University of Louisiana fees increased

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Almost all the 90,000 students who go to University of Louisiana system colleges will pay higher fees in the fall under a decision made Friday by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors. The fee hikes at some of the system's universities range from $59 to $222.

Students at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will see a 2.4 percent increase in tuition and fees, which will cost $222 per semester. Students at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux will see $151 per semester. And the fee at Northwestern Louisiana University in Natchitoches will go up $153 per semester.

University of New Orleans and Grooming State University are raising their fees. University of Louisiana system President and CEO Dr. Ray更 (Name) said he interviewed President Joseph Savoie in Lafayette during the 2017 spring commencement.

At an average of 2.4 percent increase across system campuses, Henderson said it's the lowest hike he has taken in a decade.

"We are increasing tuition due to current inflation pressures," Henderson said. "We are increasing it by an average of 2.4 percent across the system, which is less than the average of 4.5 percent last year." Henderson said an increase of $89 per semester will provide roughly $1 million for the university.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette Vice President for Finance and Administration Dr. Ray更 (Name) said the university has to find ways to fund the university's needs.

For the more than 90,000 students enrolled in the system, the increase in tuition and fees will cost about $9 million.

The money will go toward pay hikes for employees and improvements to facilities and programs, as well as other improvements, the university said.

"When the budget is approved, we will be able to start moving forward with some of the improvements we need," Henderson said. "The university is committed to providing a quality education for our students."