

UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**

**TUITION AND FEE
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 17, 2014

Agenda

- ▣ Introduction
- ▣ Background
- ▣ Proposed Tuition Principles
- ▣ Discussion of Tuition Options
- ▣ Undergraduate Tuition Recommendations
- ▣ Fee Proposals

Introduction

Undergraduate tuition timeline

Advisory Committee Meetings

Jan 17 Principles and Options

Jan 24 Implementation Issues

Jan 31 Report and Recommendations

Campus meeting – Jan 29 - SGA Senate Meeting

BOR Meeting February 25, 26

Implementation Fall 2014

What is UH in 4?

University of Houston Program for On-time Graduation in 4 Year

- ▣ Save money
- ▣ Save time
- ▣ Enter faster into careers and graduate study
 - Entering the workforce 2 year early worth and estimated \$90,800

How Does it Work?

The GRAD Plan

- ▣ **Graduation Goals**
 - Graduation Agreement
 - Communication of Expectations for 4-year Graduation
- ▣ **Resources for Students**
 - Four Year Fixed Tuition Contract
 - Uniform 4-year Degree Plans
 - Expanded use of “My Planner” and “Degree Progress Reports”
 - Develop Tools to Assist with Major Selection
- ▣ **Accountability for Outcomes**
 - Outcomes-based Advising
 - Regular Student Status Reports for Colleges
 - College Level Retention and Graduation Plans
- ▣ **Degree Progress Monitoring and Push to Graduation**
 - **Grab the Grads**

Complete College America: How Full-Time are “Full-Time Students?”

October 2013

- Taking 12 credits per term instead of 15 can add a year to a four-year degree or half a year to a two-year degree, even if students never fail a course, change majors, or take a class beyond their degree requirements.
- Students, parents, and public financial aid programs end up paying more for a degree when students have to enroll in more semesters.
- Students lose out on a year of employment and income if they have to spend an additional year in school.
- Fewer students can be served by institutions with limited capacity – advising, parking, dormitories, etc.
- Dropout rates are higher for students who take fewer credits. In the 2004/2009 BPS study, 17% of students who completed 30 credits their first year dropped out without a degree by the end of six years, compared to 23% of students who completed 24-29 credits. (The difference in completion rates is even bigger, since the low-credit students are also more likely to remain enrolled without a degree.)

Tuition Background

Texas HB 29

Universities shall offer entering undergraduate students a fixed tuition price plan under which the institution agrees not to increase tuition charges per semester credit hour for a participating student

- ▣ Beginning fall 2014,
- ▣ For at least the first 12 consecutive semesters, one or more summer terms occurring in the same summer is considered a semester.
- ▣ Including undergraduate students who transfer to the institution
- ▣ Subject to any restrictions or qualifications adopted by the governing board.

Variable Rate Tuition History

-----FY2013-----

-----FY2014-----

Student Major	Rates		Cost for 15 Hours		Rates		Cost for 15 Hours	
	Tuition & Academic Fees per Hour	Tuition & Academic Fees	Student Fees*	Total	Tuition & Academic Fees per Hour	Tuition & Academic Fees	Student Fees*	Total
Group 1 University FTIC Education CLASS - Liberal Arts	\$280	\$4,200	\$459	\$4,659	\$292	\$4,380	\$459	\$4,839
Group 2 University Scholars CLASS - Fine & Performing Arts Hotel & Restaurant Management Natural Sciences & Mathematics Pharmacy	\$300	\$4,500	\$459	\$4,959	\$313	\$4,695	\$459	\$5,154
Group 3 Architecture Business Engineering Technology	\$325	\$4,875	\$459	\$5,334	\$339	\$5,085	\$459	\$5,544
Undergrad Average	\$298.80	\$4,482	\$459	\$4,941	\$311.81	\$4,677	\$459	\$5,136

* Student Fees (FY13 & FY14) per Semester

	<u>1 SCH</u>	<u>2 SCH</u>	<u>3 SCH</u>	<u>4 SCH</u>	<u>5 SCH</u>	<u>6 & More SCH</u>
Student Service Fee	\$ 160	\$ 176	\$ 192	\$ 208	\$ 224	\$ 240
University Center Fee	135	135	135	135	135	135
Rec & Wellness Fee	84	84	84	84	84	84
Total	\$ 379	\$ 395	\$ 411	\$ 427	\$ 443	\$ 459

Proposed Tuition Principles

Simplicity, transparency

Consolidate and reduce the number of rates

Inflation based rate setting

The CBO projection of the CPI (February 2013) is 2.2% for 2015-2018 and 2.3% for 2019-2023.

