

April 8, 2022

Tuition and Fee Review and Planning Committee

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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your past service on the Tuition and Fee Review and Planning Committee and for your willingness to continue to serve. Given the volume of new programs that are expected to be proposed and launched in the future, along with the critical importance of affordability for our students and families, it is essential that this committee be recharged at this time.

The charge of this committee is to:

1. Discuss and analyze the possibility of reducing the number of undergraduate program differentials assessed by applying a standardized rate to the programs that are in the same dollar range in order to simplify our tuition assessment rate structure.
2. Discuss and analyze the possibility of assessing online students for library services, counseling services, and other fees.
3. Consider the feasibility of honoring college requests to provide a “tuition guarantee” for graduate students, under which student tuition assessment levels would not change for X number of years of their graduate studies. These requests are currently implemented manually by the Registrar’s Office which is not a scalable practice. The continuation of allowing and possibly increasing this practice for graduate programs will require personnel and financial resources to develop Banner functionality to systematically identify start term for the applicable graduate program(s) and allow for such guaranteed tuition processing.
4. Review the annual tuition and fee recommendations submitted by the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs and the Office of the Provost prior to their submission to the President and the Board of Trustees.

The target date for submission of recommendations for Items 1-3 is Monday, August 15th, and recommendations related to Item 4 should be submitted by Monday, November 7th. Additional items for committee consideration may emerge and be brought forward during the committee's service. Staff support for the committee's work will be provided by the Office of Budget and Resource Planning.

Relatedly, a separate working group that includes representation from University System Offices and the three campuses will be formed to look into the possibility of combining certain fees and folding some of them into tuition, which was a recommendation made by this committee in its last report.

Again, thanks for your willingness to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Jones".

Robert J. Jones
Chancellor

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