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## Regents propose credit fee increase

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Tuition is likely to be increased as early as the fall semester.

In its April meeting, the UNS Board of Regents discussed in detail plans to consider raising tuition \$6 per credit for undergraduate students, and \$10 per credit for graduate students.

"That sounds like a big increase," said Pam Galloway, University of Nevada Systems director of public information. "But it has been a long time since Nevada has raised its tuition."

Galloway said the Board of Regents has approved a policy to take a look at tuition in the Western states through figures compiled by Western Interstate Committee of Higher Education.

According to UNS Chancellor Mark Dawson, it has been past practice to review rates charged in other western states when setting tuition and fees in Nevada, but there are currently no stated guidelines to assist the board in establishing rates.

"By using the figures compiled by WICHE," Galloway said, "everyone will be clear that it will be the benchmark for governing what

the rates will be." Calculation of the average tuition and fees of member states will allow the board to establish tuition and fees for all UNS students at the WICHE average of the previous year.

"UNS is reluctant to raise tuition rates," Galloway said. "We want to be affordable and accessible to students. But the taxpayers can't pick up so much of the student's bill any longer."

Students currently pay about 18 percent of the tab with taxpayers paying the remaining 82 percent. WICHE shows the national aver-

age to be students paying for 24 percent of the total bill.

Federal funding previously had a bigger chunk going into higher education, but that was severely cut back during the Reagan years in office. Now, the individual states and their students are being called upon to fund a college education.

University President Robert C. Maxson told the regents that each \$1 increase in tuition gives the system \$250,000.

With the \$6 proposed increase, \$4 would be used for support service positions (such as security, coun-

selors, and librarians, depending on the needs of each campus). The \$1 fee would benefit libraries and aid computer labs in dorms and classrooms for students.

An undergraduate currently pays \$40 per credit and a graduate student pays \$50. Under the new plan, community colleges and non-resident tuition would be raised as well.

The increase is listed on the May Board of Regents' agenda as an action item to be voted on at that time.

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