Tuition Plans

Two Options

- Guaranteed Plan for 12 consecutive semesters for new and transfer students in Fall 2016
- One-year non-guaranteed plan for new and transfer students in Fall 2016 that will increase annually by the rate of inflation, as determined by the Board of Regents.
Fixed Tuition Plan

Overall Goal of Option 1: Fixed Tuition Plan

*Keep the cost of a degree affordable and predictable*

- Legislation (HB29) required offering a guaranteed tuition plan
- TAMU-CC implemented a guaranteed plan for *tuition and most fees* for resident undergraduate students in Fall 2014
- Intended to *help families plan* for tuition costs
- Intended to incentivize *timely degree completion*
Fixed Tuition Plan

The Details

• **Excludes** lab fees, field trips, etc.
• If you **exceed your plan’s time period**, then your tuition and fees will be based on the **rate** in effect at that time for **newly enrolled freshmen or transfer students**.
• Also, students who **exceed hours required for their degree program** by 30 hours will pay additional fees.
Tuition and Fee Planning

All undergraduate resident students on a current plan that has not expired and who have not exceeded 30 hours beyond their program (excess hours) will see NO tuition or fee increase.

Tuition Freeze
Athletics Fee

The Change

- Increase of $1.21/SCH to current fee
- Maximum of $330.75 per semester
- Assessed to new, transfer, non-resident and graduate students as well as those with an expired plan
- Student Government Association vote to be held

Why the Increase is Needed

- Trainers will require a master’s degree to be certified
  - Now using graduate students for three positions
- Student athlete insurance has doubled over past two years
- Exemptions from paying fees will amount to a loss of $510,000 in FY 17
Athletics Fee

Benefits to Students
- Strong athletics program increases institutional recognition and value of degree
- Access to all athletics events
- Athletics offers many engagement opportunities that contribute to student success

Planned Uses of the Fee
- Hire certified trainers
- Pay for student athlete insurance
- Replace revenue lost due to exemptions
Fixed Tuition Plan

Proposed Plan for First-time Students and Transfer Students enrolling in Fall 2016

- Guaranteed tuition and fee plan for 12 consecutive semesters (Fall 2016 through Summer 2020)
  - Calculated based on current tuition and fee base adjusted for inflation at 2.2% compounded over 4 years

- 15 hours guaranteed tuition and fees without passage of athletic fee will be: $4,552.62

- 15 hours guaranteed with athletic fee will be: $4,569.26

- College of Nursing & Health Sciences & College of Business have differential tuition
  - Increase will be same dollar amount, but on slightly higher base
One-Year Plan

Allows Flexibility

- **Tuition and fee plan** for **one year** (Fall 2016 through Summer 2017)
  - Calculated based on current tuition and fee base **adjusted for inflation at 2.2%**
- The following year and subsequent years, tuition will increase by an inflation factor to be determined by the Board of Regents each year

**Fall 2016 One-Year Plan**

- 15 hours tuition and fees without passage of athletic fee will be: **$4,405.21**
- 15 hours with athletic fee will be: **$4,421.31**
- College of Nursing & Health Sciences & College of Business have differential tuition
  - Increase will be same dollar amount, but on slightly higher base
Other Plans

Non-Resident Undergraduate Students

• Tuition rate is set by Legislature, but university services fee will increase 2.2% for inflation

Graduate Students

• No guaranteed tuition plan for current or new graduate students
  – Varying program lengths and frequency of part-time status for graduate students would make a guaranteed plan impractical
• Proposed increase for academic year 2016-7 is 2.2% (inflation factor) on current tuition and fee base

Both non-resident and graduate tuition could increase by the new Athletic fee, if it is approved by the Student Government Association
• Institutions can charge **up to out-of-state tuition** for undergraduate students who take **30 hours more than their program** requires and for **doctoral students who take more than 99 hours**

• Authorized by Legislature when it decided not to provide state funding beyond these limits so institutions could help cover the cost of education

• Law is intended to encourage students to graduate without taking excess hours

• Includes hours taken at any public institution in Texas
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