

CHAPTER IV

FINANCE AND BUSINESS

SECTION V. STUDENT FEES

- A. Application Fees. A non-refundable application fee shall be assessed each person making application for admission or re-admission to an institution under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- B. Special Application Fee. Each institution shall be allowed to charge an additional fee for each out-of-state application for the following allied health programs: Dental Hygiene, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Pharmacy and Radiologic Technology.
- C. Activity, Registration and Tuition Fees. The Board of Supervisors annually shall fix the Schedule of Resident and Non-Resident Mandatory Attendance Fees for institutions under its jurisdiction. Full-time undergraduate fees shall apply to students enrolled for twelve hours or more per semester (eight or more per quarter). Full-time graduate fees shall apply to students enrolled for nine hours or more per semester (six per quarter).
- D. Off-Campus Fees. Fees for extension courses and other off-campus offerings (except contractual arrangements) shall be assessed in the same manner as for on-campus offerings. Fees for courses offered under contractual arrangement may not be for a lesser consideration than on-campus offerings without specific approval of the Board. With Board approval, special fees may be assessed for courses offered through distance learning technologies. *(See PPM)*
- E. Late Registration Fee. An additional fee may be charged any student registering after the close of the regular registration period.
- F. Refund Policy. Each university shall develop a refund policy for registration fees appropriate to the individual campus, and in accordance with State and federal regulations.

- G. Drop, Add and Change Fees. A transaction fee for a drop, add, or change of section may be assessed when the transaction is for the convenience of the student. All transactions for the convenience of the university and beyond the control of the student shall be without charge.
- H. Building Use Fee. Each institution shall charge a building use fee to be dedicated to the construction and/or renovation of academic or academic-related facilities as defined by law.
- I. Vehicle Registration Fee. System institutions are authorized to assess vehicle registration fees not to exceed \$35 per year. The income from these registrations shall be used for construction, repair, maintenance, security and operation of parking facilities including streets, roadways, walks, buildings and walkways leading into such parking facilities and for the purchase and maintenance of vehicles where there is a student transit system in use to serve off-campus parking. Institutions may also establish and collect fines for parking and traffic violations on campus.
- J. Academic Enhancement Fee. System institutions are authorized to charge each student an Academic Enhancement Fee not to exceed \$25 per semester.
- K. Self-Assessed Fees. All self-assessed fee proposals voted by the students upon themselves and their successors shall be submitted to the Board for its initial approval prior to the student vote. It is unnecessary to resubmit this item for Board approval subsequent to the students' voting. The Board shall approve any increases of student-assessed fees. All proposals for fee increases shall include a complete justification, a projection of annual revenues generated by the fee, anticipated expenditures by line item, and term of assessment.
 - 1. Automatic Renewal
 - a. All student self-assessed fees, except fees used to secure bonded indebtedness shall be renewed automatically on an annual basis, but shall be subject to a recall referendum (as provided below) and shall be subject to the supervision and management authority of the Board (BYLAWS Sect. 5 RULES of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System).
 - b. All student self-assessed fees used to secure bonded indebtedness shall remain irrevocable until final payment on the bonds, but thereafter shall be subject to the Oversight Committee and the supervision and management authority of the Board (BYLAWS Sect. 5 RULES of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System).

2. Oversight Committee

- a. Each institution shall form a Student Self-Assessed Fee Oversight Committee. The chairperson of the committee shall be elected by the voting members of the committee and will vote only in the event of a tie. Committee membership as determined by each institution shall include, but not be limited to:
 - i. The Chief Business Affairs Officer and the Chief Student Affairs Officer, or their respective designees, each of whom will have a voice, but will not vote.
 - ii. Each institution shall establish guidelines for selection of student members on the committee; however, student representation on the committee should comprise members of diverse interest groups.
- b. The committee shall schedule an annual orientation meeting coordinated by the Chief Business Affairs Officer on appropriate fee use and review the system of budgetary reporting. The committee shall be provided budget summaries for each student self-assessed fee and other documentation as reasonably requested by the committee.
- c. The committee may file a report recommending whether the SGA Senate should take action to initiate the recall referendum process with respect to a student self-assessed fee.

