Overall Goal

*Keep the cost of a degree affordable*

- Legislation (HB29) required *offering* a guaranteed tuition plan
- Board of Regents (BOR) *mandated* a guaranteed plan for *tuition and most fees* for undergraduate students
- Intended to *help families plan* for tuition costs
- Intended to incentivize *timely degree completion*
- *Went into effect Fall 2014*
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**

• Current students last year were placed in cohorts based on their semester credit hours
All undergraduate resident students on a current plan that has not expired will see NO tuition or fee increase

*Tuition Freeze*
Tuition and Fee Planning

Other Students

- Rec Sports Fee increase
- Guaranteed tuition and fee plan for new and transfer resident students
- Plans for non-resident and graduate students
Recreational Sports Fee

The Change

• Increase from $10 to $18 per student credit hour

• Cap would increase from $90 to $175 for fall/spring and from $45 to $87.50 for each summer session

• Assessed to new, transfer, non-resident and graduate students as well as those with an expired plan

• Referendum vote to be held Feb. 16 & 17, 2015

Why the Increase is Needed

• Additional facilities and resources are needed for the growing student population

• Current fee does not cover the costs of operating Recreational Sports facilities, programs, and debt service

• State funds cannot be used for recreation facilities
Recreational Sports Fee

Benefits to Students

• Students who exercise regularly and eat well have better academic performance
• Exercise helps manage stress, improves sleep and boosts the immune system, which can help academic success
• Exercise helps maintain physical and mental health

Planned Uses of the Fee

• Lights and artificial turf at Momentum multi-purpose fields
• Dietitian services
• Additional intramural and sport club programming
• Aquatic center
• Increased student wages
• Additional student and staff & positions
Proposed Plan for First-time Students and Transfer Students enrolling in Fall 2015

- Guaranteed tuition and fee plan for 12 consecutive semesters (Fall 2015 through Summer 2019)
- Calculated based on current tuition and fee base adjusted for inflation at 1.93%
- 15 hours guaranteed tuition and fees without passage of rec sports fee = $4,224/semester
  - Increase: $79.97/semester
- 15 hours guaranteed with rec sports fee = $4,310/semester
  - Increase $166.62/semester
- 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 base will increase by 1.93% 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 2015-6 is 1.93 percent (inflation factor) on current tuition and fee base

Both non-resident and graduate tuition could increase by the new Recreational Sports fee, if it is approved by student vote in February 2015
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