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**R•E•A•C•H FEES**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the following two non-tuition-related miscellaneous fees for the Realizing Educational and Career Hopes Program (R•E•A•C•H) at the University of Iowa: Processing Fee of \$100 and Acceptance Fee of \$450.

**Executive Summary:** The Board reviews non-tuition-related miscellaneous fees for the coming academic year after acting upon tuition rates, which occurred in December. FY 2009 proposals were presented to the Board for consideration at the May 1 meeting and for approval at the June 12 meeting.

The University of Iowa proposed that the Board ratify the R•E•A•C•H processing fee for FY 2008 and approve an increase for FY 2009, as well as approve an acceptance fee. At the June 12 meeting, the Board requested additional information on why the R•E•A•C•H Program's processing and acceptance fees are not the same as other admissions; action on the two fees was deferred.

	Actual FY 2008	Proposed FY 2009	Dollar Change	Percent Change
R•E•A•C•H Program Fees				
♦ Processing Fee	NEW \$75	\$100	\$25	33.3%
♦ Acceptance Fee	0	\$450	\$450	NEW

**Analysis:** The University reports that the R•E•A•C•H Program's:

- ♦ Processing fee includes a longer and more in-depth review than other programs to ensure that each student is a good fit for the program. Materials are reviewed in several phases by office personnel and the admissions committee. The process includes additional time-intensive tasks such as review of the 40-page application and supplemental materials for individual consideration; periodic phone and mail communication with families; campus interviews; and providing information and referrals to those that do not fit the general criteria of the program; and
- ♦ Acceptance fee includes both confirmation of space in the program and support for the unique two-day orientation that offers students and their families educational presentations, community activities, and meals.

**Background:** Regent Policy Manual §8.04: (1) requires that the Board review and approve all new institutional or college-wide fees of over \$1 per semester and all departmental fees over \$10 per semester; and (2) encourages the three universities to work together to establish common titles and amounts for miscellaneous fees. Some differences in fee titles and amounts may remain because of the unique nature of some programs and services at each institution.

Iowa Code §262.9(18) requires the Board to take action no sooner than 30 days after notification of the proposed fee changes to presiding officers of each student government organization at each affected institution. Written notification of the proposed non-tuition-related miscellaneous fees was mailed to the student government president at each of the universities on April 25, 2008.