3. Recall Referendum

- a. A student self-assessed fee, other than a fee used to pay bonded debts, shall be subject to recall by a vote of the students in accordance with each institution's SGA Constitution.
- b. The recall referenda shall be placed on the ballot for vote with the following language with respect to each fee:

“Do you favor the automatic renewal of (description of fee) as a student self-assessed fee?”

YES _____ NO _____
- c. The student self-assessed fee(s) shall be renewed if a majority of students voting reply in the affirmative. If the vote is negative, the fee(s) shall be discontinued effective at the end of the fiscal year. The fee(s) may be reinstated in any subsequent year, but only through the same process that applies to any proposed new student-assessed fee. (Revision approved 3/21/97)

4. Student Technology Fees. Act 1440 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature (R.S. 17:3351.1) provides for an assessment not to exceed \$5 per credit hour, or \$100 per semester, and requires colleges and universities to develop written plans for use of proceeds from student-assessed technology fees. The primary purpose of this fee is for the acquisition of computer and telecommunications equipment and software to expand technologies for the benefit of students. (Addition approved 3/23/01) *(See PPM on Student Technology Fee Expenditure Guidelines and PPM on Guidelines for Use of Dated Equipment Bought with Technology Fee Money)*

- L. Room Deposit. (1) A room reservation/application fee not to exceed one-hundred dollars (\$100) may be assessed each student reserving a residence hall room. (2) A refundable damage deposit up to one-hundred-fifty dollars (\$150) may be charged each student reserving a residence hall room. (Revision approved 9/24/99)

- M. Room and Board Charges. The revenues derived from these charges shall be dedicated to the retirement of any System Revenue Fund bonded indebtedness, operating expenses and to fund appropriate reserves for the repair and replacement of facilities. Room and board charges recommended by each System institution must be submitted to the Board staff for review and approval.

- N. Approved Waiver of Non-Resident (Out-of-State) Fees for Gifted Students. Each institution is authorized to waive non-resident fees for certain gifted out-of-state students in accordance with established System criteria and guidelines. *(See PPM)*

- O. Fee Exemption for Faculty, Staff and Dependents. A faculty or staff member who is employed on a full-time basis at a University of Louisiana System institution or System office may enroll for undergraduate or graduate instruction at a reduced fee schedule. Dependents of such employees may also enroll in undergraduate instruction at a reduced fee schedule. *(Revised 8/09)(See PPM)*

- P. Fee Exemptions for Senior Citizens. Any person 60 years of age or older who registers for three credit hours or less per semester may do so at no charge except for the application fee, technology fee, and any other course-specific fees such as laboratory fees. Credit hours enrolled in by such individuals in excess of three hours will require payment of the usual charges.

- Q. Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) Tuition Waiver. As part of an ongoing international accord between the State of Louisiana and France, the French Community of Belgium, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada, institutions within the System are authorized to waive mandatory registration and non-resident fees for one year to qualified residents of the countries/provinces listed above.

The maximum number of fee waivers to be awarded at any one time shall be as follows:

1. Eight at the baccalaureate level,
2. Four at the master's level, and
3. Two at the doctorate level.

To qualify for the program, each candidate must:

1. Be a Belgian, Canadian, or French citizen,
 2. Be enrolled at the time of request in an establishment of higher education in Belgium, France, Quebec, or the Maritime Provinces of Canada,
 3. Be at least in the second year of higher education or have completed at least two years of higher education studies,
 4. Be accepted in a university of the State of Louisiana and present proof of academic admission. This requires that the candidate satisfy the admission requirements of the university (TOEFL – English test, and/or GRE, diploma equivalencies and university credits, within the deadlines), and
 5. Be enrolled as a full-time student, in a Louisiana university (12 hours per semester [8 per quarter] minimum for undergraduate work and nine hours per semester [six per quarter] minimum for graduate work). (Addition approved 3/26/99)
- R. Special Purpose Fees. Each System institution, as appropriate, may assess special purpose fees after review and approval by the Board. (Revision approved 3/26/99)