

Board Meeting  
January 15, 2026

APPROVE STUDENT FEES FOR URBANA, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD,  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

**Action:** Approve Student Fees for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield (Student Services, Transportation, Health Services, Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment, Library/IT Assessment, General Fees, and Other Special Purpose and Student-Initiated fees), Academic Year 2026-2027

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The chancellors/vice presidents at each university have recommended student fee levels for Academic Year 2026-2027 to support auxiliary operations, student support programs and activities, and student health services. The fees help to meet necessary operating costs, such as salaries and wages, utilities, purchase of goods and services, cost of student support activities, as well as repair, maintenance, and debt service for auxiliary service buildings. In making the recommendations herein the universities have tried to balance inflationary cost pressures with the need to control costs for students and their families.

The Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment (AFMFA) is a student charge that goes toward repair and renovation of academic facilities. The AFMFA rate is set based on the current and anticipated needs for deferred maintenance

of academic facilities at each university and the availability of revenues from other sources to fund such deferred maintenance.

The General Fees at each of the three universities are assessments of all students for certain costs related to auxiliary facilities and other matters. Costs supported by these fees include payments for improvements and enhancements for auxiliary facilities (including repair and replacement), utilities costs, overhead and employment-related costs and allowances for University of Illinois System and universities overhead, eligible grant programs, need-based student financial aid as approved in the undergraduate financial aid policy and guidelines, and capital financing and related costs.

All proposed fee changes listed below have been thoroughly vetted by student committees at each university.

### **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN**

Student fees and assessments at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign are proposed to increase by \$34 per semester (2.0 percent). Fee changes include: increases of \$8 for the Service Fee; \$7 for the Health Service Fee; \$4 for the Campus Transportation Fee; \$11 for the AFMFA; and \$7 for the Library/IT Assessment. A decrease of \$3 is recommended for the General Fee. No increase is recommended for the Student Initiated Fees.

### **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO**

Student fees and assessments at the University of Illinois Chicago are proposed to increase by \$33 per semester (1.9 percent). Fee changes include increases of \$8 for the Service Fee; \$10 for the General Fee; \$2 for the Health Service Fee; \$8 for the

AFMFA; and \$5 for the Library/IT Assessment. No increases are recommended for the Student-to-Student Fee or the Sustainability Fee. The Transportation Fee rate (currently at \$163) will be established after the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) provides the Academic Year 2026-2027 rate in March 2026 and is an opt-in fee for students taking 6 or more credit hours.

### **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD**

Student fees and assessments at the University of Illinois Springfield are proposed to increase by \$96.50 per semester (6.8 percent). Fee changes include: increases of \$11 for the Service Fee; \$9.50 for the General Fee; \$8.50 for the Student Union Fee; and \$67.50 for the AFMFA. No increases are recommended for the Health Fee, Student Assistance Fee, Green Fee, or the Library/IT Assessment.

All these fees and assessments, including AFMFA and Library/IT Assessment, are eligible to be covered by a student's need-based aid in accordance with the Board of Trustee's financial aid policy. The attached following table presents the current and proposed fee levels for the programs described above.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs and the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concur with the fee levels proposed.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.