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USI BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WAIVES OUT-OF-STATE
STUDENT FEE RATES
FOR ELIGIBLE KENTUCKY STUDENTS

At today's USI Board of Trustees meeting, the Trustees approved a fee reciprocity agreement permitting eligible students from Kentucky to attend USI at resident student fee rates. The action followed recent approval of the agreement by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the Kentucky Council on Higher Education allowing eligible students from Indiana and Kentucky to attend designated higher education institutions in both states at resident student fee rates.

Kentucky students from the counties of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, and Union who wish to attend USI are eligible to enroll at the in-state rate. The action is retroactive for the 1991 fall semester. In this reciprocal agreement, students from the Southwestern Indiana counties of Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Perry, and Spencer can attend Henderson or Owensboro community colleges at Kentucky residential rates. Included in the ICHE-KCHE agreement are the southeastern Indiana counties of Dearborn, Franklin, Jefferson, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland whose students would be eligible to attend Northern Kentucky University at resident student fee rates, effective in fall 1992.

An enrollment report to the Trustees given by Robert L. Reid, USI vice president for Academic Affairs, showed 7,021 students enrolled for the fall 1991 semester, representing an eight percent increase over last year. The class count has 3,125 freshman; 1,102 sophomores; 933 juniors; 1,078 seniors; 527 non-degree; and 256 graduate students. Of the total enrollment, 4,108 are full-time students.

In further explanation, Dr. Reid said, "Figures show that 36 per cent of the students are 25 years of age or older, with 4,446 students under 25 and 2,575 over 25 years. Women make up 60 percent of the student population, with 4,245 women enrolled. Ten years ago in the fall of 1981 the enrollment was 3,586 students. This year USI's enrollment has nearly doubled that figure."