

Summary of Proposed Action SBHE Meeting January 25, 2018

1. **Issue:** 2018-19 Room, Board and Fee rate Guidelines
2. **Proposed actions:** Approve the 2018-19 [Room, Board and Fee rate Guidelines](#)
3. **Background information:**

According to SBHE policy 805.6, campus Presidents may assess room and board rates that are “consistent with room and board rate guidelines approved by the Board”. Also, according to SBHE policy 805.2 campus Presidents may also approve increases in student government activity and university/college fees, unless the total increase in all mandatory fees are greater than 1% of the FY18 full-time, resident, on-campus, undergraduate tuition rate at that institution. In that case, the SBHE must approve the fee increase. The student government activity fee shall be established by a vote of either the student body or its elected representative body. The university/college fee shall be established following notification of the institution student government body and provide students an opportunity for input.
4. **Financial implications:** Increases in room and board rates will provide resources to the campuses for increased operating costs, technological enhancements, adequate set-aside for repair and replacement of equipment and facilities and bonding requirements needs in those areas. Any increases beyond the standard “inflationary” increase require specific explanation.

Funds raised by increases in the student activity fee will provide increased resources in the areas supported by the fee, including, but not limited to, student organizations and clubs, lyceums, drama, music, field trips and student publications. Increases in the university/government fee are to support areas for the benefit of the student body, including, but not limited to, debt retirement, student union operations, athletics and placement services
5. **Legal/policy issues:** None
6. **Academic issues:** Increases in room and board rates will result in increased costs to the students who live in the residence halls and/or have a meal plan. Increases to mandatory student government activity and university/college fees will result in increased costs to all students. See language under “financial implications” related to the benefits to the students.
7. **Coordination:** Reviewed by Cabinet 1-10-18
8. **Attachments:** Room Board Fees 2018-19 Guidelines
9. **Contact information:** David Krebsbach may be reached at david.krebsbach@ndus.edu or 328-4111 for additional information.
10. **Chancellor's Recommendation:** Chancellor recommends approval.