# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
## The University of Texas at Arlington
## Analysis of Tuition Proposal

The University of Texas at Arlington engaged in a vigorous consultative process to arrive at a tuition proposal that incorporates several compromises between an administrative proposal and subsequent reactions to that proposal from the Tuition Review Committee. To allow students more time for planning, President Sorber proposes a modest overall increase of $10 per semester credit hour (SCH) for the Spring 2004 with an additional $17 per SCH for Fall '04. U. T. Arlington also proposes a pilot differential designated tuition of $10 per SCH for upper division engineering and nursing courses, $10 per SCH for graduate nursing courses, and $20 per SCH for graduate engineering courses. U. T. Arlington also plans a $3 per SCH discount for full payment by the due date. In addition, U. T. Arlington proposes a $5 per SCH increase in mandatory fees beginning in Fall 2004 to support the library and information technology.

The U. T. Arlington proposal seeks to address the following strategic objectives:

Improve overall academic quality: The increased revenue will be used to hire and provide equipment for 50 additional faculty members, provide increased debt capacity, and provide a modest raise program for faculty and staff. The differential tuition will be directed entirely toward the nursing and engineering programs, which are more expensive to deliver but also lead to higher than average wage returns to education.

Provide more efficient and effective class planning: Currently only about 25% of U. T. Arlington's tuition accounts are paid on time. Improved on-time payments will be encouraged by a discount. Early payment will help U. T. Arlington finalize its course schedule and faculty assignments at an earlier date, leading to better access to courses.

Increased retention and graduation rates: Additional financial aid will be directed toward assisting part-time students, helping doctoral students complete their dissertations, and covering the additional tuition for all current aid recipients.

A resident undergraduate at U. T. Arlington currently pays $1,852 for tuition and required fees for 12 hours. Under the proposal, that figure would rise 6.5% in Spring 2004 to $1,972 (13%, or $2,092, for upper division engineering and nursing students). For Fall 2004, resident undergraduates would pay $2,176, an increase of 17.5% from Fall 2003 (upper division nursing and engineering students would pay $2,296 or an increase of 24%).

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & ANALYSIS

***The University of Texas at Austin***

***Tuition Increase Proposal***

The University of Texas at Austin in its proposal recommends a flat-rate increase of $360 for the spring 2004 semester and another $360 increase for fall 2004. There will be no further increase in spring 2005. Student fee increases for 2004-05 will be capped at 3 percent for the 2004-05 academic year. While the amounts and concepts included in this proposal largely remain the same as those recommended by the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee, several targeted changes have been made. The university proposes that there be no increase in tuition for the summer 2004 and that the summer 2005 session be charged at a fraction of the full session rate to encourage increased summer school attendance, increase course access and provide more efficient classroom use. The proposal makes it clear that the university will expect those who attend the university but are not Texas residents to pay an increasing portion of their cost of education. Finally, the proposal includes a significant set-aside of increased tuition for financial aid that will provide grants that cover from 100 percent to 50 percent of the additional tuition proposed in the plan for students whose families earn from under $40,000 and up to $80,000 a year.

**Background:** President Larry R. Faulkner appointed a Tuition Policy Advisory Committee, consisting of four student leaders and five administrators and faculty members to make recommendations. The committee reviewed the university's educational goals and budgetary outlook. Its recommendations were broadly communicated with the university community through campus open forums and through the Web, as well as through meetings with many campus groups and governing bodies. After receiving the committee's recommendations and observing the reactions to the committee's proposal, which was issued on Oct. 7, President Faulkner prepared the university's tuition recommendations for consideration by the University of Texas System Board of Regents. The Texas Legislature earlier this year granted authority over tuition to the governing boards of the universities, making it possible for the boards to enact tuition schedules tailored to the varied cost structures and missions of the public universities in Texas. The University of Texas at Austin, facing a budgetary shortfall of about $40 million at the end of the legislative session, implemented several efficiency and cost-reduction measures to deal with the deficit, but determined that an increase in tuition would still be necessary to provide for essential needs of the university community.

• **Incentive for Timely Graduation:** About 53 percent of all undergraduates are enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Natural Sciences. Students in these two colleges already pay a flat-rate for tuition for 14 or more semester credit hours regardless of the number of hours they take. By recommending a flat-rate tuition component for all students, the university greatly enhances the economic incentive for students to speed their time to graduation. Because students will no longer pay by semester credit hour, a flat-rate tuition increase provides a "tuition discount" to students who take larger course loads without incurring additional tuition expense. It is a high priority of the university to increase the four-year graduation rate so that space can be made more fully available to the large number of students seeking admission to the

university. Earlier graduation also reduces substantially the total cost of education to students and their families. The proposal also recommends no tuition increase for the summer 2004 and a fraction of the new rate for summer 2005 to further encourage fuller use of the university's facilities and courses offered at these lower summer rates.

