

## **SCHOOL OF LAW – Tuition and Fee Proposal 2020-21**

### **JD PROGRAM**

#### Student Involvement

The Dean previewed a 6-8% tuition increase to the Dean's Student Advisory Council (DSAC) at the October 22, 2019 meeting of the group. The DSAC is comprised of elected and appointed student leaders from both the JD and the CRES Master's program and is the body with whom the Dean consults each year about tuition, among other things. The Dean also held a student Town Hall on October 24, 2019 for all students to discuss possible tuition and fee increases in addition to meeting with her senior leadership team and discussing proposed changes with the faculty at their meeting on November 22, 2019. After these meetings and a full review key competitor tuition rates, the Dean determined that in order to maintain program quality, cover rising operational costs, and continue to invest in the success of the students, she must recommend a 7% tuition increase for the JD program.

#### Peer Analysis

A 7.0% tuition increase for our JD program positions the law school at mid tuition range compared to peer institutions. This comparison includes the law schools at Seattle University, Lewis and Clark, Willamette, University of Washington, Colorado, and Gonzaga, in addition to several others. There is no way to know what these peer institutions will do with their tuition models for the next academic year but as far as we know, they do not include Bar Prep as part of their cost of attendance.

Based on our competitive tuition analysis, a 7.0% tuition increase will keep us in the mid tuition range compared to peer institutions. This increase is necessary in order to maintain the quality of the program and invest in resources that will improve the academic success of the JD students.

Minimal additional net revenue - this tuition increase will primarily help to offset the increased costs necessary to run the program effectively and attract high quality students (including scholarships).

### **CRES**

#### Student Involvement

As described in the Law JD tuition proposal, the Dean consulted with the Dean's Student Advisory Council (which includes representation from the CRES program) at its meeting in October, and at the student Town Hall later that week. The Dean noted that the CRES proposal would likely be in the 5-7% range. CRES students have the additional opportunity to provide feedback on this tuition proposal through the CRES Student Advisory Committee, and by appointment with the Dean. The Dean also discussed her proposal with the faculty at their November 22, 2019 meeting. After reviewing the competitive tuition data and speaking with student leaders, faculty and administrators, the Dean determined that a 3.5% increase was appropriate to continue supporting the program at its current level.

#### Peer Analysis

A 3.5% tuition increase for our CRES program positions the law school at the mid-range compared to tuition at public institutions with similar programs, and at the low end compared to programs at private institutions. This comparison includes 4 schools in the western region and Colorado. We do not know what these schools will do with tuition for the next academic year yet, and we do not have information regarding scholarship levels, but we expect the trend of offering more scholarship dollars to continue next year.

Based on our competitive tuition analysis, a 3.5% tuition increase will keep us in the low to mid-range compared to tuition at peer institutions. This increase is necessary in order to maintain the quality of our program and invest in resources that will improve the academic success of our students and our ability to recruit the next cohort.

Minimal additional net revenue - this tuition increase will primarily help offset increased costs to run the program (including scholarships)

## **LLM**

### Student Involvement

Current LLM students are generally in the degree program for only one year, and so they would be unlikely to be personally affected by any tuition increase. We engage with student leadership through the Dean's advisory council, as described on the other tabs, but we do not engage in a consultation process specific to LLM students at this time. The Dean did discuss the competitive analysis with the Program Director and faculty members and decided a 5% increase was most appropriate.

### Peer Analysis

A 5.0% tuition increase for our LLM program positions the law school at the mid-range compared to tuition at institutions with similar programs. We do not know what competitor schools will do with tuition for the next academic year yet, and we do not have information regarding scholarship levels, but we expect the trend of offering more scholarship dollars to continue next year.

Based on our competitive tuition analysis, a 5.0% tuition increase will keep us in the low to mid-range compared to tuition at peer institutions. This increase is necessary in order to maintain the quality of our program and invest in resources that will improve the academic success of our students.

No additional net revenue - this tuition increase will only help offset a portion of the increased costs to run the program (including scholarships)