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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Peter J. Nicholls  
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RE: Fiscal Year 2013 Institutional Fees (Other) for the University of Connecticut,  
 Storrs and Regional Campuses

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve a schedule of Institutional Fees for Fiscal Year 2013 comprised of adjustments to the following: Infrastructure Maintenance Fee, Program Specific Fees (Law, Business, Nursing, CCS), and approval of new tuition for the School of Law Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D.) Program, and fees for the S.J.D. Acceptance Fee/Seat Deposit, the S.J.D. Continuing Registration Fee, and the Room Reservation Fee.

BACKGROUND:

The University has an established student fee review process that categorizes the fees as follows: (1.) Institutional Fees, which require central administrative approval, such as Tuition, Room, Board, Infrastructure Maintenance Fee and self-supporting programs; (2.) Academic Materials Fees, which are for consumables and instructional materials that are specific to a particular course or major; and (3.) Student Fees, which include the General University Fee and student activity and service fees. Senior Management charged permanent committees with promoting a fee structure for the academic and student fees that supports excellence, provides comprehensive procedures, and is uniform without sacrificing efficiency and flexibility. These Institutional Fees have been proposed by the University leadership.

See attached schedule for summary of all recommended Institutional Fees.

**Attachment**

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# University of Connecticut (Storrs & Regionals)

## Summary of Recommended Institutional Fees

### Fiscal Year 2013

Institutional fees require central administrative review and approval. These budgets are largely driven by what it takes to run the operation (including payment of debt service). These increases are proposed by the University leadership.

	Annual Rates		
	FY12	FY13 Proposed	% Increase
<b>Tuition</b>			
S.J.D. - In-State		\$12,024	New program
S.J.D. - Out-of-State		\$24,012	New program
Infrastructure Maintenance Fee	\$440	\$454	3.2%
<b>Program Specific Fees <sup>1</sup></b>			
	Per Credit		
LL.M-Insurance	\$1,091	\$1,113	2.0%
LL.M-U.S. Legal Studies	\$983	\$1,003	2.0%
MSFRM	\$1,175	\$1,235	5.1%
	Per Program		
CCS Continuous Registration Fee	\$45	\$45	Title change
MEIN Program	\$23,835	\$24,750	3.8%
Room Reservation Fee	\$300	\$300	Expanded population
S.J.D. Acceptance Fee/Seat Deposit		\$500	New program
S.J.D. Continuing Registration Fee		\$1,000	New program

<sup>1</sup> These are non-mandatory fees that are assessed to the students enrolled in the given program.

**University of Connecticut  
School of Law  
Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D.) Tuition Rate Proposal  
Fiscal Year 2013**

**I. Proposed Action**

**A. Description of Tuition:**

The School of Law Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D.) Program is a new program that was approved by the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education and the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees. Students enrolled in this program will have already obtained a first law degree and a LL.M. (Masters of Law) and their academic work will consist largely of writing dissertations. Students will be required to spend at least one year at the School to work on their dissertation. The program is scheduled to start fall 2012.

As stated in the S.J.D application approved by the Board in August 2011, annual Law tuition would be set at approximately \$12,000. Students will be billed a per credit tuition rate, based upon residency. The proposed rates are \$334/credit for in-state students and \$667/credit for out-of-state students. Taking the 9-credit dissertation course each semester will result in a tuition level of \$6,012 for in-state students and \$12,006 for out-of-state students. We anticipate that virtually all S.J.D. students will be out-of-state international students.

**B. Basis for Requested Tuition:**

All candidates for the degree will be in residence for one year. The dissertation is the only program requirement - there will be no classroom instruction unless the S.J.D. student wishes to enroll in a class. The instruction we anticipate providing is individual consultations with the S.J.D faculty advisor and research assistance from the Library.

**C. Students Affected:**

We anticipate enrolling 2-3 S.J.D. students in the initial fall 2012/spring 2013, and increasing enrollment in later semesters to approximately 5 students.

**D. Proposed Date of Implementation:**

The proposed date of implementation is fall 2012.

## II. Analysis

### A. Fiscal Need For the Tuition:

The tuition will cover the cost of instruction. The School believes tuition should be modest in order to attract jurists from throughout the world, particularly from developing countries. This is a matter of particular concern to the Law School as S.J.D. students are not teaching assistants and therefore not eligible for the tuition waivers and teaching stipends that Ph.D. candidates often receive.

