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RSU proposing fee increases

Rogers State University is proposing to raise various student fees effective next school year and effecting every student - some more than others.

■ Classes requiring lab - biology, chemistry, physical sciences, zoology, etc. - increasing from \$25 to \$35. Monies will be used to purchase chemicals, laboratory supplies and waste disposal.

■ Emergency medical services and nursing classes, additional fees of \$35.

■ Undergraduate enrichment fee of \$5 per credit hour (\$75 per semester for full load of 15 hours) for business, computer science and sports management classes in the School of Business and

Technology. Monies will be used to improve professional development opportunities for students, provide new teaching software specific to business disciplines and improve program assessment and accreditation.

■ One-time graduation fee, increasing from \$20 to \$40 for all students. Monies will be used to meet the increasing cost of diplomas and commencement exercises.

■ A new student retention fee of up to \$13 per credit hour for lower-division classes (freshmen, sophomores). Monies will be used to improve advisement, developmental education, early alert (at-risk notification and intervention), enroll-

ment management, general education, institutional research, student orientation, tutoring services and strategic planning.

■ Academic Excellence Fee of up to \$12 per credit hour for upper-division classes. Monies will be used to fund community engagement and service learning projects, faculty development, international and cultural education, internship programs, research, strategic planning.

RSU's governing board, the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, approved the proposed increases on Wednesday.

The proposed fees now be considered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.