



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Sep 12, 2019 - Board of Regents' Full Board Agenda
Category	12. Budget and Tuition Discussion and Approval Items
Subject	D. Proposed Tuition Rates Discussion for Academic Years 2021 and 2022
Type	

President Johnsen will lead a discussion on the proposed tuition rate increases for AY2021 and AY2022.

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.10.010 states, "Recognizing that state general fund support is not sufficient to pay the full cost of education and that students have a responsibility to contribute to the cost of their higher education, tuition and student fees will be established to the extent practicable in accordance with the following objectives: (1) to provide for essential support to the university's instructional programs; (2) to make higher education accessible to Alaskans who have the interest, dedication, and ability to learn; and (3) to maintain tuition and student fees at levels which are competitive with similarly situated programs of other western states. Tuition revenues will be used primarily to maintain and expand the educational opportunities provided to students, to preserve and improve the quality of existing programs and support services, to respond to enrollment trends, and to implement new programs."

DISCUSSION

Starting with the fall 2020 (AY2021) term, the president proposes a 5 percent increase to the upper and lower division rates of tuition for AY2021 and AY2022. This will enable the university to become more market competitive in relation to the WICHE average for 4-year public universities, a standard the university has used for many years.

The president proposes no increases to graduate tuition and the nonresident surcharge. Graduate tuition and nonresident surcharges are both above their WICHE averages. By delaying any further increases, these rates will moderate and come into line with the WICHE averages.

The table below shows the already **approved** and the **proposed** rates. Note that starting in AY20, tuition at all community campuses will be at the same lower division rate, the result of previous board direction.

	<u>AY2020</u> (Fall 2019 and Spring 2020)	<u>AY2021</u> (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021)	<u>AY2022</u> (Fall 2021 and Spring 2022)
Lower Division	223	234	246
Upper Division	269	282	296
Graduate	513	513	513
Nonresident	566	566	566

Additional Information

CTE (Career and Technical Education) Tuition reduction:

A set of courses associated with CTE Education programs, identified by each university, will have tuition reduced by 25 percent. The list of eligible courses and programs is posted on the UA website and updated annually.
<https://www.alaska.edu/alaska/cte.php>

Tuition Surcharges and Fees based on tuition:

University Regulation R05.10.040.B. provides that the president may establish special tuition or tuition surcharges in lieu of, or in addition to, regular tuition in order to provide special for-credit courses and programs or to meet special needs.

Students enrolled in engineering courses at UAA and UAF will continue to have a 20 percent surcharge applied to the base tuition for lower division courses, upper division courses, and graduate courses. (This surcharge also applies to computer engineering courses at UAA only.) This surcharge is in addition to the base rate of tuition. Surcharges are applied on a per credit hour basis (rounded to the nearest dollar).

Students enrolled in management courses at UAA and UAF will continue to have a 20 percent surcharge applied to the base tuition for upper division courses and graduate courses. This surcharge is in addition to the base rate of tuition. Surcharges are applied on a per credit hour basis (rounded to the nearest dollar).

Fees:

In addition to campus or program specific fees, all UA students are assessed the following UA fees:

- Technology fee: \$5 per credit to a maximum of \$60

- Facilities fee: \$6 per credit

- Network fee: (4 percent applied on a course-by-course basis to tuition)