### B. Effect on Other Institutional or Unit Programs if Tuition is Disapproved:

Without an approved tuition rate, we could not enroll students in the program.

### C. Comparative Student Costs:

#### Comparison Schools FY12 Annual Tuition for S.J.D. Programs

New York University Law	No tuition, \$24,000 scholarship for 3 years to cover living expenses
Penn Law School	\$9,520
Michigan Law School	\$12,304 (first year)
Yale Law	\$19,150
American University (Washington College of Law)	\$24,864 (first year)
Indiana – Indianapolis	\$31,999 (24 credit-hour)
George Washington Law	\$45,750
Duke Law	\$48,800

**University of Connecticut** (Storrs and Regional Campuses)  
**Infrastructure Maintenance Fee**  
**Fiscal Year 2013**

**I. Proposed Action**

**A. Description of Fee:**

The revenue generated by the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee (IMF) is used to fund the debt service associated with South Campus and partially fund Operating and Maintenance Costs (O & M) related to UCONN 2000 projects. The FY 2012 current and FY 2013 proposed rate structure would be as follows:

FY 2012 Current						
	Undergraduates - Storrs, Regionals and Law School		Graduates and Social Work <sup>(A)</sup>			
Classification	# of Credits	Annual Rate	Graduate Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate	Non-Grad Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate
Full-Time	(12 or more)	\$440	(0 - 9)	\$440	(9)	\$440
Half-Time	(6 - 11)	\$220			(5 - 8)	\$220
Less Than Half-Time	(1 - 5)	\$110			(0 - 4)	\$110

FY 2013 Proposed						
	Undergraduates - Storrs, Regionals and Law School		Graduates and Social Work <sup>(A)</sup>			
Classification	# of Credits	Annual Rate	Graduate Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate	Non-Grad Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate
Full-Time	(12 or more)	\$454	(0 - 9)	\$454	(9)	\$454
Half-Time	(6 - 11)	\$228			(5 - 8)	\$228
Less Than Half-Time	(1 - 5)	\$114			(0 - 4)	\$114

<sup>(A)</sup> Graduate Assistants are classified as full-time students and are charged the full-time rate. Continuous Registration Students who are registered for GRAD 5998, 5999, 6998 and 6999 are less than half-time students and are therefore charged the less than half-time rate.

**B. Basis for Requested Revision:**

The requested fee increases will be used to pay for increasing O & M costs related to UCONN 2000. The revenue generated by the fee also pays the annual debt service costs associated with the South Campus Residence Halls. The projected annual debt service costs for FY 2012 and FY 2013 are as follows:

<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>
\$1,400,031	\$1,947,042

**C. Students Affected:**

All undergraduate, graduate, regional campus, Law, Social Work, and non-degree students will be affected.

**D. Proposed Date of Implementation:**

The increase would be effective fall 2012.

**II. Analysis**

**A. Fiscal Need for Fee:**

Projected Revenue and Expenditures for the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013:

	<u>FY 2012</u> <u>(Current)</u>	<u>FY 2013</u> <u>(Proposed)</u>
Estimated IMF revenue	\$11,200,000	\$11,500,000
Debt Service Payments	<u>1,400,031</u>	<u>1,947,042</u>
Balance Available for O & M	9,799,969	9,552,958
Estimated O & M	<u>11,785,414</u>	<u>13,168,104</u>
O & M Shortfall <sup>(A)</sup>	<u>(\$1,985,445)</u>	<u>(\$3,615,146)</u>

<sup>(A)</sup> Partially funded from tuition revenue and state appropriation.

**B. Effect on Other Institutional or Unit Programs if Fee is Not Approved:**

If funding is not available for O & M costs associated with the new buildings, it may not be possible to maintain these buildings adequately.

**C. Comparative Student Costs (Other Institutions):**

1. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Infrastructure Maintenance Fee-\$185 per semester/\$370 annually (FY 2012)

This fee is charged to all students and the revenue funds infrastructure maintenance and renovations of physical assets.

2. Montana State University

Building Fees-\$250.40 (in-state) and \$305.15 (out-of-state) annually (FY 2012)

This fee is charged to all students and the revenue generated pays for constructing and renovating auxiliary and academic buildings.

