

**AGENDA ITEM #IV-A
MARCH 10, 2010
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD**

THIRD READING – TUITION

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT: It is recommended that Board of Trustees consider for the third reading an increase in the in-district tuition rate from \$84.00 per credit hour to \$94.00 per credit hour and in the senior citizen rate from \$58.00 to \$71.00 per credit hour effective Fall semester of 2010. The formula for figuring out-of-district tuition remains unchanged. Out-of-state tuition will be calculated after Fall 2010 tuition rates at community colleges contiguous to Highland have been determined.

BACKGROUND: In 1995, the Board of Trustees agreed in principle to follow a general approach of setting the tuition and fees for in-district students at a rate approximating the state average tuition and fees rate charged by other Illinois community colleges. For FY2010 (the current year), that rate is \$81 per credit hour. A \$94 tuition rate coupled with our technology fee and a new activity fee should approximate the state average tuition and fee rate in FY2011. The Administrative Rules of the Illinois Community College Board require that the out-of-state tuition rate be set at a minimum of 1.67 times its in-district tuition rate. The out-of-district tuition rate is calculated at 1.5 times the highest in-district rate of our contiguous districts.

No changes have been made to this recommendation since the Board approved the first reading on January 19, 2010 and the second reading on February 23, 2010.

BOARD ACTION: _____