

**TOPIC:** University of Maryland College Park: FY 2018 Joint Program on Survey Methodology Graduate Tuition Rate

**COMMITTEE:** Finance Committee

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** June 8, 2017

**SUMMARY:** The Joint Program on Survey Methodology (JPSM), a well-established program operated for the last 25 years under contracts with Federal Agencies (currently, the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy operated through the US Census Bureau), is requesting approval to establish a flat tuition rate of \$1,071 per graduate credit hour beginning Fall 2017. The program has been notified that the contract will end with the current federal fiscal year (September 30, 2017).

The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) is recommending a rate that (i) blends the resident and non-resident rates, (ii) is slightly below the rates charged at by the sister program at the University of Michigan, and (iii) is sufficient to cover program costs at anticipated enrollment levels. Currently, the program runs 34 graduate level courses with an average enrollment of ten students per course. Enrollment is planned to increase to 12 students per course over the next three years with 37 courses planned to be offered.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** The Board may elect to adjust and/or reject the recommended rate.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The projected total FY 2018 tuition revenue at current enrollment levels is \$1.1M. Currently, the program generates \$840,000 in tuition and is supported by a Census Bureau contract of \$550,000.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** That the Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Regents approve the tuition rate of \$1,071 listed on the schedule as submitted.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMEND APPROVAL

DATE: 6/8/17

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BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

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**SCHEDULE OF TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES  
Fiscal 2018**

	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>Recommended Change Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
<b><u>UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK</u></b>				
<b>SPECIAL GRADUATE TUITION RATES:</b>				
<b>PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS:</b>				
<b>COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>				
Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM)				
Tuition (Regardless of Residency) - per credit hour	*	1,071	1,071	N/A

\* The program has been directly funded by the federal government, which will not be the case when the federal fiscal year ends September 30th.

Mandatory fees are at graduate rates approved by the Board of Regents in April for programs at College Park. Offsite program students pay the standard technology fee but do not pay the standard auxiliary fees.