• **The Financial Aid Plan:** The university's recommendation proposes that 28 cents from each dollar of Academic Sustainability Tuition be set aside for additional financial aid in support of students from low- and middle-income families who are otherwise receiving financial aid for their educational costs at the university. Grants would be provided to those students to offset the cost of the Academic Sustainability Tuition according to the annual incomes of the families of students. For an undergraduate Texas resident with a family income of $40,000 or below, for example, the grant would pay 100 percent of the Academic Sustainability Tuition (net increase = $0 per semester through spring 2004). The grant would cover 75 percent if the income were $40,001 to $60,000 (net increase = $90 per semester through spring 2004), and 50 percent if the income were $60,001 to $80,000 (net increase = $180 per semester through spring 2004). For independent undergraduate students and graduate students, the grants cover 50 percent of the Academic Sustainability Tuition (net increase = $180 per semester through spring 2004). More than 40 percent of students now enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin qualify for some form of financial grant as part of this Academic Sustainability Tuition proposal. For example, a student qualifying for financial aid taking a 12-hour course load would see tuition increases of from 0.1 percent to 10.1 percent for the 2004-05 academic year (see attached chart).

• **What Tuition Will Pay For:** Use of the funds, according to the recommendation, will protect the university's faculty and staff talent by providing for modest raises, improve of the teaching environment by adding more faculty, acquiring more equipment for instruction and reducing faculty-student ratios; and contribute to the preservation of academic and student support facilities. The Tuition Policy Advisory Committee labeled the proposed tuition increase "Academic Sustainability Tuition" because it is targeted at maintaining the quality of the university through support for its most vital people, programs, services and facilities.

• **The University Remains a Best Value:** The University of Texas at Austin remains one of the best values in higher education in the nation, even with this new tuition proposal.* Among nine major state universities across the nation considered among the university's peer institutions, The University of Texas at Austin's cost of attendance will remain lower than all but that of the University of Washington. With this proposal, in spring 2004 the full "sticker price" for tuition and fees for fulltime undergraduate students will be $3,076 for a 15 semester credit hour load (hours used for national comparisons). By fall 2004, the "sticker price" rises to $3,506. However, the net weighted average tuition paid by students $2,316 (spring 2004) and $2,640 (fall 2004 and spring 2005) -- 24.7 percent less than the "sticker price" when financial grants recommended in this proposal and other sources of financial aid are considered (see attached chart). Both *U.S. News & World Report* magazine and the *Kiplinger* newsletter have cited The University of Texas at Austin as a "best value" based on its relatively low cost and the quality of its programs.

* Comparison for spring 2004 – latest data known for comparable institutions

# UT Austin

Academic Sustainability Tuition

## Impact of financial aid

### Fall 2003 to Spring 2004

| Financial aid covers: | Percent change in tuition and fees for: | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 12 hr load | 15 hr load | 18 hr load |
| 100% of AST | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| 75% of AST | 4.1% | 3.4% | 2.9% |
| 50% of AST | 8.2% | 6.7% | 5.7% |
| 0% of AST | 16.2% | 13.3% | 11.3% |

Note: all students pay $2 statue fee

### Spring 2004 to Fall 2004 and Spring 2005

| Financial aid covers: | Percent change in tuition and fees for: | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 12 hr load | 15 hr load | 18 hr load |
| 100% of AST | 2.9% | 2.6% | 2.4% |
| 75% of AST | 6.6% | 5.7% | 5.1% |
| 50% of AST | 10.1% | 8.6% | 7.6% |
| 0% of AST | 16.3% | 14.0% | 12.3% |

Note: all students pay $2 statue fee, $2/SCH statutory tuition increase and maximum of 3% increase in fees

## Average discounted tuition and fees for resident undergraduate student

Full-time weighted average undergraduate resident tuition and fees after all grant and other financial aid deducted

### Spring 2004

| | |
|---|---|
| Full tuition and fees, including $360 AST | 3076 |
| Weighted average discounted tuition and fees | 2316 |
| Amount of weighted discount | 760 |
| Percent full tuition and fees discounted | 24.7% |

### Fall 2004 and Spring 2005

| | |
|---|---|
| Full tuition and fees, including $720 AST | 3506 |
| Weighted average discounted tuition and fees | 2640 |
| Amount of weighted discount | 866 |
| Percent full tuition and fees discounted | 24.7% |

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM**
**The University of Texas at Austin**
**Analysis of Tuition Proposal**

President Larry Faulkner has offered, on behalf of U. T. Austin, a well-reasoned proposal to increase tuition by a flat $360 in Spring 2004, with no increase for Summer 2004, and by another flat $360 for Fall 2004 and Spring 2005, with a smaller increase for Summer 2005. There are appropriate *pro rata* arrangements for part-time students and a small premium for continuing non-resident students, with a much larger premium for non-residents in 2004-2005. This plan followed a thorough consultation with students, faculty, and administrators.

There are four major strategic objectives met through this plan:

1. Provide strong incentives to increase average course-loads and, ultimately, graduation rates: Currently 53% of all undergraduates are enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Natural Sciences. Students in these two colleges already pay a flat-rate for tuition for 14 or more semester credit hours regardless of the number of hours they take. By recommending a flat-rate tuition component for all students, the university greatly enhances the economic incentive for students to speed their time to graduation. Because students will no longer pay by semester credit hour, a flat-rate tuition increase provides a "tuition discount" to students who take larger course loads without incurring additional tuition expense.