Tuition Contracts

This agreement is entered into between The University of Houston (University) and the party (s) signing below (Student) to provide Student with a fixed four year tuition rate through four (4) consecutive academic years, twelve (12) consecutive fall, spring and summer semesters. The guaranteed tuition rate in effect for students entering the program in the Fall 2014 is \$XXXX per semester.

Four year rate performance requirements

- (1) Be a first time freshman admitted unconditionally in the fall semester. (SEPARATE CONTRACT FOR TRANSFERS)
- (2) Enroll in 15 or more college credit hours in initial semester; credit for developmental courses are not counted towards the 15 credit requirement;
- (3) Successfully complete 30 semester credit hours within each academic year;
- (4) Enroll in a degree-seeking four-year program; enrollment in non-degree, non academic professional and public programs or other off-campus programs do not qualify; POST BA?
- (5) Maintain good academic standing as per the requirements of the student handbook. Or minimum GPA??

Peer Comparisons

Current variable rates:

UH has level tuition rates, same for each SCH

Many other universities “front end load”

Many other universities have “tiered” rates

Fixed four year rates:

Only UTD and Texas A&M have published rates

UTD rates

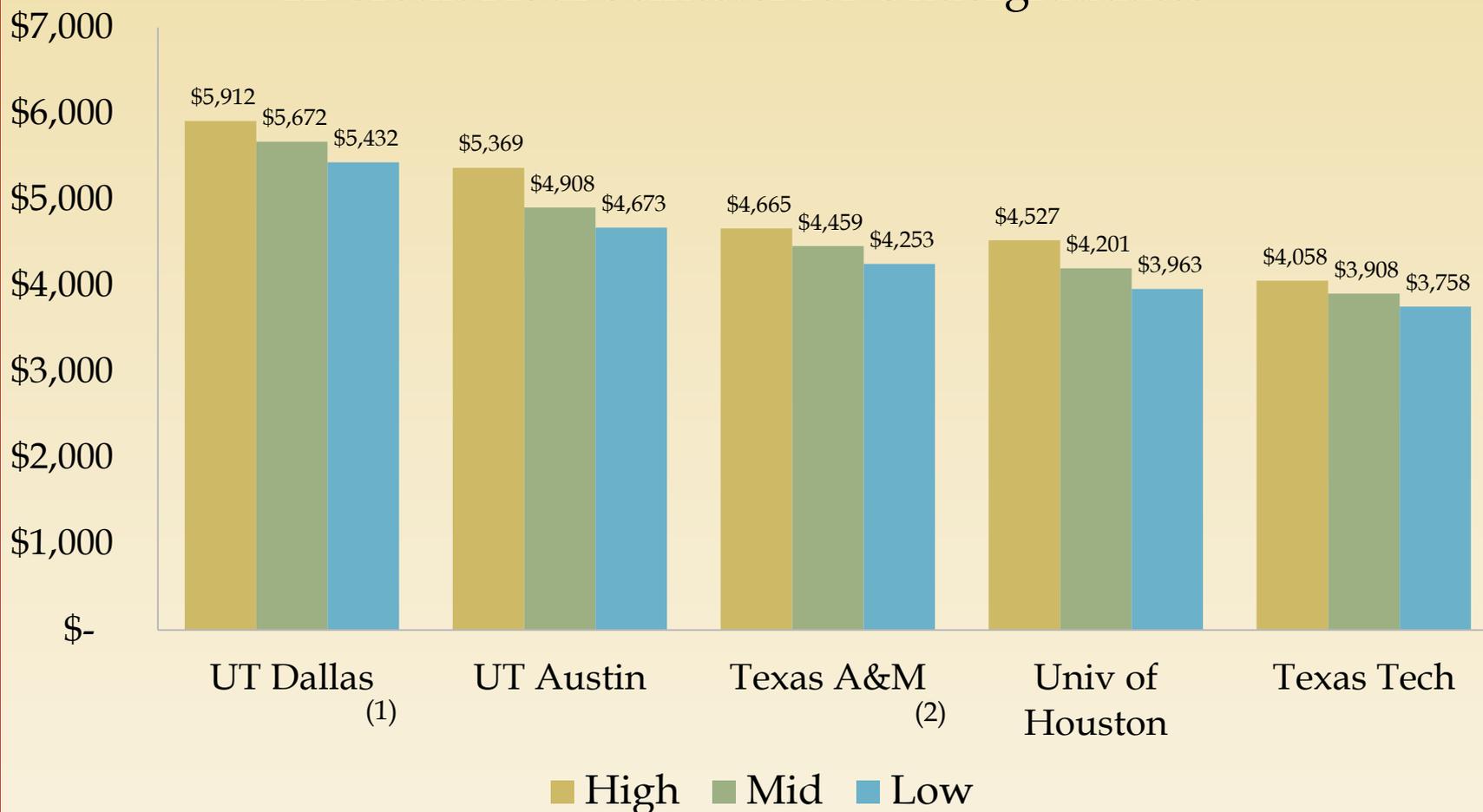
<http://www.utdallas.edu/bursar/tuition/tables/>

