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Dear Students,

Thank you for your support of The Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services proposal for differential tuition. As mentioned in our earlier announcement and public forum, this proposal was part of our strategy to support your professional success through providing nationally competitive, cutting-edge programs. Our proposal was recently approved by USU Board of Trustees and the State of Utah Board of Regents effective Summer Semester 2016. The approved differential tuition per credit hour for college courses is below:

- Undergraduate lower division (0 – 2999 courses) \$5
- Undergraduate upper division (3000 – 5999 courses) \$25
- Graduate (6000+ courses) \$40

Our college has an enduring reputation for excellence, innovation, and productivity, which has led to significant growth over the years. However, we have not received adequate funding for this growth or for the accompanying technological, accreditation, and regulatory changes in our programs. Funds generated from the differential tuition will be used to help fill these areas of critical need: accreditation, compliance, course fees replacement, graduate and undergraduate student research, program enhancements, and technology supports in student labs/clinics.

We appreciate the feedback that we received from you during the course of the differential proposal process. The inclusion of the course fees into a differential tuition structure was based on students' concern about the complexity of course fees and the difficulty encountered in trying to budget for the large course fees for many of the required practica/internship/clinic courses. Starting summer 2016, the only applicable *college* course fees to continue will be for the lifestyle activity courses (PE prefix). The other course fees have been rolled into the differential tuition amounts.

We are committed to giving our students the best academic and experiential programs in the nation. We are the top-ranked college of education in Utah and the Intermountain West; with your support we will be able to maintain that standard. We are also aggressively working with donors and agencies to provide additional funding to support our students and programs so we can keep our programs as affordable as possible. Our college was ranked #5 nationally for external funding in 2016—our commitment to finding alternate funding sources is clear.

Thank you again for your participation and investment in our college and your chosen program of study.

Sincerely,

Beth E. Foley, Dean