2. Maintain access by holding harmless all lower-income students, and reducing the increase for middle-income students: By setting aside 28% of the increased revenue for financial aid, U. T. Austin can guarantee no impact for students from families with incomes less than $40,000 (5,235 students or 14.4% of undergraduates). Middle-income students whose parents earn from $40,001-$60,000 (2,945 students or 8.1% of undergraduates) would pay only one quarter of the increase and those students whose parents earn from $60,001-$80,000 (4,908 students or 13.4%) would pay only one half of the increase. A total of 13,088 or 36% of all undergraduates will receive some assistance with the proposed increase. The effects of financial assistance on proposed tuition charges are as follows:

**Spring 2004**

| | |
|---|---|
| Full Tuition and Fees (including $360 increase) | $3,076 |
| Financial Aid Discounted Tuition and Fees | $2,316 |
| Average Discount Amount | $760 |
| Percent Full Tuition Discounted | 24.7% |

**Fall 2004 and Spring 2005**

| | |
|---|---|
| Full Tuition and Fees (including $360 increase) | $3,506 |
| Financial Aid Discounted Tuition and Fees | $2,640 |
| Average Discount Amount | $866 |
| Percent Full Tuition Discounted | 24.7% |

3. Improve use of facilities by freezing summer tuition for 2004 and providing a smaller increase for Summer 2005: U. T. Austin has some excess capacity in the summer. In addition, because the campus is seeking additional freshman students to enroll in the summer, there would be an effective summer discount for entering freshmen. Not only does this measure use the campus more effectively, but it also increases the prospect of improved course access for freshman students and possibly reducing their time to graduation.

4. Meet critical campus needs in hiring and retaining faculty and maintaining campus buildings: Use of the funds, according to the recommendation, will protect the university's faculty and staff talent by providing for modest raises, improve of the teaching environment by adding more faculty, acquiring more equipment for instruction and reducing faculty-student ratios; and contribute to the preservation of academic and student support facilities. The Tuition Policy Advisory Committee labeled the proposed tuition increase "Academic Sustainability Tuition" because it is targeted at maintaining the quality of the university through support for its most vital people, programs, services and facilities.

A resident undergraduate attending U. T. Austin will pay a tuition rate that is dependent upon his or her major. Students enrolled in the colleges of Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences are charged flat rate tuition. Students not in those colleges are charged tuition and fees based on semester credit hour enrollment. In addition, beginning in Spring 2004, the current proposal would hold harmless low income students from proposed tuition increases and discount proposed increases for middle income students. The following tables represent the Spring 2003 and Academic Year 2004-2005 tuition proposal for undergraduate resident students.

# U. T Austin
## Flat Rate for Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences
## Proposed Tuition
## (Spring 2004, Fall 2004-Spring 2005)

Tuition for students with annual family income $40,000 or less:

Resident undergraduate students from families with annual incomes of $40,000 or below will receive an institutional grant to off-set 100% of proposed tuition increases.

Tuition for Students with annual family income $40,001 to $60,000:

| | Fall 2003 | Spring 2004 | % Change from Fall 2003 | Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 | % Change from Spring 2004 | % Change from Fall 2003 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Liberal Arts | $2,508 | $2,598 | 3.6% | $2,688 | 3.5% | 7.2% |
| Natural Sciences | $2,668 | $2,758 | 3.4% | $2,848 | 3.3% | 6.7% |

Tuition for students with annual family income $60,001 to $80,000:

| | Fall 2003 | Spring 2004 | % Change from Fall 2003 | Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 | % Change from Spring 2004 | % Change from Fall 2003 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Liberal Arts | $2,508 | $2,688 | 7.2% | $2,868 | 6.7% | 14.4% |
| Natural Sciences | $2,668 | $2,848 | 6.7% | $3,028 | 6.3% | 13.5% |

Tuition for students with annual family income $80,001 and greater:

| | Fall 2003 | Spring 2004 | % Change from Fall 2003 | Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 | % Change from Spring 2004 | % Change from Fall 2003 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Liberal Arts | $2,508 | $2,868 | 14.4% | $3,228 | 12.6% | 28.7% |
| Natural Sciences | $2,668 | $3,028 | 13.5% | $3,388 | 11.9% | 27.0% |

# U. T. Austin
## Advantages of Taking Greater Course Loads
## Liberal Arts

Tuition for students with annual family income $40,000 or less:

Resident undergraduate students from families with annual incomes of $40,000 or below will receive an institutional grant to off-set 100% of proposed tuition increases.

Tuition for students with annual family income $40,001 to $60,000:

| Number of hours | Fall '03 SCH Equivalent | Spring '04 SCH Equivalent | Fall '04 SCH Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 hrs | $209 | $217 | $224 |
| 13 hrs | $193 | $200 | $207 |
| 15 hrs | $167 | $173 | $179 |
| 18 hrs | $139 | $144 | $149 |
| 21 hrs | $119 | $124 | $128 |

Tuition for students with annual family income $60,001 to $80,000:

| Number of hours | Fall '03 SCH Equivalent | Spring '04 SCH Equivalent | Fall '04 SCH Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 hrs | $209 | $224 | $239 |
| 13 hrs | $193 | $207 | $221 |
| 15 hrs | $167 | $179 | $191 |
| 18 hrs | $139 | $149 | $159 |
| 21 hrs | $119 | $128 | $137 |

Tuition for students with annual family income $80,001 and greater:

| Number of hours | Fall '03 SCH Equivalent | Spring '04 SCH Equivalent | Fall '04 SCH Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 hrs | $209 | $239 | $269 |
| 13 hrs | $193 | $221 | $248 |
| 15 hrs | $167 | $191 | $215 |
| 18 hrs | $139 | $159 | $179 |
| 21 hrs | $119 | $153 | $153 |

# The University of Texas at Austin
## Advantages of Taking Greater Course Loads
## Natural Sciences

Tuition for students with annual family income $40,000 or less:

Resident undergraduate students from families with annual incomes of $40,000 or below will receive an institutional grant to off-set 100% of proposed tuition increases.

