

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2015-33

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING, FEE REFORM and INCREASE IN MANDATORY and SPECIAL FEES EFFECTIVE AY 2016-2017

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

WHEREAS, the recommendations and findings presented are the product of the University Committee on Fee Reform (UCFR) of the University of the District of Columbia, whose composition represented broadly twenty-six (26) members of the administration, faculty, staff and students of the institution and whose purpose was to review UDC's current structure for mandatory and special fees by (1) assessing the current fiscal fee structure, (2) determining if revisions were necessary, and (3) recommending a more current and relevant fee structure for the University of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia currently has three (3) distinctly different mandatory fee structures for students who attend the Flagship, Community College and the David A. Clarke School of Law campuses, and such differentiated structures are counterproductive to or compromise promotion of the "*One University Culture*" exuded by the institution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to District of Columbia Code of Municipal Regulations § 8-B728.8, the University of the District of Columbia currently assesses the following mandatory fees for students enrolled full-time in its academic, degree-granting programs, to wit: (1) Activity Fee, (2) Athletic Fee, (3) Health Services Fee, (4) Technology Fee, and (5) Student Center Fee. Further, with the exception of the Law School, Flagship students are assessed an additional Career Development Fee. However, Law School students pay a Fall Semester enrollment fee that Flagship students do not incur. Students enrolled full time in the Community College are assessed a flat fee of \$300 once a year. All UDC part-time Community College, baccalaureate, and graduate students pay a prorated, mandatory fee of \$30.00 per credit hour. Part-time Law School students pay the same, non-prorated fees as full-time students in the School of Law; and

WHEREAS, all students, who attend the University of the District of Columbia, have equal access to all of the services provided to them, as a result of revenue generated from the assessment of mandatory student fee assessments, regardless of whether they attend the institution as full-time or part-time students; and

WHEREAS, the issue of parity in prorating fees for part-time students who have equal access to the same services afforded to full-time students has been discussed and considered; and

WHEREAS, the UCFR completed its charge and submitted a report, replete with recommendations and rationale therefore, to the President of the University of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, The President of the University of the District of Columbia has reviewed the report from the UCFR and submitted it the Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, effective Fall Semester, 2016, all University of the District of Columbia students shall be charged the same rates for Mandatory Fees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby takes proposed rulemaking action to amend Chapter 7 of the University Rules (Title 8B DCMR) to adopt the Recommended Single Fee Charges By College (Per Semester, including Summer Term), as indicated in the attached Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Counsel 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).

Submitted by the Academic and Student Affairs
Committee and the Audit, Budget, and Finance Committee

November 5, 2015

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

December 8, 2015



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 adopt a single fee structure for all University components and to adjust the fees to charges by College beginning in the fall semester of 2016. 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 728.8 is amended as follows:

728.8

- (a) Each semester and summer of enrollment, each full-time and part time undergraduate and graduate student, full-time and part time law school student, and full-time and part time community college student, shall pay the following mandatory fees:
 - (1) Activity Fee: \$35.00 per semester
 - (2) Athletic/Recreation Fee: \$105.00 per semester
 - (3) Health Services Fee: \$25.00 per semester
 - (4) Technology Fee: \$75.00 per semester
 - (5) Student Center Fee: \$140.00 per semester
 - (6) Career and Professional Fee \$40.00 per semester
 - (7) Sustainability Fee \$10.00 per semester

(b) In addition to the fees listed above, each law school student shall pay the following mandatory fees:

- (1) Law School Student Activity Fee: \$210.00 per year
- (2) Law School Materials/Technology: \$85.00 per semester

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 smills@udc.edu. Individuals wishing to comment by email must include the phrase "Comment to Proposed Rulemaking: Fees " in the subject line.