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WESTERN APPROVES TUITION RATE FOR 2006-07

St. Joseph, Mo. —April 28, 2006— The Missouri Western State University Board of Governors approved the first increase in four years with a \$9 per credit hour increase in tuition at their April meeting, making the tuition \$155 per credit-hour.

“Our goal is to achieve affordable excellence. With every decision we put our students first. Students who came to Western three years ago as freshmen will experience their first increase in tuition. We take pride in this record,” said Western President Dr. James Scanlon.

With tuition and fees, a student will now pay \$2,119 for a 12 credit-hour semester. The increase was below the state average. If taken over a four-year average, the increase equals about \$3 a year as Western has not increased tuition for three years. In addition, Western is expected to remain among the most affordable universities in the state, said Rick Gilmore, associate vice president for financial planning and administration.

“Western commits 83 percent, among the highest percentage in the state, of its resources to instruction and direct support of students. Our faculty has demonstrated great professionalism in providing quality instruction with limited resources. These efforts have allowed us to serve students well while trying to minimize the cost to our students. This is what we mean by affordable excellence,” Dr. Scanlon added.

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