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JP McKee

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – The [Winthrop University Board of Trustees](#) continued to demonstrate its commitment to keeping a Winthrop education affordable by approving a **2.5 percent undergraduate tuition increase** for in-state and out-of-state students during its quarterly meeting on June 10, equaling the lowest increase in 17 years.

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Winthrop in-state undergraduate students will pay \$7,255 in the fall semester, \$177 more than in fall 2015.

“We recognize the impact of tuition increases on our students and families who also want us to maintain the high quality educational experience they expect at Winthrop,” said [Vice President for Finance and Business J.P. McKee](#). “We work to keep tuition costs as low as possible in this era of reduced state funding for higher education, while still offering our students the living and learning experience for which we are nationally recognized. We remain steadfast in our mission to prepare students for a lifetime of learning and for jobs in a global economy.”

The increase, which takes effect for the 2016-17 academic year, accounts in part to fund the university’s portion of a state-mandated 3.25 percent salary increase for employees as well as increases in costs for retirement and health care benefits.

Out-of-state students will pay \$14,045 this fall semester -- \$343 more than a year ago.

Trustees approved a 3.5 percent tuition increase for Graduate School tuition. In-state graduate students will pay \$599 per credit hour, and out-of-state graduate students will pay \$1,153 per credit hour.

Winthrop room and board fees, which vary according to type of housing and meal plan chosen, will see a 2% percent increase for housing and a 4.7% increase for board, but still remain lower than the costs at many other universities.

“We encourage prospective students and families to assess all the costs of attending college as well as the financial aid available to them,” said McKee. “They will find the price of attending Winthrop is very competitive.”

Trustees will approve a 2016-17 budget when fall enrollment figures are better known nearer to the first day of fall classes.

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