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Dear Sharmili:

You selected Loyola University Chicago's School of Social Work because you seek a superior educational experience in the Jesuit tradition. We take enormous pride in our exceptionally well-trained students and graduates. Our clinical concentration has made Loyola a premier social work school throughout the Midwest, and our fine faculty is committed to maintaining this focus. Our commitment to sustaining and enhancing Loyola's quality means the university must pay careful attention to financial resources to keep our role as a national educator strong. To support these efforts, the Loyola University Chicago Board of Trustees has evaluated and approved a tuition increase for 1997-98.

Because I realize tuition expenses are a major part of your personal financial planning, I want to provide you with the trustees' tuition decision earlier than most universities do. 1997-98 tuition for the School of Social Work will be \$447 per credit hour, an 8 percent increase. One of my foremost objectives as dean is to work with university administration on ways to increase the financial support available to our students; important steps have been made in this direction. 1997-98 budget recommendations on financial assistance for graduate and professional students will be presented to the board of trustees in March.

After a 15-year history of underpricing our quality academic experience, the tuition increase does not yield a profit for the university and is not the only way the university is meeting operational costs. Increasing tuition is one piece of a carefully managed, multi-part program that also includes increasing fund-raising efforts, trimming budgets and keeping salary levels contained. The 1997-98 tuition increase is smaller than it has been for the past several years, and university administrators expect this to be the last year of increases above national trends.

The faculty and staff of the School of Social Work remain dedicated to providing you with a stimulating and practical academic experience, and to preparing you for a rewarding career in social work. Thank you for recognizing the value of your Loyola education.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Walsh, Ph.D.

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Dean and professor
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