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**Students Will Pay Modest Tuition and Fee
Increases in 2007-2008**

Today, the State Board of Regents set tuition and fee increases for Utah's ten public colleges and universities. The average total tuition increase for Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institutions (excluding the Utah College of Applied Technology) is 6.6 percent. This average is the lowest increase since 2001.

“The Legislature made a serious commitment to helping students this year and that is reflected in lower tuition increases,” said Board of Regents Chair Jed Pitcher. “We are pleased legislators continue to recognize the benefit of higher education to our economy and to Utah families.”

“Higher education in Utah is a great value for students,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Richard E. Kendell. “There is no better time for young people to enter college than right now. This necessary investment today will pay immeasurable dividends tomorrow.”

First-tier tuition will increase 4 percent at the 10 institutions (excluding UCAT). First-tier tuition funds each institution's share (no greater than 25 percent) of the total compensation package (including health insurance costs approved during the 2007 General Legislative Session). The Legislature approved a 3.5 percent cost of living increase, along with a 1.5 percent discretionary salary increase.

Second-tier tuition for each institution (excluding UCAT) is listed in the attached table. Under the “Truth in Tuition” legislation, institution presidents must hold public hearings with their students prior to proposing second-tier tuition to the State Board of Regents. Second-tier tuition is set to address specific needs on each campus and funds a variety of purposes including compensation, classroom and technology upgrades, and student initiatives (study abroad, retention, undergraduate research).

Institutions will also increase annual general student fees by 4.22 percent on average (meaning a student would now pay on average, \$506.33/year, in fees) compared to 3.47 percent last year. These fees are charged to all regular students in conjunction with the payment of tuition and support various campus programs such as student association and activities, student center operations, student computer operations, intercollegiate athletics, and student health programs. The Board did not approve fee increases for three institutions: Weber State University, Dixie State College and Utah Valley State College. Their proposals surpassed the Regents’ 4 percent threshold. They will be considered over the next few weeks.

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State Board of Regents Approved Tuition Increases for 2007-2008

**1st-Tier Tuition Increase for all Institutions = 4%*

Institution	2nd-Tier Increase (%)	2nd-Tier Increase (\$)	Total Increase (%) since last year	Total Increase (\$) per semester
University of Utah	3.5%	\$70.00	7.5%	\$150.00
Utah State University	3.0%	\$51.00	7.0%	\$119.00
Weber State University	3.0%	\$42.00	7.0%	\$98.00
Southern Utah University	3.0%	\$46.50	7.0%	\$108.50
Snow College	1.5%	\$13.50	5.5%	\$49.00
Dixie State College	5.0%	\$52.50	9.0%	\$96.00
College of Eastern Utah	0%	\$0	4.0%	\$34.00
Utah Valley State College	2.7%	\$37.80	6.7%	\$93.80
Salt Lake Community College	2.0%	\$20.00	6.0%	\$60.00
USHE Average Undergrad.	2.6%	\$37.00	6.6%	\$74.00
Utah College of Applied Technology (<i>not included in USHE Average</i>)	N/A	N/A	4.0% - for Adults per membership hour	\$0.05 per membership hour

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