



Tuition & Fees Task Force

Proposal for FY 11

1. **Stability:** 5% cap on tuition & fee increase over two years.
2. **Predictability:** Setting tuition rates for 2 years, in alignment with the Texas Legislature.
3. **Financial Aid:** Raise the Cougar Promise cap to \$50,000, to accommodate more families during these trying economic conditions. Grant eligibility to “all students/families who qualify” and not just “a new entering freshman”.
4. **Academic Discounts:**
 - a. More core courses offered at a discounted rate for evenings and weekends.
 - b. Expand the "Two for the Price of One Program” for all summer school sessions. (The plan would increase the number of core classes available to students in the program, encouraging timely graduation at an affordable rate.)
5. **Transparency:** Continuing discussion with the University Tuition & Fees Committee post the tuition & fee final decision by the Board of Regents.
6. **Accountability:** Create an Efficiency Task Force to examine wasteful spending and explore the feasibility of cutting costs and improving productivity, thereby making UH more cost-effective.
 - a. This task force would study the need for policies and practices that cater to the unique social, psychological and financial needs of non-traditional students who have families and may be single parents.
 - b. Investigate the administration of scholarships and financial aid by the University versus individual colleges and departments, and synchronizing the lines of communication.