Tuition for students with annual family income $40,001 to $60,000:

| Number of hours | Fall '03 SCH Equivalent | Spring '04 SCH Equivalent | Fall '04 SCH Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 hrs | $222 | $230 | $237 |
| 13 hrs | $205 | $212 | $219 |
| 15 hrs | $179 | $184 | $190 |
| 18 hrs | $148 | $153 | $158 |
| 21 hrs | $127 | $131 | $136 |

Tuition for students with annual family income $60,001 to $80,000:

| Number of hours | Fall '03 SCH Equivalent | Spring '04 SCH Equivalent | Fall '04 SCH Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 hrs | $222 | $237 | $252 |
| 13 hrs | $205 | $219 | $233 |
| 15 hrs | $179 | $190 | $202 |
| 18 hrs | $148 | $158 | $168 |
| 21 hrs | $127 | $136 | $144 |

Tuition for students with annual family income $80,001 and greater:

| Number of hours | Fall '03 SCH Equivalent | Spring '04 SCH Equivalent | Fall '04 SCH Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 hrs | $222 | $252 | $284 |
| 13 hrs | $205 | $233 | $262 |
| 15 hrs | $179 | $201 | $227 |
| 18 hrs | $148 | $168 | $189 |
| 21 hrs | $127 | $144 | $162 |

# The University of Texas at Austin
## Proposed Tuition
## (Spring 2004, Fall 2004-Spring 2005)
## Non-Flat Rate

Students with annual family income $40,000 or less:

Resident undergraduate students from families with annual incomes of $40,000 or below will receive an institutional grant to off-set 100% of proposed tuition increases.

Students with annual family income $40,001 to $60,000:

| Number of hours | Fall '03 | Spring '04 | Increase in sch % over Fall 2003 | Fall '04 | Increase in sch % over Fall 2003 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 hrs | $2,172 | $2,262 | 4.1% | $2,352 | 8.3% |
| 13 hrs | $2,353 | $2,443 | 3.8% | $2,533 | 7.6% |
| 15 hrs | $2,715 | $2,805 | 3.3% | $2,895 | 6.6% |
| 18 hrs | $3,258 | $3,348 | 2.8% | $3,438 | 5.5% |
| 21 hrs | $3,801 | $3,891 | 2.4% | $3,981 | 4.7% |

Students with annual family income $60,001 to $80,000:

| Number of hours | Fall '03 | Spring '04 | Increase in sch % over Fall 2003 | Fall '04 | Increase in sch % over Fall 2003 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 hrs | $2,172 | $2,352 | 8.3% | $2,532 | 16.6% |
| 13 hrs | $2,353 | $2,533 | 7.6% | $2,713 | 15.3% |
| 15 hrs | $2,715 | $2,895 | 6.6% | $3,075 | 13.3% |
| 18 hrs | $3,258 | $3,438 | 5.5% | $3,618 | 11.0% |
| 21 hrs | $3,801 | $3,981 | 4.7% | $4,161 | 9.5% |

Students with annual family income $80,001 and greater:

| Number of hours | Fall '03 | Spring '04 | Increase in sch % over Fall 2003 | Fall '04 | Increase in sch % over Fall 2003 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 hrs | $2,172 | $2,532 | 16.6% | $2,949 | 35.8% |
| 13 hrs | $2,353 | $2,713 | 15.3% | $3,134 | 33.2% |
| 15 hrs | $2,715 | $3,075 | 13.3% | $3,506 | 29.1% |
| 18 hrs | $3,258 | $3,618 | 11.0% | $4,063 | 24.7% |
| 21 hrs | $3,801 | $4,161 | 9.5% | $4,620 | 21.6% |

Tuition, mandatory fees, and college/course fees for students not paying flat tuition (i.e., not in College of Liberal Arts nor in College of Natural Sciences.).

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM**
**The University of Texas at Brownsville**
**Analysis of Tuition Proposal**

Because of cost-cutting measures undertaken at The University of Texas at Brownsville, the institution proposes no tuition increase for Spring 2004. For Fall 2004, U. T. Brownsville recommends the legislatively mandated increase of $2 per SCH in statutory tuition, an additional $6 per SCH in designated tuition. A new flat fee of $14 would be introduced for graduate students, an extension of an advising fee of $25 to all students, and an increase in the records feel and the computer use fee.

The campus seeks to address the following strategic objectives:

Enhance academic quality: U. T. Brownsville plans to hire an additional 10 faculty, 10 staff members and an additional 11 academic advisers. In addition, the campus will introduce for the first time an equipment rotation schedule for upgrading the computer equipment available to students.

Improve retention and recruitment: By lowering the adviser/student ratio from 1/1514 to 1/589, U. T. Brownsville will provide more timely advice to students. The small increase in the records fee will be used to provide enhanced communication with students concerning their degree plans.

