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## 2012-13 Tuition and Fees Information

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Over the past several months we have been engaged in budget planning for the 2012-13 academic year. This process, which involved University trustees, faculty, staff and student representatives, has looked at important near-term and long-range issues. Our overarching goal has been to keep our comprehensive fee increase below the national averages, while maintaining the high quality education you expect.

To this end, the Illinois Wesleyan Board of Trustees has authorized a 3.8 percent tuition increase for the coming year. The overall increase in the comprehensive fee, which includes room and board, will be 3.9 percent. A table summarizing our fees for 2012-13 is attached.

I want to assure you that we continue to work hard to keep cost increases as low as possible. We look first for efficiencies in the delivery of administrative services and support. At the same time, we are careful not to make reductions in areas that would have an impact on the quality of our distinctive curricula and programs. As I monitor the national scene of how other institutions handle their situations, I am pleased to report that we are able to manage the increasing costs to the University without reducing the number of teaching faculty, increasing class sizes, or eliminating student services staff as many other colleges have chosen to do.

Thanks to the generous support of our alumni and friends we have also increased student financial aid and scholarship support, made improvements in campus technology, and improved the quality of a number of our classroom buildings. This combination of low cost increases and our commitment to maintaining excellence continues to place us among the nation's top values in private higher education, according to publications like *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* and *Barron's*.

As you are thinking about the 2012-13 academic year, I would like to remind you that the time to file for need-based financial aid is now and that we are ready to assist you in any way possible. Should you have questions regarding the application process, I encourage you to visit the website for the Office of Financial Aid at <a href="https://www.iwu.edu/finaid/">www.iwu.edu/finaid/</a> or call (309) 556-3096.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to thank you for the efforts you are making to send a student to Illinois Wesleyan. I can assure you that providing students with the best possible undergraduate experience remains our highest priority.

Sincerely,

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