

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

The Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia pursuant to the authority set forth under §201(a) of the District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Reorganization Act Amendments (“Act”) effective January 2, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-36; D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.01), and D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.06, hereby gives notice of its intent to amend Section 728 of Chapter 7 of Title 8, DCMR entitled “Tuition and Fees” in not less than fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. The purpose of the proposed rule is to amend the mandatory fees charged each semester to every University student in order to provide for a per-credit fee for part time students.

The Board of Trustees, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-505(a), hereby finds good cause to use an abbreviated comment period of ten (10) days for the reasons set forth in this paragraph. First, the University substantially modified and revised both its tuition and fee schedules in the earlier part of this year. A thirty-day public comment period began on February 20, 2009, 56 D.C.Reg. 1754, and the final tuition and fee schedule was published and took effect on May 8, 2009, 56 D.C.Reg. 3690. Moreover, before and during this thirty-day comment period, the Board of Trustees and committees thereof held public meetings at which commentary from students and other stakeholders was received. In accordance with the full and recent public comment already received on this issue, the Board finds good cause to abbreviate the comment period. Second, the proposed fees contained herein are being promulgated for the purpose of relieving a burden on the students of the University. The relief comes to part-time students (those taking eleven (11) credit hours or less) who will now be permitted to pay a per-credit hour fee rather than having to pay the same fees as full-time students of the University. The Board finds that this relief of burden constitutes additional good cause to abbreviate the comment period.

The Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby proposes to amend Section 728 of the Title 8, DCMR, effective for the Spring 2010 semester, as follows:

Section 728

728.3(a): Insert the word “full-time” following the second “each” in the prefatory clause, so that the sentence reads: “Each semester and summer of enrollment, each full-time undergraduate and graduate student, not including students at the community college, shall pay the following mandatory fees:”

728.3(c): Strike the word “Students” and insert in its place the phrase “Each full-time student,” so that the sentence reads: “Each full-time student at the Community College shall pay a mandatory fee of \$300.00 for each semester in which they are enrolled, including the summer term.”

728.3(d): In Section 728.3, create a new subsection (d) as follows: “(d) Students who are not full-time students shall be required to pay a fee of \$30.00 per credit hour for each semester in which they are enrolled, including the summer term.”

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of the proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing not later than fourteen (14) days after the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. Comments should be filed with the Office of General Counsel, Building 39- Room 301Q, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008. Comments may also be submitted by email to dbrozovic@udc.edu. Individuals wishing to comment by email must include the phrase “Comment to Proposed Rulemaking—Mandatory Fee Amendments” in their subject line. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Office of the General Counsel at the address set forth above.