

Students socked with tuition hike

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Schoolcraft College students will pay \$3.50 per credit hour more tuition in the fall if they live within the district or come here from outside Michigan.

But Michiganans who live outside the college district will pay only \$1 more per hour.

"I've got to believe it would help to have more non-resident students," said trustee Mark McQuesten, who proposed the smaller hike for non-residents.

President C. Nelson Grote and vice president Edward McNally had recommended hiking rates \$3.50 across the board. But McQuesten moved to amend the plan by reducing the non-resident rate.

He was supported in a 5-2 vote by chairman Harry Greenleaf, vice chairman Nancie Blatt and trustees Michael Burley and Rosina Raymond.

Favoring the flat \$3.50 hike were trustees Len Wozniak and Richard Hayward.

THE NEW tuition schedule will look like this:

- Residents will pay \$22 a credit

hour, up 19 percent from the current \$18.50.

- Non-residents of the college district will be charged \$30, up 3.6 percent from the current \$29.

- Non-Michigan students will pay \$45.50, up 8.3 percent from the current \$42.

Board members were generally agreed that they didn't want to raise non-residents more than residents in order to keep Schoolcraft's rates competitive.

But they decided to give non-Michiganians the full-shot increase after McNally told them, "Many of our out-of-state students are from the Middle East. I'd like to have their oil wells."

ADMINISTRATORS contended that Schoolcraft's rates are less severe than they appear on the surface because the western Wayne County community college doesn't charge the hefty laboratory, registration and "student service" fees which other colleges levy.

But McQuesten prevailed when he said, "Understood, but students look at that tuition cost."

High non-resident tuition, he argued, tells students, "Don't come to Schoolcraft College."

Business Manager E.F. Peterson estimated that board's rollback of the recommended \$3.50 hike for non-residents would cost the college \$80,000 annually.

Greenleaf noted that even with the tuition hike, Schoolcraft students will be paying only about 26 percent of the operating budget. In the 1960s and early '70s, tuition covered about 33 percent of the cost.

HERE IS HOW Schoolcraft's schedule of \$22-\$30-\$45 compares to other nearby colleges:

- Henry Ford: \$17-\$28-\$26; consid-

ering a \$2 increase; registration fee is \$10, double Schoolcraft's; lab fees run as high as \$50 for nursing.

- Oakland CC: \$16.50-\$27.50-\$27.50; considering a \$2-\$3 hike; lab fees run \$1-\$20; student service fee is a flat \$10 a semester vs. Schoolcraft's 50 cents a credit hour.

- Washtenaw: \$16-\$29-\$40; considering a \$2-\$2.50 hike; few if any fees.

- Wayne CC: \$20-\$24-\$29; recently increased by \$2; lab fees vary.

- Michigan State U.: \$28; increase possible; health fee \$18 a semester for seven or more credit hours; registration fee \$33 per term.

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Senior on committee

Stewart Henderson of Farmington Hills is serving as a member of the senior symposium committee at Dartmouth College.

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