Link to Texas A&M 4-year Fixed Proposal

<http://csb.tamu.edu/media/327513/tamu-tuitionfeehearing12-04-2013.pdf>

FY2014 Variable Rate Tuition and Fees

University of Houston Texas Peer Institutions 12 Credit Hour Semester for Undergraduates



Notes: 1. UT Dallas is a four-year fixed rate.

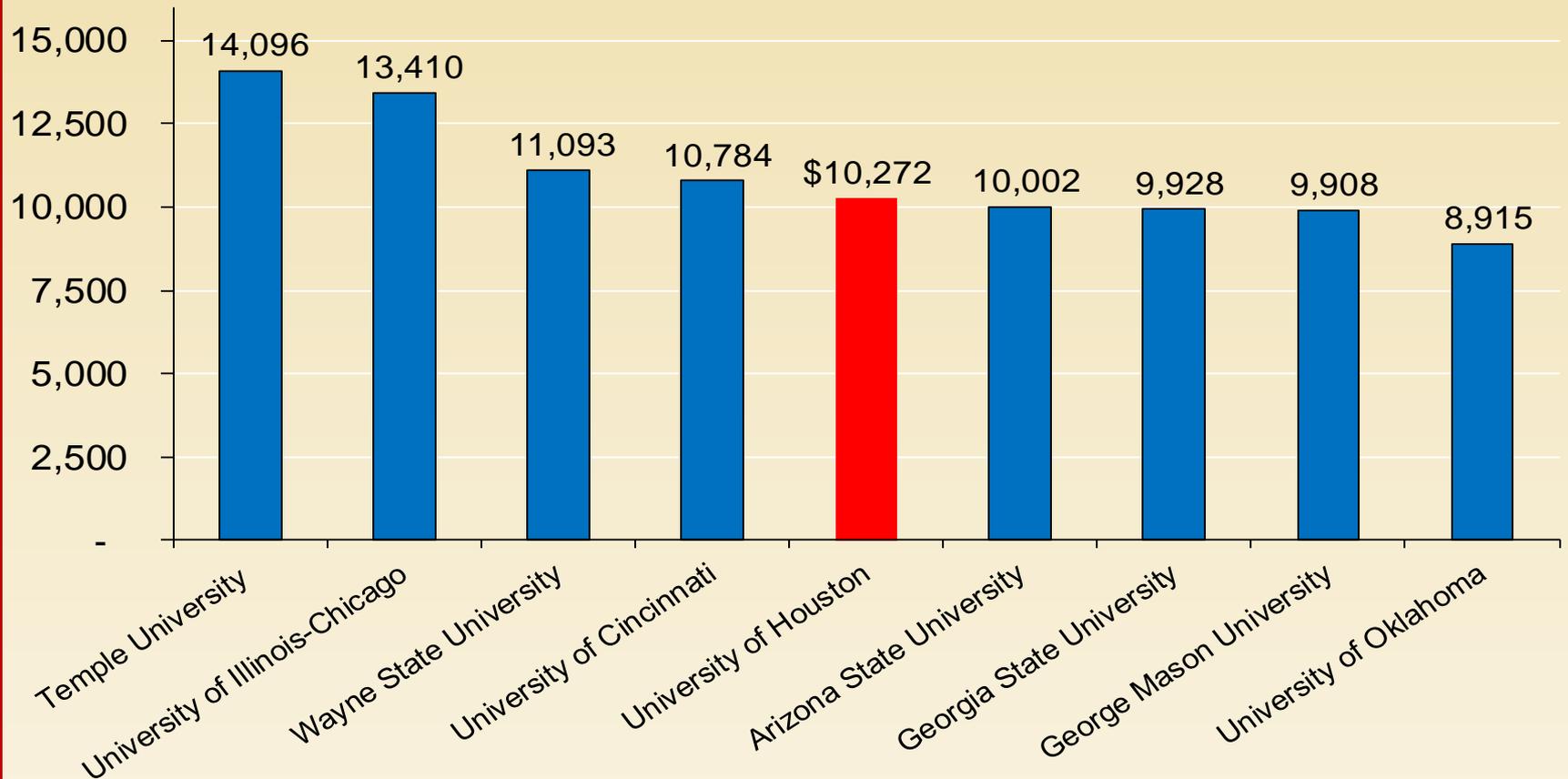
2. Texas A&M excludes course fees & Athletics student passes

