

ROOM AND BOARD FEES FOR 2007-08 ACADEMIC YEAR

Room Fee Increases

Residence Life proposes a 4% increase for each of the existing classifications of residence rooms, with one limited exception. In the Birch and Maple Hall (new apartment buildings), there is one over-sized apartment on the second and third floor of each building. A 4.5% increase is proposed for those four apartments, to begin establishing a higher rate for the greater square footage afforded to the occupants.

Meal Plan Fee Increases

Dining Services proposes a 4% rate increase for all traditional meal plans offered to residential students at Shepherd University. This will bring the rate up to \$1,559 for fiscal, 2008 (up from \$1,499 in fiscal, 2007). These meal plans will continue to place the dining services in the best competitive position within the region with respect to student services while meeting economic objectives. With these plans Shepherd University Dining Services will continue to be a strong supporter of the university's mission and particularly the university's efforts toward recruitment and retention.

New Meal Plans: Shepherd University Dining Services will continue to offer three traditional meal plans. These plans are as follows: 19 meal plan (available to all students), a 15 meal/week plan with \$125 "dining dollars" (to students with successfully earned credit hours in excess of 25), and a 12 meals/week plan with \$250 "dining dollars" (for students with successfully earned credit hours in excess of 57). The "dining dollars" may only be spent at dining service's locations (Dining Hall, Ram's Den, Ram Mart, and Fireside Bistro). Certain voluntary meal plans targeted for commuter students will be available for students with special needs petitioning off the traditional meal plans. Dining Services recommends that the price of the proposed 19, 15, and 12 meal plans be set at 4% above the current residential meal plan rates. Each plan will include 8 additional "guest" meals students may use in the dining hall.

Rationale:

The dining services needs the 4% increase to our residential meal plan rates to cover the projected increases in the cost of operations within the upcoming fiscal year in several areas. We project that CPI on food cost will be 3% for the fiscal year. We anticipate employee raises of 2.5% in November of 2008. PEIA costs will continue to rise based on current projections. The 4% will also help in recovering the increasing cost associated with greater meal plan participation. Meal Plan participation has increased over 6% over the past two years.

The following resolutions are recommended for adoption by the Board:

RESOLVED, That the Shepherd University Board of Governors approves the increases in housing rates as presented in the Agenda Book.

RESOLVED, That the Shepherd University Board of Governors approves the increases in meal plan rates and the new meal plans as presented in the Agenda Book.

Summary of Proposed Housing Rate Increases Effective Fall 2007

Residence Life Housing Type	FY07	FY08	
		Proposed rate after 4% increase	Rate difference
Double Traditional Semester	\$1,729	\$1,798	\$69
Single Traditional Semester*	\$2,544	\$2,697	\$153
Double Suite Semester	\$1,990	\$2,070	\$80
Single Suite Semester*	\$2,935	\$3,104	\$169
Double Summer 6-week term in Apt.	\$832	\$865	\$33
Double Apartment Semester (4 and 6 person units)	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$100
Single Apartment Semester (4 and 6 person units)**	\$4,375	\$4,550	\$175
Double Apartment Semester (4 person deluxe unit)***	\$2,750	\$2,860	\$124
Single Apartment Semester (4 person deluxe unit)**	\$4,812	\$5,005	\$217

*Single rate is 1.5x the double rate

**Single rate is 1.75x the double rate

***4.5% for apts 200/300 in Birch and Maple

West Virginia Schools Cost Comparison	FY07		
	Housing		
	Double Traditional	Double Suite	Apartments
Marshall University	\$1,809	\$2,171	
Shepherd University (FY08)#	\$1,798	\$2,070	\$ 2,600
West Virginia University	\$1,750	\$1,918	
Concord University	\$1,553		
Fairmont State University^	\$1,491	\$1,692	\$ 1,598
Glennville State College	\$1,300		\$ 2,550
West Virginia State University	\$1,300		
West Liberty State College	\$1,270		
Potomac State College	\$1,248	\$1,964	

Other Selective Schools Cost Comparison	FY07		
	Housing		
	Double Traditional	Double Suite	Apartments
University of Maryland	\$2,499		\$2,607
Towson University	\$2,250		\$2,670
Salisbury State Univeristy ~	\$1,866		
Shepherd University (FY08)#	\$1,798	\$2,070	\$2,600
James Madison University	\$1,754		
Shippensburg University	\$1,710		
Frostburg State University	\$1,652		
Virginia Tech	\$1,373	\$1,714	

#Costs for Shepherd University are proposed housing rates for FY08 as compared to FY07 rates

^Apartments do not include electric, telephone, or laundry services.