Maintain access and affordability: U. T. Brownsville intends to provide increased financial aid through scholarships and work-study, and to provide graduate assistantships.

The current tuition and fees at U. T. Brownsville for resident undergraduates for 12 hours is $1,192. There would be no increase in Spring 2004, and in Fall 2004 the increase in tuition and fees would be about 16%, to $1378.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
## The University of Texas at Dallas
## Analysis of Tuition Proposal

With the opening of the Fall 2003 semester, U. T. Dallas established a select committee composed of representative students, faculty and staff charged to review the continually evolving environment of academic finance and student access and success, for FY 04 and beyond, and bring forward specific recommendations for the President's consideration. The committee concluded its efforts by forwarding to President Jenifer a proposed compact on tuition and fees for the U. T. Dallas community. The compact consists of an agreement on the part of the U. T. Dallas administration to freeze any increases in fees or assessment of new fees though the Summer Semester of 2005, together with a commitment to transfer all of the costs of operating the Financial Aid Office from the Student Service Fee budget to the general university budget. These commitments would be coupled with increases in designated tuition of $20 per semester credit hour (SCH) for Spring 2004, followed by further increases for Fall 2004 of $22 per SCH for undergraduate students and $18 per SCH for graduate students.

The campus seeks to address the following major strategic objective:

Access and success: The major strategic objective of U. T. Dallas continues to be progress toward meeting the needs of Texas for broadly accessible higher education for the state's most able and ambitious students, offered within the environment of a selective, research oriented university focused on science and technology. U. T. Dallas intends to utilize increased student aid creatively to further enhance the access to quality programs to students who possess all of the attributes needed for success at U. T. Dallas except financial means and to facilitate and motivate the progress toward graduation of current students. To do so, U. T. Dallas's first goal is to hold harmless those students with the greatest financial need from the proposed increases in designated tuition. U. T. Dallas will develop three programs of support for new and continuing students with monies set aside from increases in designated tuition for fiscal year 2005. First, the university will create a number of new jobs on campus for students who demonstrate unmet financial need. Secondly, U. T. Dallas will award annual grants to support both new and continuing graduate and undergraduate students with the most severe unmet financial need. As a condition of the award, the student will have to attend the university full time, and be academically successful as a full time student thereby reducing their time-to-degree. Third, U. T. Dallas will expand its commitment to access, diversity and transfer recruitment by providing grants to new and continuing transfer students, primarily from local community colleges. As a condition of the award, the student will have to attend the university full time, and be academically successful as a full time student thereby reducing their time-to-degree.

Current tuition and mandatory fees at U. T. Dallas for resident undergraduates enrolled for 12 SCH per semester is $2,140. U. T. Dallas proposes an 11% increase for Spring 2004 to $2,380. The proposed rate for Fall 2004 is $2,668, an increase of 25% over the Fall 2003 annual rate.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
## The University of Texas at El Paso
## Analysis of Tuition Proposal

The University of Texas at El Paso engaged in an inclusive and extensive process to arrive at a tuition proposal that reflects significant input from the U. T. El Paso student body. Throughout the process, students consistently stated that most important issue to them was the continuous improvement in their access to quality higher education. They cited class availability, class size, advising, academic support, and recruitment and retention of quality faculty among their highest priorities. Based on this input, U. T. El Paso proposes to increase Spring 2004 designated tuition charges by $18 per semester credit hour (SCH), with additional increases of $14 per SCH in Fall 2004. Two innovative tuition strategies designed to encourage students to enroll for more hours each semester, tuition rebates and flat tuition, were considered, student response to the proposals was divided along socioeconomic lines. Although these strategies are not proposed at this time, U. T. El Paso is committed to exploring alternatives to increase time to graduation and total educational expense.

The campus seeks to address the following strategic objectives:

Enhance course availability and quality: U. T. El Paso plans to increase the number of courses offered by up to 200 additional sections in Spring 2004, 75 additional sections in Summer 2004, and 400 in the 2004-2005 academic year. In addition, 46 full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty positions will be added in Fall 2004.

Provide additional student support: To increase student academic support, U. T. El Paso plans to add 10 academic support positions and expand student research opportunities on campus. In addition, using institutional funds, U. T. El Paso plans to increase the number of student jobs available on campus.

Maintain access and affordability: U. T. El Paso has developed diverse plans to utilize the financial aid set-aside from tuition increase revenues. Financial aid changes will be implemented in two stages. The first, in Spring 2004, is designed to ease the immediate burden of the proposed $18 per credit hour increase for students, especially when the lead time to prepare for it is relatively short. The second, to be implemented in Fall 2004, is a longer-term approach to integrate new tuition levels into U. T. El Paso's overall student financial aid strategy.

