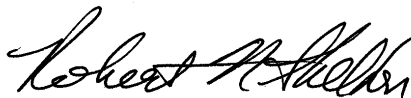


**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Arizona Board of Regents  
Council of Presidents

FROM: Robert N. Shelton, President



DATE: March 10, 2010

CC: Christopher M. Nagata, President, Associated Students of  
The University of Arizona  
David Lopez-Negrete, President, Graduate and  
Professional Student Council  
UA Cabinet, Deans

SUBJECT: Modifications to the University of Arizona's FY 2011 Tuition proposals

Subsequent to the release of my tuition recommendations in mid-February, I have carefully and intently reflected upon discussions I have had with you and with student leaders. These deliberations, and the student testimony at this year's tuition hearing, have impressed upon me two important facts:

- Our UA students recognize the value of their degree and know that their tuition dollars contribute to maintaining the quality of their educational experience.
- Our students understand the importance of fees, but have expressed their concerns that raising fees substantially in a single year can be burdensome to many.

Thus, I am amending UA's tuition and mandatory fee recommendations for FY 2011, as follows, to implement a scaled and moderated approach to moving UA's tuition to the median of our peers.

- Reducing the originally proposed \$1,450 increase for resident undergraduate tuition at UA main campus by \$400 to \$1,050;
- Reducing the originally proposed \$1,450 increase for resident graduate tuition (UA Main and UA South) by \$400 to \$1,050;
- Maintaining the \$500 increase in resident undergraduate tuition at UA South as originally proposed;
- Keeping the \$2,000 increase in nonresident undergraduate and graduate tuition (UA main campus and UA South) as originally proposed.

Pursuant to ARS 15-1626, the excess credit surcharge for FY 2011 would be 20% higher than the resident undergraduate base tuition for FY2011. Finally, although the University will not propose any additional surcharge beyond the levels approved by the Regents in Spring 2009 (\$766 for Arizona residents; \$966 for non-residents), the surcharge would be made permanent effective FY 2011, consistent with my original proposal.



The proposing units at the University requesting mandatory fee increases have undertaken valuable student consultation to develop their fee proposals, and the University of Arizona will phase in the full implementation of the mandatory fee requests over a two-year period (FY 2011 and FY 2012). Using the two-year phased approach lowers our total original request for mandatory fees increases of \$665 to \$310 per academic year (not including the AFAT increase).

- For FY 2011, Year One of the two-year phased approach, the University of Arizona proposes an increase in the library/information technology fee of \$160 per academic year, approximately half of the \$335 originally requested. \$90 of the fee increase will be dedicated to sustaining the libraries; \$70 of the fee increase will be directed to priority information technology needs.
- Effective FY 2011, Year One of the two-year phased approach, the University proposes to implement \$150 per academic year in the first year of a two-year phase-in of the Health and Recreation Fee, again approximately half of the \$306 originally requested. A larger proportionate share of this fee will be directed to Campus Health priorities.<sup>1</sup>

The University will present the second phase of the mandatory fee increases for FY 2012 implementation.

The University also recommends postponing a request for a Campus Sustainability Fee until FY 2012.

The University remains committed to setting aside 17% of the tuition and mandatory fee revenues for student need-based financial aid. Beginning with the 2010-11 academic year, mandatory fees will be pro-rated for students who are enrolled in six or fewer units – a practice which will be applied to previously-approved mandatory fees as well.

Our campus community understands our budget challenge because we have been consistent and transparent throughout our discussions. I take great pride in the consultative process our deliberations have embraced. Student leaders from the Associated Students of The University of Arizona, Arizona Students Association, the UA Graduate and Professional Student Council) and faculty leaders from our Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee have participated in numerous discussions with me as have you, the Regents.

The excellent and thoughtful feedback I have received influences these proposed revisions to the University's tuition and mandatory fee proposals. The changes in this modified tuition and mandatory fee proposals represent a reduction of 36%.

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<sup>1</sup> The existing Student Recreation Center Program Fee which students voted to assess themselves in March 2002 remains in effect. The Student Recreation Center Program is a \$3.00 per semester program fee (with annual increases based on the Consumer Price Index) to assist with the funding of Campus Recreation programs.