


OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

TO: Hastings Students - 1L's and 2L's
 FROM: David Seward 
 DATE: October 22, 2009
 RE: *Fee Increases for Next Academic Year (2010-11)*

Each year at its September meeting, the Board of Directors determines student fees for the upcoming academic year. Fees are established based on several factors including the resources necessary to sustain the academic quality of the College, projected state funding, and fees assessed at other comparable law schools. This memorandum is intended to ensure that all students are apprised of the upcoming fee increase.

For next year, a fee schedule was adopted for the 2010-11 academic year increasing annual enrollment fees for all students to \$36,000. With the addition of activity and health-related fees, total cost for 2010-11 will be \$39,085, an increase of 20%. To mitigate financial hardship, one-third of the fee increase will be earmarked for need-based financial aid.

| | <u>Current 2009-10</u> | <u>Approved 2010-11</u> | <u>Dollar Change</u> |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Enrollment Fee | \$29,383 | \$36,000 | \$6,617 |
| Nonresident Tuition | 11,225 | 11,225 | \$0 |
| Student Activity Fee | 82 | 82 | 0 |
| Health Services Fee ¹ | 400 | 400 | 0 |
| Accident & Sickness Insurance ¹ | <u>2,603</u> | <u>2,603</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total | \$3,085 | \$3,085 | \$0 |
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| Total Resident Fees | \$32,468 | \$39,085 | \$6,617 |
| Total Nonresident | \$43,693 | \$50,310 | \$6,617 |

Nonresident students pay a fee in addition to the General Enrollment Fee. For 2010-11, nonresident tuition has been maintained at the current level of \$11,225. With the increase in the basic enrollment fee, total cost for nonresident students will be \$50,310.

Based on Hastings' current funding level, mid-year fee increases are not being considered. However, the budget outlook for the State of California remains negative with state revenues weak. The approved fee structure for 2010-11 is predicated on the anticipated levels of state support in the upcoming year; if state funding is substantially reduced, additional increases in student fees will need to be considered. Consequently, fees are subject to change.

We will keep you informed as the budget process unfolds with the aim of providing information to aid you in your financial planning. Please feel free to contact me at 565-4710 or sewardd@uchastings.edu if you have questions or concerns.

¹ Health Services Fee and insurance premiums for the Accident & Sickness Insurance Plan will be evaluated in May 2010 and distributed after the June meeting of the Board of Directors.