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UT SOUTHWESTERN ANNOUNCES PROPOSED TUITION INCREASES

DALLAS – Oct. 24, 2003 – Proposed tuition and fee increases for the Fall 2004 semester for UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas' graduate, allied health and medical schools were announced today.

The Texas Legislature – which had set maximum tuition rates for students in the state's colleges and universities in the past – conferred that responsibility on the individual institutions, with approval of their governing boards, this year.

In the case of undergraduate and graduate students at UT Southwestern, the new rates do not exceed what had been authorized by the Legislature prior to deregulation. For those students, tuition would increase from \$76 per semester credit hour in 2003 to \$94 in Fall 2004. For a person enrolled in 15 credit hours, that represents an increase of \$540 – or 23.7 percent, to \$2,820 – for a two-semester year.

Tuition for medical students would increase \$740 – or 9.7 percent – per year, rising from \$7,660 to \$8,400.

In addition, current annual fees, averaging \$1,200 per student, would be raised 2.5 percent – about \$30 – to \$1,230.

Fifteen percent of the additional revenue generated by the tuition increases will be earmarked for student grants and financial aid.

John Roan, UT Southwestern's executive vice president for business affairs, explained that the increases are necessary in a time when financial pressures on higher education around the country are growing. “Despite these modest adjustments, tuition and fees for medical students at UT Southwestern will remain among the lowest 5 percent of all American medical schools and among the lowest 10 percent of public medical schools,” he added.

The proposed tuition and fee increases will be presented to the UT System Board of Regents for consideration.

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