



## Senate Minutes

03/07/2022

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - A. The following were not in attendance:
    1. Chief of Staff - Sam Crittenden
    2. Performing and Visual Arts Senator - Zachary Mercer
    3. Exploratory Studies Senator - Katherine Skinner
    4. Humanities and Social Science Senator - Kyler Harrison
    5. Athletics Representative - Alexa Lord and Jonah Babbel
    6. Housing Representative - Samantha Nielsen
    7. Veteran Representative - Gabriel Short
    8. Greek Representative - Patrick Ullrich
- III. Reports
  - A. Approval of Previous Senate Meeting Minutes
    1. Minutes approved unanimously
  - B. Budget Update - VP of Finance Makayla Brown
    1. \$15,801.70 remaining in our budget but will be subject to changes with requests still being made.
  - C. Truth in Tuition - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt
    1. Vice President for Finance & Administrative Services - Marvin Dodge provided an update on tuition changes for the 2022-23 school year. **See document below.**
    2. VP Dodge added that tuition rates are not increasing at all.
    3. Rep. Neugart asked for a point of clarification about graduate online students versus in person and VP Dodge said that both options are available but if a student is in person at all they are charged the in-person rate versus the online student rate since there are different resources available for each.
    4. The tuition rates are based upon a legislative match but since the school has increasing enrollment rates they have been able to keep the tuition rate constant for all students.
    5. Rep. Neugart questioned what happened to the computer lab fee. VP Dodge added that the ENG budget has been able to pay for the costs of those fees so it does not come from student fees.
    6. VP Washburn asked why there is a maximum and minimum listed under “General Student Fees Committee Proposal” section of the document below and Student fees are pending approval from the board of higher

education before they can say with certainty what the total will be. So if all changes are approved the amount will equal the maximum amount and if not the fee that is charged will be the minimum.

7. Rep. Neugart asked where the student dorms/on campus housing revenue is used and whether or not the university holds ownership of those buildings. The revenue goes into the housing office to cover the lease taken out to make the on-campus housing and they also use it to make bond payments and lease payments for all on-campus housing besides ponderosa terrace since they have full ownership of that property.
8. Senator Smith was concerned about there being a spike in tuition later on since it has remained at a constant rate for several years so far. There should never be an inflated tuition increase anytime in the near future since we have had such a constant increase in enrollment to be able to help cover the matched amount. They will also remain cautious but they cannot guarantee that will not change with a new university president and cabinet. They have also been mindful of adding on new staff though in the hopes that it will have created a more efficient university.
9. Rep. Neugart asked if there is a possibility that there may need to be cuts made to compensate for a decrease in enrollment if we do go back into economic decline and what the student health clinic fee be used for. The fees if approved are guaranteed to be used specifically for what they have been disclosed to be used for. The institution is planning on paying for the construction of the health clinic and student fees will be used to cover supplies and operational costs.
10. VP Washburn asked if scholarships would increase along with tuition increases were that to happen. Scholarships that are given out by amount would require changes to be made by the cabinet but for the next year there will not be changes to scholarship amounts.
11. Senator Smith was asked if there have been models created to determine if/when the tuition rate may need to increase. They have looked at what changes may need to be made but nothing can be guaranteed considering the incoming university president and cabinet may decide to make changes.
12. Rep. Neugart asked how they find a balance between student enrollment and space within the city to hold students. They are trying to work with the community and city council currently to build more to ensure students who are going to enroll here have a place to live. President Benson has added that the city wants to work with the school to change ordinances to help build more housing.
13. Rep. Neugart asked if zoom could offset the amount of space within classrooms allowing more students to access classes. Provost Dr. Anderson added that the faculty cannot manage all modalities of classroom styles at the same time and they do not plan to endorse the hybrid model but keep it individualized.

#### **IV. Business**

**A. Public Comment - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt**

1. Courtney Glad asked if it would ever be possible to only increase tuition for incoming students and keep tuition constant for their entire enrollment at SUU.