3. Oklahoma State University

Academic Facilities Fee \$11.50 per credit, \$172.50 for 15 credits per semester/\$345 annually (FY 2012)

This fee funds renovations, maintenance and construction of academic facilities.

The fee is charged to all students except veterinary medicine.

**University of Connecticut  
School of Law  
LL.M. FEE – Insurance Law  
Fiscal Year 2013**

**I. Proposed Action**

**A. Description of Fee**

The history of the LL.M. Insurance Fee:

2008/09	\$1,009/credit	\$24,216 per year
2009/10	\$1,039/credit	\$24,936 per year
2010/11	\$1,070/credit	\$25,680 per year
2011/12	\$1,091/credit	\$26,184 per year

**B. Description of Recommended Revision:**

For FY 2013, the School of Law proposes to increase the Insurance Law LL.M. Fee from \$1,091 per credit to \$1,113 per credit. This is an increase of approximately 2%. The total for 2 semesters would be \$26,712.

**C. Basis of Requested Revision:**

Most of the students in this program are lawyers at law firms or insurance companies in the United States. With the approval of our accrediting agency, we may now deliver the program via distance learning. However, the costs of such delivery are great. This fee proposal seeks to charge the delivery fees appropriate to the Insurance LL.M. program.

**D. Students Affected:**

The total enrollment in the Insurance Law LL.M. program is approximately 34 students. This includes full and part-time students. All Insurance Law LL.M. students would be affected by this proposal.

**E. Proposed Date of Implementation:**

The proposed date of implementation would be fall 2012.

## II. Analysis

### A. Fiscal Need for Fee Revision

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012 (projected)	FY 2013 (projected)
Income	\$349,914	\$411,783	\$403,608	\$382,650	\$390,350
Expenditures	<u>327,209</u>	<u>394,708</u>	<u>336,626</u>	<u>360,091</u>	<u>360,290</u>
Gain/Loss	\$ 22,705	\$19,075	\$66,982	\$ 22,559	\$30,060

### B. Effect on Other Institutional or Unit Programs if Fee is Disapproved:

If the fee is not approved, the School will need to utilize operational funds from the J.D. program or from the U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. program. We are now at a point where the Insurance Law LL.M. should be self-supporting in accordance with the original agreement with the American Bar Association and University of Connecticut Board of Trustees. This plan fits with the directive from the administration and the Board of Trustees to develop entrepreneurial projects.

### C. Comparison Schools Costs – 12 credits per semester – FY12 costs

American	\$44,234
Boston University	\$41,780
Case Western	\$42,450
Columbia	\$51,080
Duke	\$48,800
Fordham	\$47,360
Georgia	\$15,434 In State, \$32,542 Out of State
UConn Law School	\$26,184
George Washington	\$38,604
Illinois	\$48,310
Indiana	\$32,000
Iowa	\$24,682 In State, \$44,390 Out of State
John Marshall	\$27,072
University of Miami	\$38,918
University of Michigan	\$46,830 In State, \$49,740 Out of State

**D. Student Approvals:** Student fee hearings were held in early December. Students were invited to participate both in person and via telephone conference.



**University of Connecticut  
School of Law  
LL.M. FEE – U.S. Legal Studies  
Fiscal Year 2013**

**I. Proposed Action**

**A. Description of Fee**

The history of the LL.M. – U.S. Legal Studies Fee:

2008/09	\$909/credit	\$21,816 per year
2009/10	\$936/credit	\$22,464 per year
2010/11	\$964/credit	\$23,136 per year
2011/12	\$983/credit	\$23,592 per year

**B. Description of Recommended Revision**

For FY 2013, the School of Law proposes to increase the LL.M. Fee from \$983 per credit to \$1,003 per credit. This is an approximate increase of 2%. The total for 2 semesters would be \$24,072.

**C. Basis of Requested Revision:**

Over the past year, due to strong recruiting efforts, the enrollment in the U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. program has increased from a historical pattern of approximately 12 students to approximately 20. Staff salary/fringe benefits/worker compensation and operational costs to support the program have increased during that time.

