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Two key changes to UMM tuition beginning Fall 2007

Summary: The University of Minnesota, Morris has announced that it will make two key changes to its tuition rates beginning Fall Semester 2007.

(June 21, 2007)-The University of Minnesota, Morris has announced that it will make two key changes to its tuition rates beginning Fall Semester 2007.

“These changes are part of the University of Minnesota’s commitment to support the educational goals of UMM students by making their education even more affordable,” said James Morales, UMM associate vice chancellor for enrollment. University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks unveiled a tuition reform plan to the University's Board of Regents at its June meeting.

First, UMM will continue its current practice of charging full time students a “flat” tuition rate. This practice provides a financial advantage for students who are taking full credit loads each semester and also enhances students’ ability to graduate in four years. And, while UMM is continuing the “flat tuition rate” for full time students, it is also adjusting the lower limit of this “band” from 15 credits to 13, further extending the financial advantage for its students.

Second, UMM will realign its tuition rate to approximately the same level as tuition rates on the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses. In effect, said Morales, annual tuition and fees at UMM will be reduced by approximately \$1,000 beginning with the 2007-2008 academic year. This reduced rate applies to both new and continuing UMM students.

UMM Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson applauded these moves: “Our graduates express high levels of satisfaction with the preparation they receive here for careers and for graduate study. These two moves make a UMM education even more affordable and thereby contribute in a very positive way to the opportunities for young people in the State and region to achieve their educational ambitions and dreams.”

The following figures show the current and projected new tuition and fees rates at UMM:

Tuition:

2006-2007 academic year
(15-20 credits): \$8,720
2007-2008 academic year
(13+ credits): \$7,700

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2006-2007: \$1,592
2007-2008: \$1,631

Total

2006-2007: \$10,312

2007-2008: \$9,331

“UMM students must maintain an average of 15 credits per semester for eight semesters to graduate in four years with the required 120 credits,” added Morales. The reduced costs from these changes should better enable students to maintain the full credit load of classes that is typical of most UMM students, 16 credits per semester. A four-year graduation goal may also be more easily realized, resulting in additional short-term and long-term savings for students.

Questions about these changes may be directed to James Morales at (320) 589-6035 or by e-mail at moralesj@morris.umn.edu.

The University’s Board of Regents will review the proposed reforms as part of its consideration of Bruininks' proposed operating budget for 2007-08 and a preliminary financial plan for 2008-09 that takes into account the recent legislative appropriation that will provide the University with a budget increase of \$151 million over the next two years. The board will take final action on the budget and financial plan at a special meeting to be held on June 27.

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