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ABOR Sets Tuition for 2017-18 Academic Year

(Tucson, Ariz.) – After analyzing finances and operations at Arizona’s three public universities, the Arizona Board of Regents today approved 2017-18 [tuition and fees](#) for Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona.

Base tuition and mandatory fee rates for students at Arizona’s public universities main campuses range from an increase of 1.4 to 3.9 percent for resident undergraduate students and from 1.4 to 2.9 percent for resident graduate students. This year’s base tuition and fees increase averages about 1.8 percent, trending downward from an average of 2.9 percent last year.

“Arizona universities are among the most efficient in the country which allows the regents to keep tuition increases modest,” said Arizona Board of Regents Chair Greg Patterson.

The Arizona Board of Regents redesigned student funding model directs state dollars toward Arizona’s resident students and has set a multi-year goal to split the cost to educate resident students with our state and universities to provide financial stability and allow the universities to make multi-year tuition plans. As recently as 2008, the state funded approximately 75 percent of the cost to educate resident students. Current state funding is about 34 percent. The board is encouraged by the support Gov. Doug Ducey has shown for the resident student funding model, ending an era of defunding the universities.

Tuition guarantees and pledges at the universities have enabled greater tuition predictability for Arizona students and families. For the 10th year, the NAU Pledge tuition guarantee program continues with no increase in base tuition for the majority of continuing undergraduates on the Flagstaff campus during the 2017-18 academic year. At the University of Arizona, there will be no increase in tuition and fees for most continuing undergraduate students currently enrolled in the UA’s Guaranteed Tuition program. For the fifth consecutive year, Arizona State University is maintaining its pledge to keep tuition increases to less than 3 percent.

ASU’s resident undergraduate and graduate base tuition, excluding mandatory fees, increases about 1.5 percent for the 2017-18 academic year. There are no mandatory fees increases at ASU while four new program fees and seven new class fees will take effect.

Northern Arizona University will see tuition increases of approximately 3 percent for all graduate students and undergraduate resident and nonresident students at the Flagstaff campus and statewide,

equating to an increase over four years of less than 1 percent per year for students on the Pledge program. There are no increases in NAU mandatory fees and one program fee was increased.

The University of Arizona’s base tuition increases 1 percent for all new and continuing students and the UA’s mandatory fees increase \$351, including a new \$100 athletics fee. (New students and undergraduate students not on the Guaranteed Tuition program are subject to the mandatory fee increases.)

Arizona’s public university enterprise has instituted tuition reforms in recent years to increase accountability and transparency in the tuition-setting process. More student involvement in the process; instituting comprehensive operational and financial reviews for each university that align institutional performance and goals with tuition proposals; and a tuition workshop to examine tuition proposals in depth are reforms enacted by the board. Reports that are generated by ABOR such as the 2016 Student Financial Aid Report, inform the board on financial aid trends and total student aid, providing information on affordability.

In-state tuition among Arizona’s public universities remains competitive with peer institutions nationwide. 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; and high-access and low-cost options; the tuition of peer universities across the country; and resources required to meet the universities’ performance goals.

Arizona University System Base Tuition and Mandatory Fees, 2016-17:

	ASU		NAU Flagstaff		UA Main	
		Increase		Increase		Increase
Resident undergraduate	\$10,792	1.4%	\$11,059 - Pledge - New Student Rate *	2.7%	\$12,228 – Guarantee - New Student Rate***	3.9%
Nonresident undergraduate	\$27,372	3.4%	\$24,841 – New Student Rate**	2.9%	\$35,658 – New Student Rate****	2%
Resident graduate	\$11,918	1.4%	\$10,261	2.7%	\$12,748	2.9%
Nonresident graduate	\$29,854	3.4%	\$22,609	2.9%	\$32,698 – (New student)*****	1%

- *\$8,897 – non-pledge resident undergraduate
- **\$21,625 – non-pledge non-resident undergraduate
- ***\$11,624 – non-guarantee resident undergraduate continuing students
- ****\$32,429 – non-guarantee non-resident undergraduate continuing students
- *****\$32,448 – non-resident continuing students

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