**D. Students Affected:**

The total enrollment in the U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. program is approximately 20 students. This includes full and part-time students. All U.S. Legal Studies students would be affected by this proposal.

**E. Proposed Date of Implementation:**

The proposed date of implementation would be fall 2012.

## II. Analysis

### A. Fiscal Need for Fee Revision:

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011*	FY 2012* (projected)	FY 2013* (projected)
Income	\$370,676	\$299,985	\$288,983	\$346,500	\$401,200
Expenditures	<u>313,842</u>	<u>258,503</u>	<u>343,616</u>	<u>441,042</u>	<u>433,826</u>
Gain/Loss	\$ 56,834	\$ 41,482	\$(51,033)	\$ (94,542)	\$ (42,626)

\*A recruiter for the program began working in FY 2011. We expect additional income and expenses as we phase in a more aggressive program of international recruiting. By FY 2014, recruiting activity should be self-supporting.

**B. Effect on Other Institutional or Unit Programs if Fee is Disapproved:** If the fee is not approved, the School will need to utilize operational funds from the J.D. program. This method was approved for utilization during the developmental years of the program. We are now at a point where the U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. should be self-supporting in accordance with the original agreement with the American Bar Association and University of Connecticut Board of Trustees. This plan fits with the directive from the administration and the Board of Trustees to develop entrepreneurial projects.

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**University of Connecticut**  
**School of Business**  
**Master in Financial Risk Management Program Fee**  
**Fiscal Year 2013**

**I. Proposed Action**

- A. Description of Fee:** The School of Business off-campus Master in Financial Risk Management (MSFRM) Program started with the first class entering in fall 2010. The 15-month Program successfully recruited a class of 23 that year, followed by a new class of 35 entering fall 2011. The MSFRM program is offered off-campus on weeknights and weekends. Students do not pay University tuition, as they pay a total program fee. The comprehensive program fee includes the Graduate Matriculation Fee (GMF), and the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee (IMF). The comprehensive program fee for the off-campus MSFRM Program has remained at \$39,950 per student based on 34 credits @ \$1,175 each credit since the Program's inception two years ago.
- B. Description of Recommended Revision:** The credit hour fee for the off-campus MSFRM Program is currently \$1,175 per credit. We are requesting an increase to \$1,235 per credit effective fall 2012, for the total 34 credits = \$41,990. This represents an increase of 5%.
- C. Basis for Requested Fee:** A majority of the costs incurred to deliver the MSFRM Program are salaries and fringe benefits. The cost pressures on these expenses have been rising and the market for new faculty hires to meet the needs of the expanding program is tight and growing tighter.
- D. Students Affected:** Only students starting in this off-campus MSFRM Program in fall 2012 will be affected (estimated to be 40 students). Those finishing their program courses that semester (fall 2012) will not be affected as they are a separate cohort. Approximately half of this Program's students are mid-career domestic professionals who are employed full-time and are reimbursed by their employers for at least some of their educational costs. The other half of these students are international students (currently from China, India and Turkey), who are paying the full cost of this program themselves (with family support).
- E. Proposed Date of Revision Implementation:** The proposed date for implementing the fee increase from \$1,175 to \$1,235 per credit is fall 2012. This will be only for students starting in this off-campus MSFRM Program in fall 2012 or after.

## II. Analysis

- A. Fiscal Need for Fee Decision:** For the classes graduating in 2011 and 2012, which started in the fall of 2010 and 2011 respectively, the total comprehensive program fee is \$39,950. This includes the GMF of \$42 per student and the IMF of \$45 per course.

The University of Connecticut School of Business was recently re-accredited by AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), the hallmark of academic excellence among business schools. AACSB accreditation is a distinction earned by fewer than 15% of business schools worldwide and one that UConn has proudly held since 1958. The UConn School of Business also ranks among the nation's top 45 business schools (top 30 public) according to *Business Week (2008)*; 37<sup>th</sup> (16<sup>th</sup> among publics) by *Forbes* for return on investment in 2011; and 52<sup>nd</sup> (26<sup>th</sup> among publics) according to *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools" for 2009.

The revenues generated by the off-campus MSFRM Program also support critical School of Business initiatives, which are important to maintain and enhance the school's success. The fee increase is necessary in order to maintain this momentum, as well as to offset projected increases in expenses in FY 2013.

