

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2012-31**

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING-UDC DAVID A. CLARKE
SCHOOL OF LAW TUITION RATE INCREASE**

WHEREAS, District of Columbia law (D.C. Official Code §38-1202.06(8)) provides for the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia (“University”) to fix tuition, and fees in addition to tuition, to be paid by resident and nonresident students attending the University; provided, that such tuition and fees are adopted by the Trustees in accordance with the provisions of D.C. Official Code §2-505(a); and

WHEREAS, the University consists of a flagship urban land-grant university offering a broad range of academic and professional programs including a community college offering workforce development opportunities, academic certifications and academic associate degrees and a law school whose mission is to recruit and enroll students from groups under-represented at the bar, provide a well-rounded theoretical and practical legal education that will enable students to be effective and ethical advocates, and represent the legal needs of low-income District of Columbia residents through the school's legal clinics; and

WHEREAS, the University is trying to better align the law school tuition with the market while retaining the competitiveness of the David A. Clark Law School by increasing tuition 20% for AY 2012-2013;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia takes proposed rulemaking action to amend Chapter 7 of the University Rules (Title 8B DCMR) to increase tuition to the rates as indicated in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; and

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of Law Tuition Rate Increase

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Counsel is hereby directed to publish this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the D.C. Register as soon as is practicable for a comment period of not less than thirty (30) days, in accordance with the provisions of D.C. Official Code §2-505 (a).

Submitted by the Joint Committee of Academic Affairs,
Student Affairs and Budget and Finance

June 4, 2012

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

June 13, 2012



Elaine Crider
Chairperson of the Board

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 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(a); 38-1202.06)(3),(13) (2001 & 2011 Supp.) hereby gives notice of its intent to amend chapter 7 (Admissions and Academic Standards) of subtitle B (University of the District of Columbia) of title 8 (Higher Education) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. The purpose of the proposed rule is to solely amend the tuition rates for the David A. Clarke School of Law tuition rates by 20% to be competitive with comparable Universities across the nation. The Board of Trustees will take final action to adopt these amendments to the University Rules in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

Chapter 7, ADMISSIONS AND ACADEMIC STANDARDS, of subtitle B, UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, of title 8, HIGHER EDUCATION, is amended as follows:

Section 728, TUITION AND FEES: DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS, is amended as follows:

Subsection 728.1 is amended to read as follows:

728.1 The following tuition rates shall be in effect:

<u>Student/Level</u>	<u>Per Credit Hour</u>
COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
Washington, D.C. Residents	\$ 100.00
Metropolitan Area Residents	\$168.00
All Other Residents	\$ 283.00

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (Flagship University)

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Washington, D.C. Residents	\$ 276.47
Metropolitan Area Residents	\$ 319.80
All Other Residents	\$ 579.80

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Washington, D.C. Residents	\$ 437.96
Metropolitan Area Residents	\$ 495.73
All Other Residents	\$ 842.40

DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW

FULL TIME PROGRAM STUDENTS (FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS ONLY)

Washington, DC Residents	\$ 5,310 per semester
All Other Residents	\$ 10, 620 per semester

ALL OTHER STUDENTS

Washington, DC Residents	\$ 360 per credit hour
All Other Residents	\$ 720 per credit hour

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of the proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing not later than thirty (30) 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 301-Q, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. Comments may also be submitted by email to smills@udc.edu. Individuals wishing to comment by email must include the phrase "Comment to Proposed Rulemaking: Tuition and Fees" in the subject line. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Office of General Counsel at the address set forth above.



Fiscal Impact Statement

TO: The Board of Trustees
FROM: Office of the Managing Director of Finance
DATE: June 1, 2012
SUBJECT: UDC David A. Clark School of Law Tuition Rate Increase

Proposal

The proposed resolution is to implement a 20% tuition increase at the David A. Clarke School of Law starting Fall 2012. The proposed tuition increase aims to better align the law school tuition with the market and generate additional revenue for the University. When deciding upon this tuition increase, UDC took into account the competitiveness of the law school, potential revenue impact, affordability, and the continued mission of the Law School to educate public interest, public service, and public policy lawyers, especially DC residents and those from racial, ethnic and other population groups underrepresented at the bar. The Board will review annually the Law School tuition for its effects on revenue and enrollment and make adjustments as appropriate.

Please see the table below for the proposed tuition increase.

	2011-2012	2012-2013
Full Time Students (\$/Yr)		
D.C. Residents	\$ 8,850	\$ 10,620
Non DC Residents	\$ 17,700	\$ 21,240
Part Time S/F & All Summer (\$/Credit)		
D.C. Residents	\$ 300	\$ 360
Non DC Residents	\$ 600	\$ 720
Tuition Growth Rate (%)	0%	20%

Analysis

We have analyzed the potential revenue impact based on two scenarios.

Scenario I: Tuition increase with no enrollment impact. This tuition increase is projected to bring in \$1.0M additional revenue in AY2012-2013 in comparison to the same enrollment projections without a tuition increase. The tables below show the enrollment and revenue projection for Scenario I.

Headcount Projection	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
FT	244	261	279	288
PT	155	187	217	226
Total	399	448	496	514

Net Tuition Revenue	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
No Tuition Increase	\$ 4,317,902	\$ 4,893,471	\$ 5,417,442	\$ 5,614,178
With Tuition Increase	\$ 5,318,108	\$ 6,012,165	\$ 6,640,931	\$ 6,877,013
Net Revenue Increase	\$ 1,000,206	\$ 1,118,694	\$ 1,223,488	\$ 1,262,836

Scenario II: Tuition increase with a 15% decline in the entering 1st year class. This tuition increase is projected to bring in \$614K additional revenue in AY2012-2013 in comparison to the same enrollment projections without a tuition increase. The tables below show the enrollment and revenue projection for Scenario II.

Headcount Projection	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
FT	230	233	237	245
PT	146	169	191	192
Total	376	402	428	437

Net Tuition Revenue	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
No Tuition Increase	\$ 4,317,902	\$ 4,893,471	\$ 5,417,442	\$ 5,614,178
With Tuition Increase	\$ 4,931,831	\$ 5,287,664	\$ 5,618,330	\$ 5,740,461
Net Revenue Increase	\$ 613,929	\$ 394,193	\$ 200,888	\$ 126,284

Risks and Mitigation

Risks	Mitigation Strategies
Higher tuition rate will negatively affect Law School enrollment and retention.	The Law School offers partial to full tuition remission to over 50% of its students. Additionally, even with the increase, the David A. Clark School of Law is still the least expensive American Bar Association approved law school in the DC area.
Candidates with the most competitive credentials will choose more highly ranked and prestigious law schools; thus, the bar passage rate may drop.	The Law School is moving into new facilities to increase its competitiveness in the Law School market. It will also continue to offer partial to full tuition remission to its most competitive applicants.