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Dear Dr. Shine:

I am writing to solicit your support for an exception request to The University of Texas System Board of Regents that would allow the UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center School of Health Sciences to increase their Designated Tuition from the current \$20 per semester credit hour to \$30 per semester hour (SCH) for academic years 08 and 09.

Due to the severe allied health workforce shortage, not only in Texas but nationwide, the Cancer Center's School of Health Sciences is increasing student enrollment in each of the institution's baccalaureate clinical laboratory and radiation science programs. In the Fall of 2008, the School's census will increase 69% from 108 to 183 students. This increased enrollment will necessitate additional teaching aids, student laboratory equipment and classroom technology. The requested \$10 increase in Designated Tuition will be utilized to partly defray these student-related expenses.

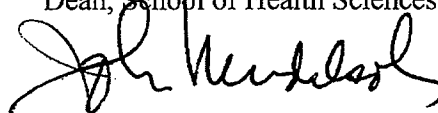
At the present time, the Designated Tuition rate for the Cancer Center's undergraduate allied health programs is considerably lower than that of other UT Health Science Institutions. Even with the requested increase in Designated Tuition, the cost of attendance at the Cancer Center's School of Health Sciences per SCH will remain below comparable programs at the State and national level.

The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center would greatly appreciate your support in presenting this exception request to the UT System Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

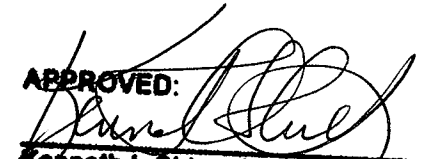


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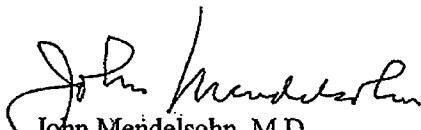
I have attached my recommendations for changes to the Designated Tuition amount at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center's undergraduate School of Health Sciences for academic years 2008-09 and 2009-2010.

The institution's request is limited to a proposed increase in Designated Tuition from \$ 20/SCH to \$30/SCH. Even with these increases, the annual tuition and fees at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center remains considerably below that charged for similar undergraduate academic programs in the health sciences at other UT System components and should not adversely affect the affordability for students of modest means.

The proposed change in Designated Tuition originated with the faculty and staff of the School of Health Sciences and reflects the need for additional resources to fund technology updates in classrooms and for replacement and acquisition of student laboratory instrumentation. The increase in tuition has been discussed in open campus meetings and has been endorsed by the School of Health Science's Student Congress, school alumni, and community representatives.

I greatly appreciate your continued support for the Cancer Center and our academic programs.

Sincerely,


John Mendelsohn, M.D.
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Attachment 1

Recommended Designated Tuition for AY 2008-09 and 2009-2010
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
School of Health Sciences

1. Requested change in tuition for academic years 2008-09 and 2009-2010:
 Increase in undergraduate Designated Tuition from \$20/SCH to \$30/SCH

Current:
 2007-08

Proposed
 2008-09 & 2009-2010

Statutory Tuition (In State)	\$ 50/SCH	
(Out-of- State)	\$ 326/SCH	
Designated Tuition	\$ 20/SCH	(\$30/SCH)
Medical Service Fee	\$ 148/yr	
Graduation Fee	\$ 60	
Education Resource Fee	\$ 6/SCH	
Laboratory/Clinical Fee	\$ 30/course	
	(Total laboratory fees limited to \$60 per semester per student)	

2. Effect of tuition change on annual student costs:

Based on a typical professional-year program of 46 semester credit hours, offered over three semesters at the UTMDACC School of Health Sciences, the proposed tuition increase, which is not field specific, would increase the present annual tuition and fee charges from \$ 3,884 to \$ 4,344. This increase of \$460 represents a 11.8% change over academic year 2007-08 baseline tuition and fees. Even with the proposed increase, the annual tuition and fee costs at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center remain below that charged for similar academic programs, statewide, and should not adversely affect the affordability for students of modest means to attend these programs.

3. Use of planned tuition changes:

The increase in designated tuition from \$20/SCH to \$30/SCH will be utilized to fund improvements in classroom technology and for replacement and acquisition of student laboratory instrumentation.

4. Estimated changes in annual institutional revenues for AY 2008-09 & 2009-2010:

Based on projected enrollment, the proposed tuition change is estimated to increase the institution's revenue by \$122,820 in academic year 2008-09 and by \$142,140 in academic year 2009-2010.