Current tuition and mandatory fees at U. T. El Paso for resident undergraduates enrolled in 12 SCH per semester is $1,483. U. T. El Paso proposes a 15% increase for Spring 2004 to $1,699. The proposed rate for 2004-2005 is $1,892, an increase of 28% over the Fall 2003 rate.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM**
**The University of Texas - Pan American**
**Analysis of Tuition Proposal**

The University of Texas-Pan American proposes no increase in designated tuition for Spring 2004. U. T. Pan American does request an increase in the mandatory Library Technology Fee from $1.50 per Semester Credit Hour (SCH) to $2.25 per SCH. Increased fee revenue is needed to cover increasing library technology costs. In addition, U. T. Pan American requests the authority to implement either an increase in designated tuition or a new fee for those students who repeat a course for the third time. Current statutory restrictions prohibit formula funding for courses taken more than twice. The increase would allow the institution to recover lost formula funding. For Fall 2004, U. T. Pan American request an increase in designated tuition of $6, from $32 per SCH to $38 per SCH. With this proposed increase, U. T. Pan American's designated tuition charge would still be below the statutory cap in place prior to designated tuition deregulation. Finally, in order to encourage students to take larger course loads, U. T. Pan American proposes a flat fee based on 14 SCH for students taking 14 semester credit hours or more.

The campus seeks to address the following strategic objectives:

Enhance course availability and quality: U. T. Pan American intends to use increased revenues to hire between 52 and 62 new faculty to address growing demands for undergraduate core courses, to maintain a reasonable faculty/student ratio, and to adequately staff new graduate programs.

Provide incentives to increase course-loads and ultimately graduation rates: Through implementation of a flat fee for those students taking 14 or more semester credit hours, U. T. Pan American hopes to encourage students to take higher course-loads. Students taking 18 SCH, for example, would only be charged designated tuition and fees at a 14 SCH rate. The institution believes that this incentive will ultimately speed time to graduation and overall graduation rates.

Maintain access and affordability: While the proposed increase in designated tuition for Fall 2004 is below the threshold for additional set-aside funds for financial aid, U. T. Pan American remains committed to assertively pursuing every source of finance aid available. The U. T. Pan American administration does not believe that the proposed modest increase in designated tuition will adversely impact their students.

Current tuition and mandatory fees at U. T. Pan American for resident undergraduates enrolled for 12 SCH per semester is $1,233. The proposed rate for Fall 2004 is $1,329, an increase of 8% over the Fall 2003 rate.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM**
**The University of Texas of the Permian Basin**
**Analysis of Tuition Proposal**

The Tuition Consultation Committee formed by President Watts met in a series of six meetings to discuss the current budget situation, faculty and staff salaries, increases in faculty and support staff, program development, and the effect of increases in student financial aid. The recommendation proposed by the Tuition Consultation Committee, based on the meetings with the campus community, helped the Executive Council formulate the current tuition proposal submitted by President Watts.

U. T. Permian Basin proposes a moderate increase in tuition combined with significant increases in student financial aid and a novel tuition credit to encourage graduation in four years. For Spring 2004, tuition would increase by $5 in designated tuition per semester credit hour. Beginning in Fall 2004 tuition would increase by $9 per SCH (the mandatory $2 statutory increase and a $7 increase in designated tuition).

The U. T. Permian Basin proposal seeks to address the following strategic objectives:

Enhance academic quality and course availability: U. T. Permian Basin will add 10 full-time equivalent faculty positions in high-growth disciplines to bolster course availability. Faculty salaries will be adjusted to move them closer to the national average. Additional funding will be used to allow the University to continue its efforts to provide state-of-the-art technology in its classrooms and instructional labs.

Improve student access to academic advising: Student access to advising will be improved by the addition of one academic counselor to the Academic Advising Office. This will improve the timeliness for access to an advising staff member.

Improve student graduation rates: U. T. Permian Basin proposes to implement a Graduation Initiative. Students who complete 30 credit hours in a year (September-August) with a 2.0 Grade Point Average will receive a $400 credit. The credit may be used toward tuition in the two semesters of a student's senior year. The increase provides financial incentives for students to complete their education in four years.

Maintain access and affordability: To ensure continued access and affordability, a 20% tuition increase set-aside will provide additional funds for those students who receive need-based grants. For Spring 2004, Fall 2004, and Spring 2005, students receiving such grants will have their increase in tuition fully met by the set-aside. Additionally, 5 % will be set aside for merit-based scholarships.

A resident undergraduate at U. T. Permian Basin currently pays $1,394 for tuition and required fees for 12 hours. For Spring 2004, that figure would rise 3.94% to $1,454. For Fall 2004, resident undergraduates would pay $1,562 -- an increase of 12 % over Fall 2003.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
## The University of Texas at San Antonio
## Analysis of Tuition Proposal

The University of Texas at San Antonio undertook a comprehensive process to educate the campus community about the budget concerns facing the University and to secure community support for proposed tuition increases to the meet the institution's goal of excellence in education. The 22 members of the student-driven U. T. San Antonio Tuition and Fees Committee unanimously support the tuition proposal submitted by President Romo. The proposal submitted to the Board of Regents seeks to establish a system of increases in educational costs to students in a way that attempts to preserve the access to all students while continuing to enhance the quality of their education.

U. T. San Antonio proposal includes moderate increases in tuition combined with significant increases in financial aid and a freeze on required general fees in the Spring 2004 semester, and a review of proposed fee increases for Fall 2004 semester. In Spring 2004 resident undergraduate tuition would increase $15 in designated tuition per Semester Credit Hour (SCH). For Fall 2004, resident undergraduate tuition would increase $15.00 per SCH in designated tuition and the mandatory $2 per SCH in statutory tuition.

