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## **ABOR Sets Tuition for 2018-19 Academic Year**

(Tucson, Ariz.) – The Arizona Board of Regents approved 2018-19 tuition and fees for Arizona’s public universities today, reflecting its multi-year effort and overall commitment to enhance tuition predictability and keep tuition increases low. Arizona resident undergraduate students at Arizona State University will see no tuition increase. Continuing Arizona resident undergraduate students at Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona will see a zero increase, with slight increases for incoming resident freshmen of 3.5 percent and 2 percent respectively for NAU and UA.

Base tuition and mandatory fees for students at Arizona’s public universities were approved after thorough reviews of each university’s finances and operations, an in-depth tuition workshop and public hearing where students and individuals shared thoughts on tuition proposals. The combined tuition and mandatory fee rates range from an increase of .3 percent to 4.6 percent for resident undergraduate students and from 1.6 to 6.9 percent for resident graduate students. This year’s resident undergraduate base tuition and fees increase averages about 1.6 percent, trending downward from an average of 2.3 percent last year.

“It’s good news for students and families that the rate of tuition and fee increases continues to be minimal. This is important as we work to keep a quality, public higher education affordable for students in Arizona,” said Arizona Board of Regents Chair Bill Ridenour. “Our board has worked to continue an ongoing, multi-year effort to slow tuition increases and improve predictability for students and families with resident undergraduate tuition increases averaging less than 3 percent per year from 2013 and 2018.”

The Arizona Board of Regents 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.

Tuition guarantees and pledges at the universities have enabled greater tuition predictability for Arizona students and families. For the 11<sup>th</sup> year, the NAU Pledge tuition guarantee program continues with no increase in base tuition for the majority of continuing undergraduates on the Flagstaff campus. At the University of Arizona, the Tuition Guarantee program is in its fifth year with tuition and mandatory fees

guaranteed for students for eight semesters, so the majority of UA continuing undergraduates will see no increase. Seven years ago, Arizona State University made a promise to keep tuition increases to less than 3 percent per year and this year's rates continue that promise.

There are no increases in Arizona State University's tuition rate for resident undergraduate students and nonresident undergraduate students at ASU Colleges at Lake Havasu City and ASU Eastern Arizona College. For all other nonresident and international undergraduate and graduate students, there is a 3.5 percent increase as well as a 1.5 percent resident graduate increase. At the request of student leadership, the health and wellness fee will increase \$15 per semester to benefit students through increased services and there are four new program fees as well as one new graduate fee.

NAU's tuition and Pledge program results in no tuition increase for most continuing undergraduate students at the Flagstaff campus. Additional rates are a 3.5 percent increase for new undergraduate resident and nonresident students at the Flagstaff campus, non-Pledge students and students at Yuma and statewide sites. Flagstaff resident and nonresident graduate students will see a 6 percent increase. There are six new program fees and a new mandatory \$75 per semester athletics fee to support facilities, ongoing operations and programmatic services.

UA's tuition increases are approximately 2 percent for all incoming undergraduate, graduate, resident and nonresident students. In the fifth year of the UA's Tuition Guarantee program, most continuing undergraduates will see no increases. There are four new program fees at the UA and the university is revising three existing undergraduate program fees to focus on student success initiatives. Graduate students will see a decrease in the SBS-Master of Library Sciences program fee and two new graduate program fees were approved.

Regents also reviewed the tuition setting process and timeline today to further improve oversight, transparency and predictability. Reports that are generated by ABOR such as the [2017 Financial Aid Report](#), inform the board on financial aid trends and total student aid, providing information on affordability.

"By many measures, our universities are among the most affordable in the nation," said ABOR President Eileen Klein. "Since 2008, full-time equivalent student educational revenues and expenditures are increasing at less than the rate of inflation, and Arizona's public universities cost per student is nearly 30 percent less than peer institutions."

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, 2018-19:**

	ASU		NAU Flagstaff		UA Main	
		Increase		Increase		Increase
<b>Resident undergraduate</b>	\$10,882	.3%	\$11,564 - Pledge - New Student Rate *	4.6%	\$12,447 – Guarantee - New Student Rate***	1.8%
<b>Nonresident undergraduate</b>	\$28,336	3.5%	\$25,828 – New Student Rate**	4%	\$36,346 – New Student Rate****	1.9%
<b>Resident graduate</b>	\$12,114	1.6%	\$10,970	6.9%	\$12,980	1.8%
<b>Nonresident graduate</b>	\$30,906	3.5%	\$24,056	6.4%	\$33,329	1.9%

\*\$9,326 – non-pledge resident undergraduate

\*\*\$22,498 – non-pledge nonresident undergraduate

\*\*\*\$11,831 – non-guarantee resident undergraduate continuing students

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