Source: Institutions

FY2014 Variable Rate Tuition and Fees

University of Houston National Peer Institutions

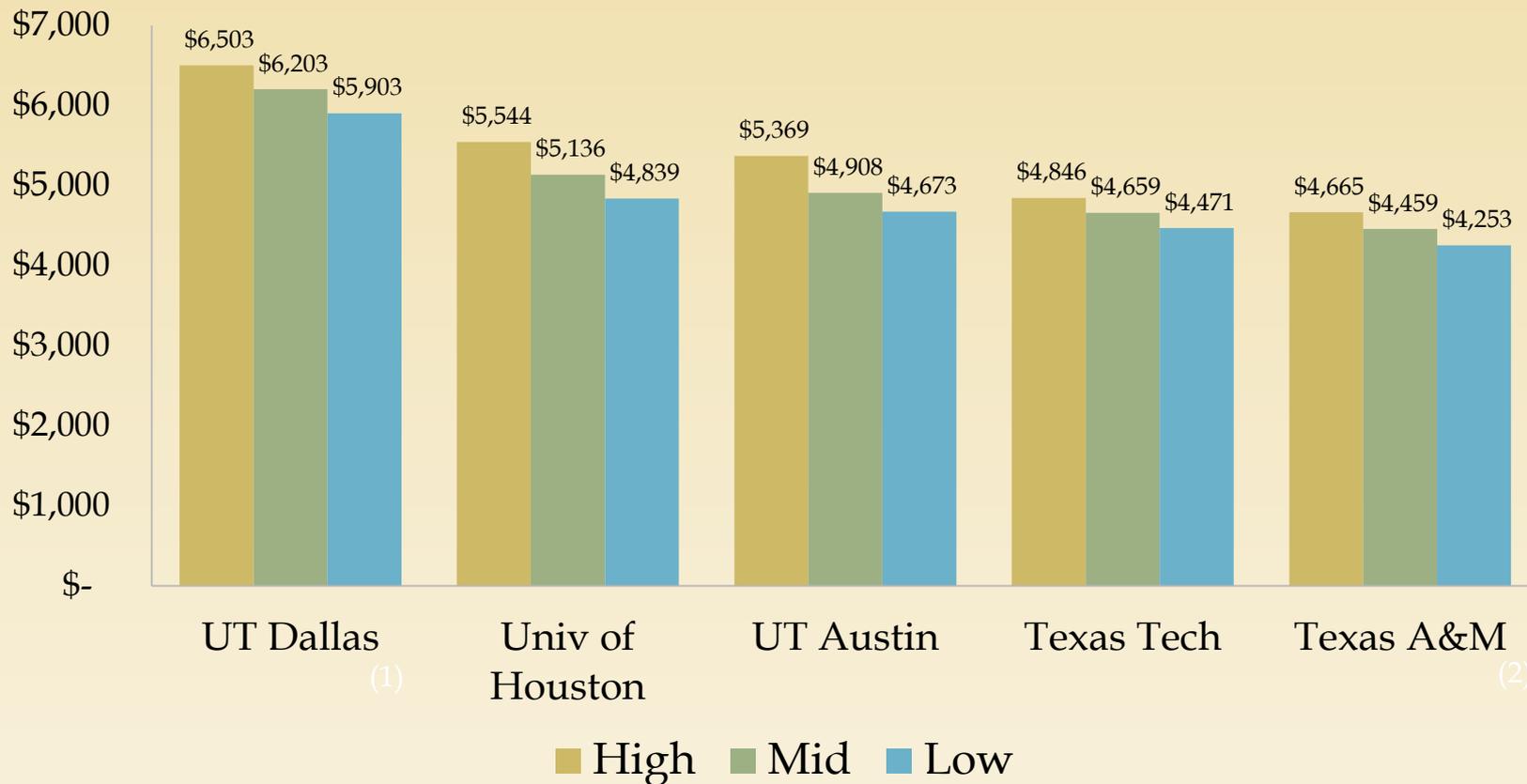
30 Credit Hour Academic Year for Undergraduates