The U. T. San Antonio proposal seeks to address the following strategic objectives:

Enhance the learning environment: U. T. San Antonio will hire additional tenure-track faculty to enhance opportunities for student learning and the reduce student-faculty ratios. Additional support staff will be hired in departments that currently have one support staff as well as increased support for science and engineering laboratories.

Improve student support programs: Student programs with an emphasis on academic advising and financial aid services will be expanded.

Improve student graduation rates: U. T. San Antonio will pilot a program offering a tuition rebate to students who have left U. T. San Antonio in good standing with fewer than 15 hours left to complete their degrees.

Increase the number of teachers in the state who remain in the teaching profession: U. T. San Antonio will pilot a zero interest loan program with loan forgiveness for those students who teach in specified schools for a certain number of years.

Maintain access and affordability: To ensure continued access and affordability, a 20% tuition increase set-aside will provide additional funds for grant assistance to help with the shortage of Texas Excellence Grants for new freshmen and for those students who need additional help in covering the cost of increased tuition. Tuition assistance will also be provided to non-need and international students to assist with paying higher tuition. Additionally, funds will be set aside for the work-study program.

A resident undergraduate at U. T. San Antonio currently pays $1,730 for tuition and required fees for 12 hours. In Spring 2004, tuition would increase by 10% to $1,910. For Fall 2004, resident undergraduates would pay $2,165 -- a 25 % increase over Fall 2003.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
## The University of Texas at Tyler
## Analysis of Tuition Proposal

U. T. Tyler's broad-based campus community Flexible Tuition Study Committee, appointed by President Mabry, met seven times to review various data and reports concerning flexible tuition and to formulate a recommendation for President Mabry. The Committee's work also included hosting seven Town Hall meetings on U. T. Tyler's three campuses in an effort to receive input from the campus community. Additionally, the committee made presentations to the President's Cabinet, President's Council, Faculty Senate, and Student Government Association.

The U. T. Tyler proposal includes moderate increases in tuition combined with significant increases in financial aid and a freeze on required general fees. This proposal will allow the University to meet twin goals of sustaining the current high quality of a education while preserving affordability for students and families with need. In Spring 2004 resident undergraduate tuition would increase $6 per Semester Credit Hour (SCH) in designated tuition. In Fall 2004, tuition would increase the mandatory $2 per SCH increase in statutory tuition and a $10 per SCH increase in designated tuition.

The U. T. Tyler proposal seeks to address the following strategic objectives:

Enhance academic quality and course availability: Fifteen new faculty members, seven teaching assistants, and 120 additional course sections will be added where they are most needed to continue to keep U. T. Tyler's student-to-faculty ratio low.

Provide more efficient and effective class planning: Under this proposal, the increase in the number of summer term course sections has the potential to reduce time to graduation and also the demand for classroom space in the heavily used fall and spring terms. In addition, a planned *Weekend Course Savings Program*, a limited pilot project to increase the efficient use of lab and classroom space, will offer students lower tuition for course credits earned in certain off-peak hours or days and reduce the University's need for more space, especially high-cost lab space.

Improve retention and recruitment and graduation rates: Student access to advising will be improved and incentives will be developed to encourage students to continue in school in order to graduate in a timely manner. The *Free Senior Semester Tuition Awards* incentive program will reduce the total cost of tuition in the senior year for many students and help them choose to finish on time. A comprehensive tutoring program employing successful upper division students will be created to support student success, especially among freshmen who are most likely to leave the University following poor academic performance.

Maintain access and affordability: Tuition increase set-asides will provide additional funds for the existing Patriot Scholarship program. In addition, a new institutional work-study and grant program will provide financial assistance to enhance accessibility to quality education at U. T. Tyler. The grant program will provide assistance to students of middle income families who may not qualify for other financial aid.

A resident undergraduate at U. T. Tyler currently pays $1,436 for tuition and required fees for 12 hours. In Spring 2004, that figure would rise to $1,508 -- a 5 % increase. For Fall 2004, resident undergraduates would pay $1,652 -- a 17 % increase over Fall 2003.

# Executive Summaries U. T. System Health Institutions

None of The University of Texas System health related institutions plan any change in tuition before fall 2004. Then, the increases will be no greater than authorized prior to the tuition deregulation bill (HB 3015). The increases proposed by the medical schools and dental schools are intended to result in a total tuition that will still be no greater than the 25th percentile of all public medical and dental schools in the United States. Designated tuition is new tuition charges authorized in HB 3015.

## The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

### School of Medicine, School of Allied Health, and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

**Recommendation:**

- Raise tuition starting in the fall of 2004 for the three schools.
  - The Medical School will add a new designated tuition charge of $740 per academic year.
  - The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the School of Allied Health Sciences will increase tuition by $2 per semester credit hour.
  - The Graduate School and the Allied Health School will add a new designated tuition charge of $16 per semester credit hour.
  - Some selected fees will also increase in order to offset increased costs associated with computer use, microscope rental, dissertation publishing and archiving costs, dissertation copyright fee, thesis archiving fee, graduation fee, and tuition installment fee.

