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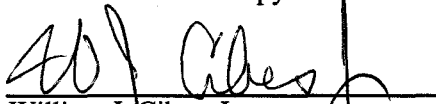
concerning

STIPENDS AND WAIVER OF FEES
FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

May 9, 1997

- WHEREAS, The purpose of graduate assistantships is to allow well qualified matriculated graduate students to participate in institutional activities academically relevant to the student's program of study, and
- WHEREAS, Stipends, fee waivers, and scholarships for graduate assistants will provide graduate students with financial assistance, thus enabling persons with limited financial resources to undertake graduate study, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That graduate assistantships shall be awarded only to matriculated graduate students, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That graduate students awarded full assistantships shall pay full-time tuition; graduate students awarded half assistantships and enrolled for nine semester hours or more shall pay full-time tuition; those enrolled for less than nine hours shall pay appropriate registration and course fees for part-time students, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That, the following fees shall also be waived for graduate assistants:
- State University Fee
 - University General Fee except for that portion attributable to student accident insurance
 - Student Activity Fee
- and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the maximum stipend for full graduate assistantships shall be \$4,800 per semester and \$2,400 per semester for half graduate assistantships, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the universities may provide from other funds at their disposition, scholarships or grants to supplement the above stipends, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That Board Resolution 95-10 be rescinded, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be effective for Fall Semester 1997.

A Certified True Copy:


William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

STAFF REPORT FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ITEM

Stipends and Waiver of Fees for Graduate Assistants

BACKGROUND

In February 1995, the Board of Trustees updated its policy relative to stipends and waiver of fees for graduate assistants. The policy provided that graduate assistantships would be awarded only to matriculated graduate students. Graduate students receiving full assistantships would pay full-time tuition. Graduate students awarded half assistantships and enrolled for nine semester hours or more would pay full-time tuition. Those enrolled for less than nine hours would pay appropriate course fees for part-time students. Additionally, all fees imposed by the Board were to be waived except applied music fees and that portion of the university general fee attributable to student sickness and accident insurance unless waived on the basis of alternate coverage.

The resolution also provided that the universities could provide from other funds available to them, scholarships or grants to supplement the stipends. Finally, the policy established maximum stipends of \$4,800 and \$2,400 per semester for full graduate assistantships and half graduate assistantships respectively.

ANALYSIS

Because of changes in the universities' fee structure over the last two years, some fees such as the information technology fee are being waived that were not in effect when the current policy was established. Additionally, the language appears to waive other fees that were not intended to be waived under this policy. For this reason, we have determined that it would be appropriate to state the fee charges to be waived for graduate assistants to eliminate any confusion relative to this matter. For purposes of this policy, the following charges will be waived for graduate students receiving graduate assistantships:

- State University Fee
- University General Fee except for accident insurance
- Student Activity Fee

Payment of all other fees as appropriate is required.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

To approve the change in the policy concerning stipends and waiver fees for graduate assistants.