Source: College Board

FY2014 Variable Rate Tuition and Fees

University of Houston Texas Peer Institutions 15 Credit Hour Semester for Undergraduates



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2. Texas A&M excludes course fees and Athletic student passes.

Tuition Options for UH

- Tuition rate tiering
- Front end loading as opposed to level pricing
- Simplicity: rounding rates, whole #s, easy #s

RECOMMENDATIONS

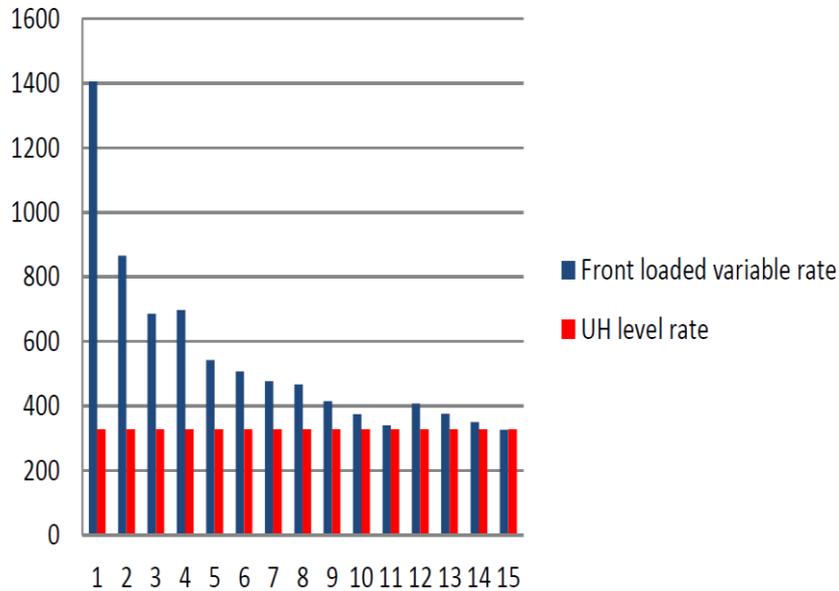
For fixed rate: single flat rate for 30 SCH

For variable rate:???

Tuition Options

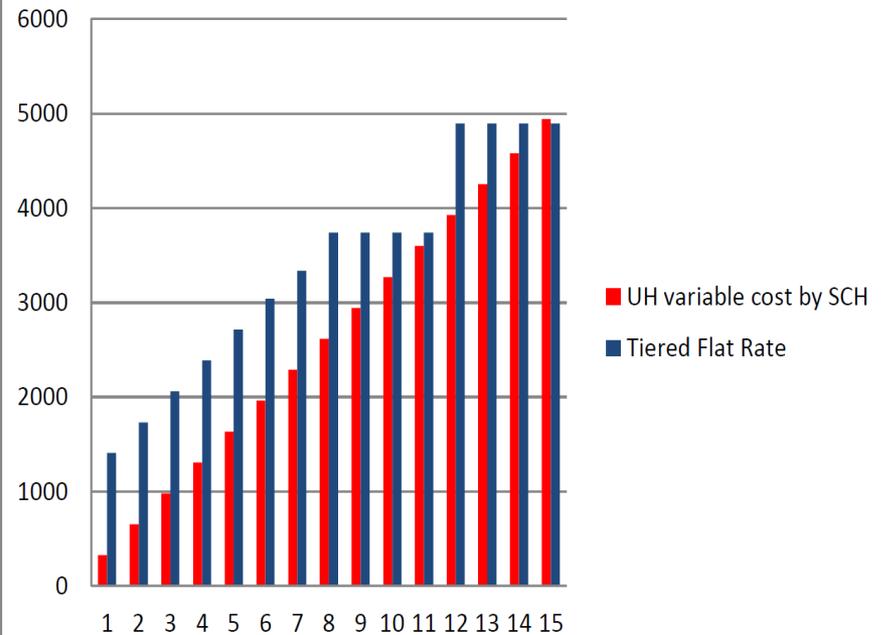
FRONT LOADED

COST of Each Additional Credit Hour



TIERED

Cumulative Cost at Different Credit Hour Loads



Undergraduate Tuition Recommendation

Four year fixed rates:

UTD 15 SCH FY 14 \$5903 (plus college SCH fees)

TAM 15 SCH FY 15, 11 rates \$4715 - \$5437 (includes fees?)