**Justification for Use:**

To meet strategic objectives such as improved access and student success. With a portion of the new funds, the medical school will be able to fund a portion of several new programs that will enhance student success professionally. Examples are:

- Expansion of program for teaching and standardized performance assessment of competency in the clinical examination. These examinations will take place during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years.
- New courses in biostatistics and epidemiology for first year students. Additional faculty needed.
- An expansion of curriculum in medical humanities and ethics.
- Expansion of the electronic curriculum by the addition of a graphic artist.
- Development of a new tracking program for graduating students allowing for feedback from them and their residency directors.

For undergraduate students in the Allied Health School, additional funds will help retain financially marginal programs critical to health care and to provide new and expanded enrollment opportunities, and thus access, in programs, such as Laboratory Technology, where severe shortages of qualified professionals are creating significant stresses on health care providers.

## The University of Texas Medical Branch – Galveston

### School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Allied Health Sciences, and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

**Recommendation:**

- No increase in designated tuition ***is being requested. Designated Tuition at the rate of $40.00 per semester credit hour was approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting on November 13, 2002. In order to minimize the impact on students UTMB chose to phase Designated Tuition in over 2 academic years - $20.00 Fall 2003 and the full $40.00 Fall 2004.***

# The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

## Dental Branch

**Recommendation:**

- A new $1,000/Year designated tuition charge for 2 years to increase to a maximum of $2,000/Year
- A new $20/SCH designated tuition charge for dental hygiene yearly for 2 years to increase to a maximum of $40/SCH
- A new $24/SCH tuition charge for graduate specialty programs yearly for 2 years to increase to a maximum of $48/SCH.

**Justification for Use:**

- Update clinical and educational technology and equipment,
- Increase faculty salaries for retention and recruitment, and
- Offset cost of graduate specialty programs.

## School of Nursing

**Recommendation:**

- A new $10/SCH/year designated tuition charge for **resident undergraduate** students to a maximum of $40/SCH and $12.50/SCH/year for **non-resident undergraduate** students to a maximum of $50/SCH over 4 years
- A new $10/SCH/year designated tuition for **resident graduate** students to a maximum of $40/SCH and $12.50/SCH/year for **non-resident graduate** students to a maximum of $50/SCH over 4 years.

**Justification for Use:**

- Enhance quality of academic programs,
- Increase student enrollment and graduation via outreach,
- Develop online courses, and
- Support clinical lab expenses, faculty and staff.

## Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

**Recommendation:**

- No increase in tuition

## Medical School

**Recommendation:**

- A new $750/Year designated tuition for 2 years to increase to a maximum of $1,500/Year.

**Justification for Use:**

- Designated for the Master Teachers' Program to enhance the quality of education

## School of Health Information Sciences

**Recommendation:**

- A new $20/SCH designated tuition for resident students and $50/SCH for non-resident students with an incremental increase to $40/SCH and $100/SCH respectively for FY2006.

**Justification for Use:**

- Maintenance of the educational technology student areas.
- Scholarships based on need or increasing diversity.

## School of Public Health

**Recommendation:**

- A new designated tuition in four annual increments of $10/SCH for resident and $25/SCH for non-resident students. The final phase of this plan will be implemented in FY 2005.

**Justification for Use:**

- Defray partially the cost of the SPH Student Affairs Office and other school-based student services.
- Provide student financial assistance.

## The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

### School of Medicine, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School of Nursing, School of Allied Health, and Dental School

**Recommendation:**

It is the intention of the Health Science Center to ensure that all revenue generated by the HB 3015 tuition increase will directly benefit the students. With that in mind, the HSC is proposing the following plans: 15-20% legislative mandated student financial aid; 10% establishment of an institution-wide teaching academy to elevate teaching faculty's effectiveness; and the remaining balance returns to each school to be used for enriching students' academic environment by providing programs in faculty development and curricula enhancement.

- The School of Medicine proposes for in state residents a new designated tuition of $1,062.50 starting in the fall of 2004 for the academic year. The non-resident increase will be $1,400. For the academic year beginning in the fall of 2005, the increase for residents will be $837 and for non-resident will be $1,175.

- Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences proposes a new designated tuition charge of $6 per semester credit hour starting in fall of 2004. In 2007, the proposed increase is $100 per semester credit hour.

- The School of Nursing proposes a new designated tuition charge of $21 per semester credit hour starting in fall 2004. For fall 2005, the designated tuition is $15 per semester credit hour.

- The School of Allied Health proposes a new minimum charge of $18 per semester credit hour for the ten areas of study with the maximum rate per hour of $32 beginning in the fall of 2004. For the year beginning in the fall of 2005, depending on the discipline, the designated tuition increase ranges from no increase to $24 per semester credit hour.

- The Dental School proposes a new designated tuition charge of $1,225 per academic year starting in the fall of 2004. For the fall of 2005 the increase for the academic year is $1,000 in designated tuition.

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## The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

### School of Health Sciences

**Recommendation:**

- At the present time, tuition charges at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center School of Health Sciences are limited to the 2003-2004 statutory rates of $46/semester hour for resident students and $282/semester hour for nonresident students. No designated tuition is assessed. Average student fees are $447/year.
- The institution plans to add $10/semester hour as designated tuition for the 2004-2005 academic year to fund improvements in classroom technology.

**Justification for Use:**

- The School of Health Sciences employs cost-containment measures through the use of centralized support services and shared use of educational resources resulting in controlled personnel and operational costs.

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