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News and Events

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Undergraduate tuition rates at GSU for the 2011-2012 academic year will increase by 2.5 percent. At Friday's meeting, the university's Board of Trustees unanimously approved tuition rates for the upcoming school year.

GSU is the first Illinois state university to approve tuition rates for 2011-2012. It is likely that the state's other public universities will increase their tuition for the coming year and that GSU will again be one of the state's most affordable universities.

Under GSU's new undergraduate rates for Illinois and Indiana residents, tuition is \$243 a credit hour, up from \$237 an hour. In-state tuition for graduate students varies from program to program, with 2011-2012 rates increasing between 2.4 and 2.7 percent.

The Board of Trustees also approved a \$5 per semester increase in the Parking, Walkways, and Transportation Fee.

In other business, the Board of Trustees approved a 2.5 percent salary increase for non-negotiated administrative, professional, and civil service employees. The pay increase goes into effect July 1. The increase covers non-negotiated employees who are not members of the President's Executive Leadership Team – vice presidents and deans. Excluded from this action are employees under the Illinois Department of Children and Family Service's contract with GSU.

The Board of Trustees has entered into collective bargaining agreements, effective until 2013, with five of the university's six unions. All employees covered under these collective bargaining contracts will also receive a 2.5 percent salary increase July 1. The final contract for the sixth union, the Fraternal Order of Police, will be presented to the Board for approval at the Board's June meeting.

Trustees approved a resolution calling for the name of the University Park Metra station to be changed to "University Park/Governors State University." Adding GSU to the name is expected to make it easier for students, faculty, and staff commuting to the university to use the commuter train station. In addition, a number of people use Metra to attend shows at The Center for Performing Arts. Renaming the station is also expected to promote both GSU and University Park as an important destination in Chicago's Southland.

The University Park Village Board endorsed the name change in February and the Metra Board is expected to take up the request next month.

In other action Friday:

- Board Chair Lorine Samuels thanked Facilities Development and Management for responding so quickly and effectively to the February blizzard that shut down GSU for two days. She also praised the university's Emergency Response Team for wisely deciding to close the campus and doing a good job of informing the GSU community about their decision.
- Vice President for Institutional Advancement Joan Vaughan gave a report on new marketing strategies that will be implemented in the near future. The strategies include a new slogan for promoting the university, "Success by Degrees," and revised versions of the GSU logo that include color.
- Trustees approved Professor Emeritus status for Dr. Marcus Ahmed, a former faculty member in the College of Education.
- Trustees approved a construction contract with Excel Electric, of Frankfort, for exterior lighting work. The project includes the removal and replacement of exterior lights for the main entry drive and other areas on campus, and the installation of new poles, conduit, pull boxes, and wire.
- Trustees approved a change order to the performance contract with Energy Systems Group for the installation of a wind turbine on campus.



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