- B. Impact Statement:** The MSFRM Program is designed to be self-supporting and has not increased fees during its first two years of existence. If the fee increase is not approved, this successful and growing program will have to scale back some student services and course offerings will have to be modified, at the very time when enrollments should be increasing further. These actions could result in lower quality programs, which in turn could negatively impact future enrollments as well as revenues.
- C. Comparative Student Costs:** There is no program that is directly comparable to the proposed program. There are several programs in Financial Engineering programs that are significantly more expensive than this MSFRM program.

**University of Connecticut (Storrs and Regional Campuses)**  
**Center for Continuing Studies (CCS)**  
**Fiscal Year 2013**

- I. **Proposed Action:** Request a title change to the Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) Continuous Registration Fee.
  - A. **Description of Fee:** The current title for this fee is BGS Continuous Registration Fee.
  - B. **Description of Recommended Revision:** We are requesting a change to CCS Continuous Registration Fee.
  - C. **Basis for Requested Fee:** The current fee title is BGS Continuous Registration Fee. CCS now has a new degree completion, Bachelor of Professional Studies, so an updated fee title is appropriate. Additionally, there may be more CCS degree completions in the future so a more generic title is appropriate. There is no change in the \$45 fee, simply the title.
  - D. **Students Affected:** Students wishing continuous registration in CCS degree completion programs. No change in fee amount, only the title
  - E. **Proposed Date of Implementation:** Fall 2012.
  
- II. **Analysis**
  - A. **Fiscal Need for Fee Revision:** Fee amount remains, title change only.
  - B. **Effect on Other Institutional or Unit Programs if Fee is Disapproved:** If this title change is not approved there would be confusion among students and staff related to the current degree completion programs and any future degree completions that CCS develops.
  - C. **Comparative Student Costs:** Current fee remains, name change only.
  - D. **Student Involvement in Fee Revision Proposal:** No change in fee, title change only for the purpose of clarification.

**University of Connecticut (Storrs and Regional Campuses)**  
**School of Nursing and Center for Continuing Studies**  
**Master's Entry into Nursing Program Fee**  
**Fiscal Year 2013**

**I. Proposed Action**

- A. Program Overview.** The School of Nursing Masters Entry into Nursing (MEIN) Program is a self-supporting program for students who have a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing. This calendar year program consists of 45 credits of pre-licensure education, which enables graduates of the program to complete the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX). Upon completion of the 12 month sequence, students can move into the MS in nursing or the DNP, with a transfer of 9 credits from the first 12 months.
- B. Description of Fee:** The MEIN program has extensive delivery costs. The comprehensive program fee covers all related program costs including program administration, clinical supervision, classroom instruction and computer-based NCLEX-like testing.
- C. Description of Recommended Revision:** We are requesting approval to charge a MEIN Program fee of \$24,750 for the January 2013 cohort. This is a 3.8% increase over the rate approved for the January 2012 cohort. The proposed all inclusive fee approximates \$550 per credit.
- D. Basis for Requested Fee:** There has been a significant increase in program costs. Most instructors for both the clinical and didactic nursing courses are adjuncts who are accomplished clinicians and teachers. The community college and state college system are now paying at least \$1,800 more for 6 credits of clinical instruction than UConn. Additionally, the basic equipment provided to students has increased from \$125-\$150 per student.
- E. Students Affected:** The maximum number of students in this program is 100 and all students would experience the same increase.
- F. Proposed Date of Implementation:** Beginning with the January 2013 cohort.

**II. Analysis**

- A. Fiscal Need for Fee Revision:** As the School of Nursing MEIN program operates as a self-funded comprehensive activity, revenues from student fees must be sufficient to cover program costs. To continue to thrive and grow, the expenses and quality must be balanced. The request is based on the cost of administering and delivering the program. The state university and community college programs have increased their adjunct faculty hourly rates to greater than \$65/hour with additional preparation and grading hours built into each contract. UConn's rate is currently \$54.76/hour which means we are losing qualified faculty to other schools at the same time we have expanded enrollment. Faculty efforts to enhance student preparation and first time success rates on NCLEX now include sophisticated, computer-based nursing knowledge and application assessments

throughout the program and a week-long test preparation course. The per student cost for this additional service is \$600.

