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Zero Tuition Increase for Arizona Resident Students for 2020-21 Academic Year

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – Arizona resident students at Arizona’s public universities will have no increase to their 2020-21 tuition rates in plans approved by the Arizona Board of Regents today. The board and university presidents did not pursue increases to resident tuition to ensure higher education at Arizona’s public universities remains accessible for students during economic challenges brought about from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The board-approved [2020-21 tuition and fees](#) for Arizona’s public universities include non-resident and online tuition, academic fees and residence housing and meal plans for Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. The board also approved tuition for the University of Arizona Colleges of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

“Our presidents are working diligently to ensure our universities are as efficient as possible in these unprecedented times. Expenses have risen due to the pandemic. Those expenses come directly from assuring health and safety on our campuses and from the modified learning environment during the late spring semester. Despite the many uncertainties for our universities, this is not the time to raise resident tuition. I am grateful to the presidents for their recommendations. We have worked to keep our universities among the most affordable in the nation and will continue to do so for our students’ success, the future of our state and to build the workforce of tomorrow,” said ABOR Chair Larry E. Penley.

For the upcoming academic year, highlights of approved tuition and fees include:

Arizona State University

- No resident tuition increase.
- No more than 5 percent increase for non-resident undergraduate and online credit hour tuition rates for the 2020-21 academic year with the flexibility for the university to adjust tuition within that range because of unprecedented circumstances and uncertainty in higher education.
- Establishes college fees for online undergraduate students and authorizes ASU to increase nonresident undergraduate college fees for immersion students up to 5 percent.
- Establishes three new graduate program fees.

Northern Arizona University

- No resident tuition increase.

- Continues the Pledge guarantee program with most continuing undergraduate students seeing zero increase in tuition and mandatory fees.
- Establishes a 0.5 percent increase in tuition for new undergraduate non-resident students on the Pledge program and a 3 percent increase for students not on the Pledge program.
- Increases online tuition per credit hour rate by 4.6 percent for undergraduate students.
- Establishes five new graduate program fees and one new undergraduate program fee.

University of Arizona

- No resident tuition increase.
- Continues the Tuition Guarantee Program ensuring the majority of continuing undergraduate students will have no tuition or mandatory fee increases.
- Increases tuition 3 percent for new resident College of Medicine students.
- Establishes tuition of \$45,000 per year for resident and \$69,999 for non-resident students for the inaugural year of the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Increases one differential undergraduate tuition (2020-21 academic year only), one undergraduate program, six class and an events board fee; establishes a new global study and eight new class fees.

In addition to zero tuition increases for resident students, tuition predictability for students remains a priority for the board and universities. Arizona State University will continue their commitment to hold tuition increases to 3 percent or less for resident students in future years while Northern Arizona University and UArizona continue tuition guarantees that provide students with predictable rates.

The universities all provide robust financial aid for students, providing access for qualified Arizona students. Arizona’s public universities provided \$863.3 million in fiscal 2019 for students to earn their degrees. Approximately 76 percent of undergraduate students receive some type of financial aid.

Base tuition and fees for students at Arizona’s public universities were approved after thorough reviews of each university’s finances and operations, and a virtual public hearing where students and individuals shared thoughts on tuition proposals.

“It is excellent news for our resident students who will have zero increase in tuition for the coming year. We’re committed to increasing educational attainment among Arizonans, especially during this challenging time when so many are out of work. Earning a degree provides so many benefits for individuals including higher wages, lower unemployment rates and better quality of life,” said ABOR Executive Director John Arnold.

In setting tuition, the board considers numerous factors including student input; the amount of state support provided to the university system; revenues generated from tuition and fees; cost of attendance and median family income; the availability of student financial aid; the tuition of peer universities across the country; and resources required to meet the universities’ performance goals.

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