

Rising Costs Are Cited By President

An increase in tuition rates of two dollars per credit hour, effective next fall semester, was announced today by President Howard W. Jones. The semester begins Sept. 12.

Dr. Jones made the announcement of the tuition hike at a meeting with Dean of the University Joseph P. Smith, Public Relations Director Miss Freda Flint and a representative of The Jambar. He said the move was given official ratification by the finance committee of the University Board of Trustees.

Rising costs in general upkeep and operation of the University was cited by Dr. Jones as the main reason for the increase. He said that none of the additional money to be collected has been earmarked for use, but instead "will be used for general operating costs."

The president noted that if the present upward trend of enrollment continues, Student Council's twice-yearly allotment would also be increased. "This," he added, "would lead to increased budgets for the student activities under Student Council's jurisdiction." Council's budget for the first semester of this school year amounted to slightly over \$30,000.

Dr. Jones has been president of the University since 1931 and tuition has been raised five times during his tenure. The last increase was in the fall of 1959 when cost per credit hour was raised from \$12 to \$16 while almost all fees, with the exception of laboratory fees, were eliminated.

"This increase amounted to about \$2 per student per credit hour," Dr. Jones said about the 1959 rate hike.

At the time of the last tuition increase the University ranked in the lowest 25 per cent of Ohio private colleges in total cost to students, and the general feeling is that its position will not change with this increase.

The University catalog lists expenses for Liberal Arts, Business Administration and Education students at between \$550 and \$850 for full-time two semester attendance. Engineering and music students pay more due to a number of special lab and course fees.

The \$550-\$850 figure represents tuition, books, fees, and supplies, according to a representative of the University
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business-office. This figure will go up some \$30 for an average load of 15 credit hours. A 12-hour load is all that is required to be on full-time status.

There is general agreement among faculty members and many students that the tuition rise is justified and comes at an appropriate time.

Dr. Jones agreed that, although none of the expected income has been designated for a specific purpose, if the urban renewal plans are given the go-ahead, these funds could be used for building and maintaining new structures.

According to a pamphlet, College Facts Chart for 1961-62, only 12 Ohio colleges out of some 60 have lower average tuition and academic costs per school year. Of the schools listed, only seven had larger enrollments during 1961-62 than did Youngstown.