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BOARD WORKS TO KEEP PUBLIC EDUCATION AFFORDABLE & ACCESSIBLE

(Moscow). The Idaho State Board of Education in a meeting today in Moscow voted to approve the amount of proposed tuition/fee increases for all of the state's universities and colleges.

The following tuition/fee rates are now in effect for the 2011-2012 academic year, which starts in the fall:

Institution	Current	% increase	\$	Approved	% increase	total \$
	tuition/fee	requested	increase	tuition/fee	approved	increase
	charged		amount	for 2011-		per
	(annual)		requested	12		student
				(annual)		annually
University of Idaho	\$5402	8.4%	\$454	\$5856	8.4%	\$454
Idaho State University	\$5416	7.0 %	\$380	\$5796	7.0%	\$380
Boise State University	\$5300	5.0%	\$266	\$5566	5.0%	\$266
Lewis- Clark State College	\$4998	7.0%	\$350	\$5348	7.0%	\$350

"The institutions have a very difficult challenge," said Board President Richard Westerberg. "Declining funding from the State of Idaho places more burden on student and their family. The proposals brought before us today reflected a cooperative effort between administrations, faculty, staff, and students."

Tuition/fees at Idaho's public colleges and universities are among some of the lowest in the entire western United States helping to keep access and affordability in place enabling Idahoans to prepare for careers now and in the future. "We're a good deal," said Milford Terrell, a past president of the State Board. "We have a real asset here in our colleges and universities. We have to keep them whole so they can educate our citizens to keep our economy going."

The State Board of Education meeting will continue on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 8:30am PDT. You can follow the meeting via a live web-stream by accessing the following link: http://www.its2.uidaho.edu/webcast/sboe_2011.htm. The link will go "live" approximately 5 minutes before the designated start time of the meeting.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit: http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/meetings/board/current_year/04_20-21_11/index.asp .

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