</u>
	Washington, D.C. Residents	\$5,919.00
	All Other Residents	\$11,837.00

**Section 728, TUITION AND FEES: DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS, Subsection 728.6 is amended as follows:**

728.6	DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS ALL OTHER STUDENTS	
		<u>Per Credit Hour</u>
	Washington, D.C. Residents	\$402.00
	All Other Residents	\$802.00

**Section 728, TUITION AND FEES: DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS, Subsection 728.7 is amended as follows:**

728.7	SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS	
		<u>Per Credit Hour</u>
	Washington, D.C. Residents	\$320.00
	Metropolitan Area Residents	\$370.00
	All Other Residents	\$671.00

**Section 728, TUITION AND FEES: DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS, Subsection 728.8 is amended as follows:**

728.8 Definitions

- (a) Full-Time Students. Any undergraduate or community college student enrolled in at least twelve (12) credits hours per semester, or any graduate student enrolled in at least nine (9) credit hours per semester, shall be considered a full-time student for the purposes of calculation of tuition in accordance with this chapter. Full-time undergraduate and community college students shall be charged tuition for each semester in which they are enrolled in the amount of twelve (12) credit hours, regardless of the number of credit hours actually taken. Full-time graduate students shall be charged tuition for each semester in which they are enrolled in the amount of nine (9) credit hours, regardless of the number of credit hours actually taken.
- (b) Metropolitan Area Residents. Any individual who can establish residency in one of the following counties shall be considered a Metropolitan Area Resident: Montgomery County, Maryland; Prince George's County, Maryland; Arlington County, Virginia; City of Alexandria, Virginia; Fairfax County, Virginia. The standards used to establish residency shall be the same standards used to establish residency for District residents.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of the proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing not later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. Comments should be filed with the Office of General Counsel, Building 39- Room 301-Q, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. Comments may also be submitted by email to karen.hardwick@udc.edu. Individuals wishing to comment by email must include the phrase "Comment to Proposed Rulemaking: Tuition " in the subject line.

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**TO:** The Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Managing Director of Finance *David L. Franklin*

**DATE:** March 17, 2017

**SUBJECT:** UDC Tuition Rate Increase for AY2018-2019

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### Conclusion

It is concluded that the tuition rate increase for AY 2018-2019 will result in a positive fiscal impact to the University of the District of Columbia's revenue stream as a result of increased tuition charges to be paid by resident and non-resident students attending the University.

### Background

The proposed resolution is to approve an increase in the tuition rates of 2.8 percent based on the 2016 Higher Education Price Index (HEPI). Using HEPI would be a change from prior years where the CPI was used. From year to year, the HEPI and CPI are closely related, but using HEPI over the long haul will serve as a better guide with respect to tuition rate changes.

The excerpt below provides an overview of the purpose and use of HEPI:

“The Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) is an inflation index designed specifically for use by institutions of higher education. Compiled from data reported by government agencies and industry sources, HEPI measures the average relative level in the price of a fixed market basket of goods and services purchased by colleges and universities each year through current fund educational and general expenditures, excluding research. A more accurate indicator of cost changes for colleges and universities than the Consumer Price Index (CPI), HEPI is used primarily to project future budget increases required to preserve purchasing power. With compilations dating back to 1961, HEPI offers more than 50 continuous years of higher education inflation data. It is an essential tool enabling schools to determine increases in funding necessary to maintain both real purchasing power and investment.”

The increases in tuition rates are projected to generate approximately \$900,000 in additional tuition revenue for the Academic Year 2018-2019. The tuition increase applies to courses taken at the Flagship, Community College, and School of Law. The increase rate is based on estimated AY 2016-2017 enrollment data and assumes flat enrollment projections.

Attached is a schedule showing the current and prospective change in tuition structure using the CPI+1% and the HEPI+1% for the programs at the Flagship, Community College and the School of Law.

**Financial Impact**

It is projected that the increase in tuition rates would lead to an increase in revenue for the University. This request has been approved based on information provided. There are no anticipated risks at this time.

Risk Assumptions	Impacts
Higher Tuition rates may negatively impact enrollment	Research indicates low to moderate fiscal impact on the correlation of tuition increase and decline in enrollment and retention.



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Schedule of Proposed Tuition Rate Increase (CPI+1% vs HEPI +1%)

For Academic Year 18-19

	Tuition per Board Resolution 2016-39	CPI+1% Tuition		Proposed CPI Tuition Rates FY19 (AY18-19)	HEPI+1%		Proposed HEPI Tuition Rate (AY18-19)	Tuition Rate Variances
		Rate Increase	Rate Increase		Tuition Rate Increase	Tuition Rate		
<b>COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS</b>								
Washington, D.C. Residents	108.00	3.20%	3.20%	111.00	2.8%	111.00	-	
Metropolitan Area Residents	182.00	3.20%	3.20%	188.00	2.8%	187.00	(1.00)	
All Other Residents	307.00	3.20%	3.20%	317.00	2.8%	316.00	(1.00)	
<b>FLAGSHIP BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS</b>								
Washington, D.C. Residents	300.00	3.20%	3.20%	310.00	2.8%	308.00	(2.00)	
Metropolitan Area Residents	346.00	3.20%	3.20%	357.00	2.8%	356.00	(1.00)	
All Other Residents	629.00	3.20%	3.20%	649.00	2.8%	647.00	(2.00)	
<b>SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS</b>								
Washington, D.C. Residents	320.00	3.20%	3.20%	330.00	2.8%	329.00	(1.00)	
Metropolitan Area Residents	370.00	3.20%	3.20%	382.00	2.8%	380.00	(2.00)	
All Other Residents	671.00	3.20%	3.20%	692.00	2.8%	690.00	(2.00)	
<b>FLAGSHIP GRADUATE DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS</b>								
Washington, D.C. Residents	475.00	3.20%	3.20%	490.00	2.8%	488.00	(2.00)	
Metropolitan Area Residents	537.00	3.20%	3.20%	554.00	2.8%	552.00	(2.00)	
All Other Residents	913.00	3.20%	3.20%	942.00	2.8%	939.00	(3.00)	
<b>LAW SCHOOL - FULL TIME PROGRAM STUDENTS (FALL &amp; SPRING SEMESTERS ONLY)</b>								
Washington, D.C. Residents	5,758.00	3.20%	3.20%	5,942.00	2.8%	5,919.00	(23.00)	
All Other Residents	11,515.00	3.20%	3.20%	11,883.00	2.8%	11,837.00	(46.00)	
<b>LAW SCHOOL - ALL OTHER STUDENTS</b>								
Washington, D.C. Residents	391.00	3.20%	3.20%	404.00	2.8%	402.00	(2.00)	
All Other Residents	780.00	3.20%	3.20%	805.00	2.8%	802.00	(3.00)	