They reviewed other institutions that do have that model in place but they have found that it has been a struggle that made it more difficult for those schools to operate in a successful way and schools who did adopt that have all reverted back to the original model over time. It also ended up being

**B. Funding Requests**

1. The Soccer Club has requested a total of \$389.44 for equipment (soccer nets, balls, etc.), travel, etc.
2. Thunderstruck Film Club has requested \$750 total for filmmaking costs
3. The US Theater and Tech Club went to the conference and the department covered costs and have requested compensation of \$600 total.
4. All requests were approved unanimously

**C. S.B. 015 ELC Wayfinding Signage - Senator Mason Francis**

1. Refer to S.B. 015
2. This bill will provide signs that make it easier to navigate the ELC.
3. Bill was approved unanimously

**D. S.B. 016 Sustainability Internships - Senator Dane Steele**

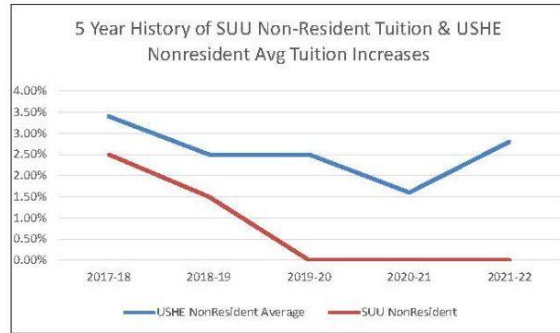
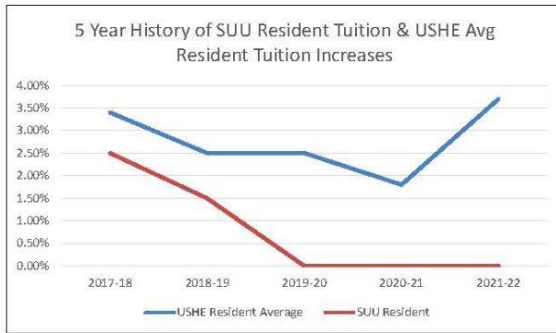
1. Refer to S.B. 016
2. This bill will create two internship positions that will work on recycling and other sustainability initiatives across campus.
3. Director Fitzpatrick asked when would the internship go into effect and will this position be sustained with the senate budget. It will go into effect as soon as it is approved and it will go for the rest of the semester. This position will hopefully be managed by the facilities department and their budget in future semesters.
4. Bill was approved unanimously

**E. Close - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt**

**1. HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL TUITION WILL I HAVE TO PAY PER SEMESTER?**

	Resident Undergraduate	Non-Resident Undergraduate	International Undergraduate	Online Only Undergraduate	Online BGS "Speedway" Undergraduate
2021-22 (Current Rate)	\$3,003	\$9,911	\$10,411	\$3,000	\$750
No tuition increase proposed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2022-23 New Maximum Tuition	\$3,003	\$9,911	\$10,411	\$3,000	\$750
	Resident Graduate	Non-Resident Graduate	Online Only Graduate	Doctorate of Psychology	
2021-22 (Current Base Rate)	\$3,599	\$11,884	\$3,550	\$6,000	
No tuition increase proposed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2022-23 New Maximum Base	\$3,599	\$11,884	\$3,550	\$6,000	

All Tuition amounts are per semester at 10 credit hours (full-time)



**2. ENROLLMENT DATA (Official 3rd Week USHE Report)**

	Fall 2021	Fall 2020	Growth	% Increase
<b>Headcount Enrollment*</b>				
UT System of Higher Ed	192,132	189,021	3,111	1.65%
Southern Utah University	13,611	12,582	1,029	8.18%

\*Fall third week as reported to USHE

**3. LEGISLATIVE MATCH AND ADVANCEMENTS FUNDED BY GROWTH**

SUU Share (25%) of Legislative proposed 5.75% Salary, Health, & Dental Ins.	1,290,300
ISF Rate Adjustments: Insurance, Fleet Fuel, Motor Pool	18,900
Estimated Faculty Tenure & Rank Advancement Adjustments	133,590
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,442,790</b>

**4. GENERAL STUDENT FEES COMMITTEE PROPOSAL**

Student Fees	2021-22 (Current)	2022-23 (Minimum)	2022-23 (Maximum)	
Building	157.00	157.00	157.00	
Athletics	103.00	103.00	103.00	
<b>Computer Labs</b>	<b>16.00</b>	-	-	Eliminated
Student Activity Fee	10.75	10.75	10.75	
<b>Counseling Services</b>	<b>20.00</b>	20.00	<b>25.00</b>	
Outdoor Recreation	8.00	8.00	8.00	
University Journal	5.00	5.00	5.00	
<b>Student Health Clinic</b>	-	-	<b>32.00</b>	
Student Center Activity	19.00	19.00	19.00	
Campus Recreation	5.00	5.00	5.00	
Service Learning	4.75	4.75	4.75	
Theatre Arts & Dance	4.00	4.00	4.00	
Music	3.25	3.25	3.25	
Civic Engagement	1.00	1.00	1.00	
<b>Tutoring Center</b>	<b>3.00</b>	3.00	<b>4.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 359.75</b>	<b>\$ 343.75</b>	<b>\$ 381.75</b>	
<b>% Increase</b>		<b>-4.45%</b>	<b>11.05%</b>	