UT 15 SCH FY 15, Not Available - BOR meets 2/5,6

Texas Tech 15 SCH FY 15, Not Available - BOR meets 2/27, 28

Proposed:

UH 15 SCH FY 15 \$4750 (plus student services fees)

Undergraduate Tuition Recommendation

New variable rates

- ▣ Calculated at 2.25 inflation
- ▣ Rounded to nearest whole \$5
- ▣ Two years
- ▣ Mandatory student service fees separate

Variable Rate Proposal FY2015 & FY2016

-----FY2015-----

-----FY2016-----

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Group 1 University FTIC Education CLASS - Liberal Arts	\$300	\$4,500	\$477	\$4,977	\$305	\$4,575	\$477	\$5,052
Group 2 University Scholars CLASS - Fine & Performing Arts Hotel & Restaurant Management Natural Sciences & Mathematics Pharmacy	\$320	\$4,800	\$477	\$5,277	\$325	\$4,875	\$477	\$5,352
Group 3 Architecture Business Engineering Technology	\$345	\$5,175	\$477	\$5,652	\$355	\$5,325	\$477	\$5,802
Undergrad Average	\$318.80	\$4,782	\$477	\$5,259	\$325.20	\$4,878	\$477	\$5,355

* FY2015 Student Fees per Semester

	<u>1 to 5 SCH</u>	<u>6 & More SCH</u>
Student Service Fee	\$ 234	\$ 250
University Center Fee	135	135
Rec & Wellness Fee	92	92
Total	\$ 461	\$ 477

** FY2016 Student Fees per Semester (FY2016 TBD, FY2015 shown for illustration)

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Four-year Comparison Tuition Only

Student Major	FY2013			FY2014			FY2015			FY2016		
	Tuition Cost	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Tuition Cost	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Tuition Cost	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Tuition Cost		
Group 1 University FTIC Education CLASS - Liberal Arts	\$4,200	\$180	4.29%	\$4,380	\$120	2.74%	\$4,500	\$75	1.67%	\$4,575		
Group 2 University Scholars CLASS - Fine & Performing Arts Hotel & Restaurant Management Natural Sciences & Mathematics Pharmacy	\$4,500	\$195	4.33%	\$4,695	\$105	2.24%	\$4,800	\$75	1.56%	\$4,875		
Group 3 Architecture Business Engineering Technology	\$4,875	\$210	4.31%	\$5,085	\$90	1.77%	\$5,175	\$150	2.90%	\$5,325		
Undergrad Average	\$4,482	\$195	4.35%	\$4,677	\$105	2.24%	\$4,782	\$96	2.01%	\$4,878		

Fee Proposals

Mandatory fees

- Student Service Fee

- Rec Center Fee

Voluntary fees

- Housing Rates

- Meal Plan Rates

Academic Program Fees

- Study Abroad

Four-year Comparison Tuition & Student Fees

Four-year Comparison Tuition & Student Fees

Student Major	FY2013			FY2014			FY2015			FY2016
	Cost Including Student Fees Total	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Cost Including Student Fees Total	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Cost Including Student Fees Total	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Cost Including Student Fees Total *
Group 1 University FTIC Education CLASS - Liberal Arts	\$4,659	\$180	3.86%	\$4,839	\$138	2.85%	\$4,977	\$75	1.51%	\$5,052
Group 2 University Scholars CLASS - Fine & Performing Arts Hotel & Restaurant Management Natural Sciences & Mathematics Pharmacy	\$4,959	\$195	3.93%	\$5,154	\$123	2.39%	\$5,277	\$75	1.42%	\$5,352
Group 3 Architecture Business Engineering Technology	\$5,334	\$210	3.94%	\$5,544	\$108	1.95%	\$5,652	\$150	2.65%	\$5,802
Undergrad Average	\$4,941	\$195	3.95%	\$5,136	\$123	2.39%	\$5,259	\$96	1.83%	\$5,355

* FY2016 Student Fees TBD. They are included in the FY2016 total at FY2015 rates for illustration

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