



June 05, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: William D. Law, Jr., President
RE: 2008-2009 Lab Fee Changes

Lab fees are assessed for specific courses that require costly materials and supplies that are consumed or used by individual students in the class. Items range from chemicals used in chemistry labs to computer paper and software licenses, to drug screening tests, to bullets and gasoline used at PTLEA.

As costs continue to rise, TCC, for the fourth year, recommends absorbing the majority of incremental changes in the overall budget rather than assessing a higher lab fee in individual courses. Two exceptions are presented for Board approval.

In Health Care Professions programs, applicants must pay directly for drug screening and for a background check. The cost of the drug screening has increased as indicated on the attached table.

The recommendation to raise fees in two PTLEA courses is a result of the large increase in gasoline prices as well as the cost of bullets.

Staff Resources: Barbara Sloan

Recommended Action:

Recommend to approve fees for 2008-2009

2008-09 COURSE LAB FEES

All course fees previously approved will remain in effect with no increases. The following changes are requested.

PROGRAM FEE ADDITIONS

PROGRAM	CUR RENT FEE	INCR (+)	NEW FEE	REASON DESCRIPTION
Health Care Professions	\$28	+\$4	\$32	HCP student drug testing.

COURSE LAB FEE ADDITIONS

COURSE	CURRENT FEE	INCR (+)	NEW FEE	REASON DESCRIPTION
CJK0020	\$95	\$10	\$105	Increase in cost of supplies.
CJK0040	\$200	\$10	\$210	Increase in cost of supplies.

COURSE LAB FEE DELETIONS

COURSE	DELETED FEE	REASON DESCRIPTION
FIL2420	-\$20	Course no longer offered.

COURSE LAB FEE DECREASES

None at this time.