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TUITION AND FEES HELD AT LOW LEVELS

(Moscow). The Idaho State Board of Education today approved tuition and fees for the state's public universities and colleges at levels lower than requested and at the lowest levels in recent years.

"In order to reach the goal that 60% of Idahoans attain a postsecondary degree or credential by 2020, we must ensure that students can afford to attend our public college and universities," said Board President Don Soltman. *"The Board recognizes how difficult it is for our students to bear the cost of their public higher education. We appreciate that our institutions continue to find efficiencies and hold costs down. We also realize that they face higher operating costs and competition for top quality faculty and staff."*

Idaho's full-time tuition and fees rank below the average of other western states and are among the lowest compared to their peer institutions.

The Board focused on holding overall tuition increases to not more than 4%. Lewis-Clark State College's request for a 2% adjustment and Idaho State University's request for 3.5% were approved. The request from Boise State University highlighted the inclusion of part-time fees in addition to full-time resident tuition. Following that discussion, the Board approved an average percentage increase for BSU of 4% measured across its entire student body for academic year 2014-2015. The Board also approved 4% for full-time tuition and fees for the University of Idaho.

The State Board of Education meeting will continue on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific /9:00 a.m. Mountain time. You can follow the meeting via the web at www.uidaho.edu/newsevents/uidaholive.

To view the meeting agenda, visit http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/meetings/board/archive/2014/04_16-17_14/index.asp.

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Tuition/fee rates that will be in effect for the 2014-2015 academic year, which starts in the fall 2014:

Institution	Current tuition/fee charged (annual)	% increase requested	\$ increase amount requested	Approved tuition/fee for 2014-2015 (annual)	% increase approved	Total \$ increase per student (annually)
University of Idaho	\$6,524	4.7%	\$308	\$6,784	4%	\$260
Idaho State University	\$6,344	3.5%	\$222	\$6,566	3.5%	\$222
Lewis-Clark State College	\$5,784	2.0%	\$116	\$5,900	2%	\$116
Eastern Idaho Technical College	\$2,122	6.3%	\$134	\$2,256	6.3%	\$134
Boise State University	\$6,292 (13-17 credits)	6.1%	\$384	\$6,640 (13-17 credits)	5.5%* (full-time)	\$348
	\$260/credit (1-12 credits)	1.5%	\$264/credit	\$264/credit (1-12 credits)	1.5%* (part-time)	\$4/credit

* The average percentage increase for BSU is 4% measured across its entire student body.