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- A. The board is responsible for setting tuition and fees as described in this policy. Definitions used in this policy are provided in the board's "Guidelines for Definitions Used in Setting Tuition and Fees."
- B. The Arizona constitution obligates the legislature to appropriate funds to insure the proper maintenance, development, and improvement of all state educational institutions.
- C. The Arizona constitution requires that instruction furnished be as nearly free as possible. The board has the responsibility for making decisions regarding quality of instruction, including decisions regarding the quality of faculty and infrastructure necessary for instruction, as well as the resources necessary and available to support instruction.
- D. Each university shall submit a tuition and fee proposal for board approval. The proposal shall include:
 1. The amount of state support;
 2. The availability of student financial aid as outlined in the board's financial aid policies;
 3. The median of tuition and mandatory fees charged by the university's peers;
 4. Other student fees and charges established by each university;
 5. The cost of university attendance;
 6. Revenues required to service bonded indebtedness;
 7. Arizona's median family income levels; and
 8. Evidence of student consultation on program fees and differential tuition, including:

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- a. Information and feedback from elected student representatives; and
 - b. Consideration of results from student fee referenda or of organized opinion-gathering from students that are likely to be assessed the tuition, mandatory fee, or program fee.

- E. In setting colleges of medicine tuition, the board will consider:
 - 1. The amount of state support provided to the university system;
 - 2. The availability of student financial aid; and
 - 3. The median of tuition and mandatory fees charged by colleges of medicine's peers.

- F. At the discretion of the university president, a university may use the resident per credit hour charge for students taking one through seven credit hours per semester.

- G. Prior board approval is required for:
 - 1. Base tuition
 - 2. All other tuition, except as expressly set forth in this policy
 - 3. Multiple-year tuition plans
 - 4. All new program fees and all changes to program fees
 - 5. All new class fees over \$100, all changes to class fees over \$100, and any combined lecture/laboratory fees that result in a combined fee of over \$100.00
 - 6. Mandatory fees
 - 7. Any other fee that is not a user fee

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8. Residence hall rates
 9. Meal plan rates
- H. Board approval is not required for the following types of tuition if the proposed tuition is lower than board-approved base tuition:
1. Differential tuition, and
 2. Tuition for on-line, accelerated, distributed or off-cycle programs

Universities are required to report to the board on an annual basis any tuition set by the universities in accordance with this provision and any changes to the tuition set in accordance with this provision.