**B. Effect on Other Institutional or Unit Programs if Fee is Disapproved:** Without approval of the fee, the MEIN program will require institutional funds to continue. The University of Connecticut fills a critical need by championing, increasing and enhancing the State of Connecticut's nursing workforce to meet the needs of its citizens. As Connecticut has one of the most severe nursing shortages in the nation, our flagship institution has an obligation to bring the most new nurses into practice and we prepare more new nurses each year than any other Connecticut program. With the MEIN program, we are able to double the number of new nurses from those who complete our traditional baccalaureate in nursing program. In addition, not offering this program would result in fewer applicants to UConn's Nursing graduate programs which produce the clinical nursing leaders that shape health care delivery.

**C. Comparative Student Costs:** Other programs in the State of Connecticut:

- Southern Connecticut State University's second baccalaureate program (Accelerated Career Entry or ACE Program) is 53 credits and, for 2011-2012, costs \$15,323 (in-state student) or approximately \$334 per credit (with additional \$1,025 fees). For out-of-state students, the costs are \$26,157 (approximately \$494 per credit with additional fees of \$1,025.)
- Fairfield University's second baccalaureate program is a minimum of 60 credits over 15 months (four semesters) at \$41,400 for the program (\$690/credit hour for 2011-2012 with additional fees of \$1,660.)
- There is no accelerated second degree program at Saint Joseph College, but they do accept second degree students as transfers into their nursing program. Undergraduate full time 2011-2012 tuition for junior/senior year is \$30,320 per year with additional fees of \$1,350.
- Yale University offers the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing (GEPN) a program for non-nursing college graduates, but their program requires the student to be at Yale for three full time academic years. The student earns a certificate in Nursing (eligible for NCLEX and licensure as an RN) and then earns a master's degree. The cost for the spring and fall semesters is \$15,750 each and the summer session is \$12,370 for a first year total of \$43,870 for the pre-licensure portion. Additional fees vary but can range from \$1,655 to \$3,565 per semester.

These data indicate that the proposed fee is in alignment with other programs in Connecticut and we will remain competitive.

**D. Student Involvement in Fee Revision Proposal:** Prospective students for January 2013 cohort were apprised of the fee proposal at each information session. Current students were also appraised, although they will have completed the program before the new fees are implemented, if approved.

**University of Connecticut (Storrs)**  
**Division of Student Affairs**  
**Department of Residential Life**  
**Room Reservation Fee - Fiscal Year 2013**

**I. Proposed Action**

- a. **Description of fee:** The room reservation fee is a non-refundable partial room fee payment currently paid by returning resident undergraduate students in the spring each year to reserve an on-campus housing assignment. It is applied to their fall room fee.
- b. **Description of recommended revision:** The recommended revision is to extend the room reservation fee to incoming freshmen and transfer undergraduate students. Beginning in spring 2010, this \$300 fee has been collected from returning undergraduate students.
- c. **Basis of requested revision:** Residential Life has been examining ways to improve occupancy management in an effort to meet student demand and eliminate the housing lottery. The room reservation fee helps our approach to occupancy management.
- d. **Students affected:** This fee would be expanded to incoming freshmen and transfer undergraduate students.
- e. **Proposed date of implementation:** The room reservation fee would be collected in spring 2012 and applied to the student's fall 2012 housing charges.

**II. Analysis**

- a. **Fiscal need for fee revision:** In the absence of a room reservation fee, new students are assigned an on-campus room and subsequently continue to explore other housing and educational options. The fee is an incentive for students to be earnest in their discernment of housing and college options as students will be less likely to cancel their fall housing assignment and enrollment. This will enable the Department of Residential Life to more efficiently manage the impact of summer cancellations and refill cancelled spaces in a timelier manner.
- b. **Impact on program and students if requested fee adjustment is denied:** It is currently difficult to accurately project the housing cancellation rate. Expanding this fee would allow the department to more effectively manage the housing waiting list and accommodate the students most interested in on-campus housing.



c. **Comparative student cost, based on 2010 data:**

Paid in the spring for fall housing:

<b><u>Institution</u></b>	
Boston University	\$600
Syracuse	\$400
University of Missouri	\$300
Central Connecticut State University	\$500
Eastern Connecticut State University	\$500
<b>University of Connecticut</b>	<b>\$300</b>
Northeastern	\$200
Rutgers	\$200
Indiana University	\$175
University of Illinois	\$150

- d. **Student involvement in fee revision proposal:** The room reservation fee for returning students was first discussed with various students groups in fall 2008 and fall 2009. As this is an expansion, there has been no additional student involvement.

