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## No Tuition Increases Proposed for Continuing Resident Undergraduate Students at Arizona's Public Universities for 2018-19

## Proposals continue multi-year effort to enhance tuition predictability and keep tuition increases low

PHOENIX – Arizona's three public university presidents released their tuition proposals for the 2018-19 academic year today. There are no tuition increases proposed for continuing resident undergraduate students at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. Tuition proposals are available here:

- Arizona State University
- Northern Arizona University
- University of Arizona

No tuition increases are proposed for incoming and continuing resident undergraduate students at ASU. Slight tuition increases are proposed for incoming resident freshmen of 3.5 percent and 2 percent respectively for NAU and UA. A mandatory \$150 per year athletic fee is proposed at NAU, and ASU proposes an increase of \$30 per year in its mandatory health and wellness fee.

"Tuition affordability and predictability have been crucial priorities for the board over the past several years, and I am proud that we have kept increases low for Arizona students and families. This year's proposals align with the board's direction to keep tuition as low as possible while also allowing the universities to stay on course as they achieve critical goals for the state," ABOR Chair Bill Ridenour said. (Click here for an overview of the university presidents' proposed 2018-19 base tuition and mandatory fees.)

The next event in the process for setting tuition at Arizona's public universities is a **public hearing** that the Arizona Board of Regents will hold for students and individuals to comment and provide feedback regarding the tuition proposals from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27. Comments at the tuition hearing will be heard on a first-come, first-served basis at sites throughout the state. The livestream of the meeting is available <a href="here">here</a>. A list of the statewide hearing sites is available <a href="here">here</a>.

On Thursday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., ABOR will host a **tuition workshop** where the university presidents will present their proposals at the ASU Memorial Union, Turquoise Room. On Thursday, April 5, the board is expected to set final tuition and fees for the 2018-19 academic year. The meeting will be held at the

University of Arizona. Both meetings will be <u>live-streamed</u>.

Public comments regarding tuition and fees will not be taken at the March 29 or April 5 meetings given the statewide public hearings that will be held on March 27. Individuals may also send comments via e-mail to the Arizona Board of Regents at <a href="mailto:tuition@azregents.edu">tuition@azregents.edu</a>; by regular mail, at 2020 N. Central Ave., Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85004; or by fax at (602) 229-2555. Comments received prior to April 2 at 5 p.m. will be shared with the regents in advance of the April 6 meeting.

In setting tuition, the board considers numerous factors including input received from students to shape their request along with data related to financial aid, the tuition of peer universities across the country and resources required to meet the universities' performance goals. As a reflection of ABOR's mission and commitment to ensure accessibility and affordability for students, the board continues its reform agenda regarding tuition and fee setting at Arizona's public universities with new and proposed reforms.

"The board is keenly focused on ensuring our universities remain affordable while delivering quality instructional offerings," Chair Ridenour said. "Our enterprise is in a rapidly changing culture of competition in higher education and it is imperative that adequate resources are provided. Our proposed student-based funding model provides a sustainable path forward for the future of our universities and the future of Arizona's workforce, and we continue to advocate for this 50/50 funding model with the state."

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