

## University of Houston

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Tuition and Fee Committee

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#### FY2014 Tuition and Fees

#### Strategies to Improve Student Success:

- 1. Outcomes-Based Advising through technology and improved student/advisor ratio
- 2. Increase the number of faculty to meet enrollment demand and improve student/faculty ratio
- 3. Increase need-based financial aid, so cost will not be a barrier to a college education or the completion of a degree
- 4. Enhance libraries, instructional technology, and TA/TF packages

## **Outcomes-Based Advising**

#### **ADDITIONAL ADVISING RESOURCES**

	Students	Advisors	Students per Advisor
2012-13 Academic Year	40,747	107	381
Maintaining Ratio for 2013-14 Academic Year	41,562	109	381
Improving Ratio, 2013-14 Academic Year	41,562	139	300
Additional Advising Costs (\$65,000 per advisor)			
Maintaining Ratio for 2013-14 Academic Year			\$ 130,000
Improving Ratio, 2013-14 Academic Year			\$ 2,080,000

<sup>\*</sup>NACADA recommended student:advisor ratio.

#### Increase the Number of Faculty

#### ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES TO MEET EXISTING DEMAND

(Basis, Fall 2012 Demand)

College	Sections Needed
Architecture	3
Business	1
Education	3
Engineering	7
Hotel & Restaurant Management	3
Liberal Arts & Social Science	40
Natural Sciences & Mathematics	4
Technology	7
Total per Semester	68
Total for Academic Year	136
Resource Needed @ \$6,000 per course	\$ 816,000

# Increase the Number of Faculty LARGE CLASS SECTIONS – NATIONAL PEER COMPARISON

	% of Sections with 50+ Students
UH	21%
University of Illinois-Chicago	19%
Arizona State	18%
George Mason	15%
Georgia State	13%
University of Oklahoma	11%
University of Cincinnati	10%
Wayne State	7%
Temple University	5%

#### Increase the Number of Faculty

Reduce the number of large course sections (100+ students), which are an obstacle to student learning and success.

Target – reduce from 21% to 18%

Additional sections 70

Resource Need @ \$6,000 per course \$ 420,000

#### University of Houston and Texas Peers

Student Faculty Ratios (Students per Faculty)



Source: THECB

#### Increase the Number of Faculty

Reduce Student: Faculty ratio from 24:1 to 20:1 in two phases

Phase 1 - Positions required to achieve 22:1 = 60

Resource Need @ \$120,000 per position \$7,200,000 (Phase 1)

#### Increase Financial Aid

#### **FACTS:**

Only 34% of UH freshmen receive institutional scholarships or grant aid.

UH ranks in the bottom 10% among Carnegie Tier 1 universities in grant aid to freshmen.

Increase need-based aid: \$2,000,000

## Library Resources and Ranking

#### **Association of Research Libraries Rankings (125 Institutions)**

University	ARL Ranking
UT-Austin	10
Texas A&M	23
Texas Tech	46
UH	72

**GOAL: Move UH from 72<sup>nd</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup> in ARL Rankings** 

Phase 1 (move from 72 to 68): \$1,000,000

### Instructional Technology

## Support for interactive technology in residence hall classrooms

Resources Needed: \$500,000

## Teaching Assistants and Fellows

Provide more competitive financial packages to graduate students teaching in the core.

Resources Needed: \$1,000,000

#### **Student Success Initiatives**

#### **Summary of Needs**

1.	Outcomes-Based Advising	\$2,080,000
2.	Increase the number of faculty	
	To meet existing demand	816,000
	Reduce the number of large course sections (21% to 18%)	420,000
	Reduce Student/Faculty ratio from 24:1 to 22:1 (Phase 1)	7,200,000
3.	Increase need-based financial aid	2,000,000
4.	Additional Student Success Initiatives	
	Library resources (Phase 1 improve ranking from 72 to 68)	1,000,000
	Instructional technology, interactive residence hall classrooms	500,000
	Undergraduate Core Course TF/TA Funding	1,000,000
	Total	\$15,016,000

#### **Implementing the Plan for Student Success**

- Increase tuition and fees by 3.5% (approximately \$10M) in FY 2014 to fund the first phase.
- In future years, consider tuition and fee increases and other revenue sources to fund the remainder of the plan.