**University of Connecticut  
School of Law  
Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D.) Acceptance Fee/Seat Deposit  
Fiscal Year 2013**

**I. Proposed Action**

**A. Description of Fee:**

The School of Law Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D) Program is a new program that was approved by the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education and the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees. The primary focus of students enrolled in this program will be on writing dissertations. Students will be required to spend at least one year at the School to work on their dissertation. The program is scheduled to start fall 2012.

The fee structure for the first year of the S.J.D. is the same as that of the Law J.D. Day students. S.J.D. students will be required to pay a seat deposit in order to secure a spot in the program.

**B. Basis for Requested Fee:**

The School proposes charging a \$500 non-refundable acceptance fee/seat deposit within 30 days of acceptance. It is difficult to secure a class when there is no financial investment on the part of the students.

**C. Students Affected:**

We anticipate enrolling 2-3 foreign graduate students in the initial fall 2012/spring 2013 semesters, and increasing enrollment in later semesters to approximately 5 students.

**D. Proposed Date of Implementation:**

The proposed date of implementation is fall 2012.

**II. Analysis**

**A. Fiscal Need For the Fee:**

The purpose of this fee is not to produce revenue. It is merely an advance fee to be paid by students who are sincere about attending the school. The acceptance fee would be deducted from the tuition bill due in the fall semester.

**B. Effect on Other Institutional or Unit Programs if Fee is Disapproved:**

Without this fee, planning will be significantly more difficult. Admitted students would have no financial commitment to their admission, and may be less likely to actually matriculate. This would be detrimental to planning for operating the program. Given that S.J.D. students will be primarily international students; this deposit guarantees their intentions while the University does the additional work necessary to matriculate an international student.

**C. Comparative Student Cost:**

**Comparison Schools FY12 Acceptance Fee/Seat Deposit for S.J.D. Programs**

UConn Law J.D.	\$500
UConn US Legal Studies LL.M.	\$500
UConn Insurance LL.M.	\$500
Tulane Law	\$500
Virginia Law	\$500
George Washington Law	\$500
Columbia Law	\$500

**D. Student Approvals:** There are no students yet enrolled, so no approval hearings have been held.

**University of Connecticut  
School of Law  
Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D.) Continuing Registration Fee  
Fiscal Year 2013**

**I. Proposed Action**

**A. Description of Fee:**

The School of Law Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D) Program is a new program that was approved by the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education and the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees. The primary focus of students enrolled in this program will be on writing dissertations. Students will be required to spend at least one year at the School to work on their dissertation. The program is scheduled to start fall 2012.

This fee would be set at \$1,000 per semester.

**B. Basis for Requested Fee:**

This fee would be charged to students continuing to work on their dissertations after their year in residency.

**C. Students Affected:**

We anticipate enrolling 2-3 foreign graduate students in the initial fall 2012/spring 2013 semesters, and increasing enrollment in later years to approximately 5 students.

**D. Proposed Date of Implementation:**

The proposed date of implementation is fall 2012, the earliest time at which we would have S.J.D. students in the continuing registration situation is fall 2013.

**II. Analysis**

**A. Fiscal Need For the Fee**

The purpose of this fee is to offset the administrative costs of servicing these students as they continue working on their dissertations after their primary year.

**B. Effect on Other Institutional or Unit Programs if Fee is Disapproved:**

The additional burden of supporting the S.J.D. students would have to be covered by other funding or absorbed in some other manner; the students would continue to be affiliated with the University with no charge.

**C. Comparative Student Cost:**

**Comparison Schools FY12 Continuing Registration Fee for S.J.D. Programs**

Indiana – Indianapolis	\$ 100/semester
Indiana – Bloomington	\$ 150/semester
Yale Law	\$ 175/semester
University of Pittsburgh Law	\$ 500/semester
Washington College of Law	\$ 1778/year
University of Pennsylvania	\$ 1904/year
Georgetown Law	\$ 1905/semester