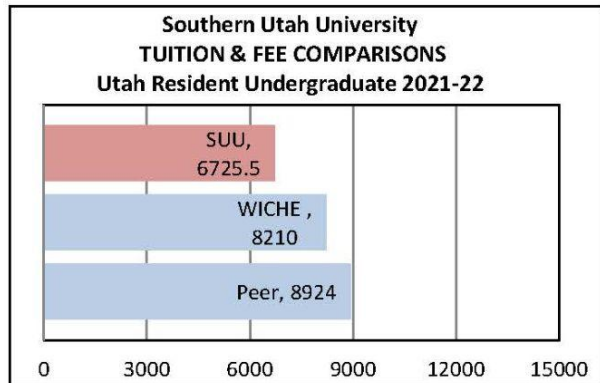
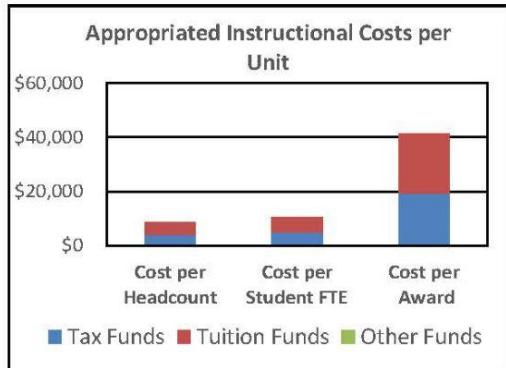
# Southern Utah University Annual Tuition Review

2022-23 Tuition Setting Process

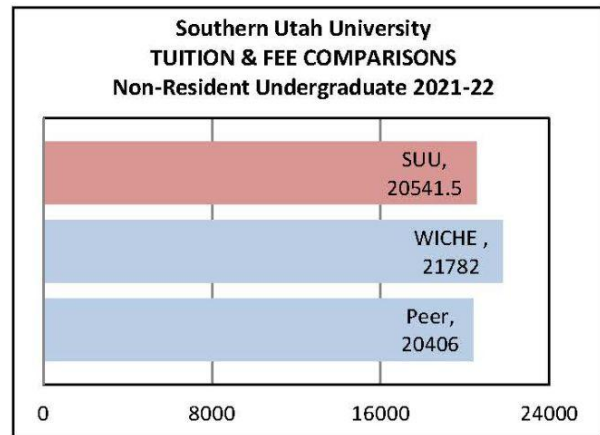
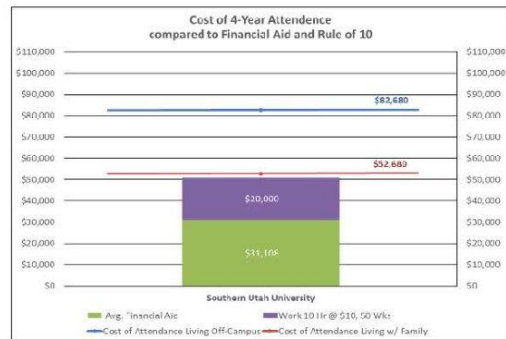
Appropriated Instructional Expenses	2020-21 Actual Expenses	2021-22 Estimated Expenses
Tax Funds	52,557,300	54,580,500
Tuition and Fees	60,841,681	60,280,000
Other Funds		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>113,398,981</b>	<b>114,860,500</b>

Tuition and Fees	2021-22 Current Tuition & Fees	2022-23 Requested Tuition & Fees
In-State Undergraduate	6,726	6,770
Out-of-State Undergrad.	20,542	20,586
In-State Graduate	7,918	7,962
Out-of-State Graduate	24,488	24,532

2020-21 Enrollment and Completion		
Fall Headcount	Annualized Student FTE	Total Awards
12,998	10,626	2,735



\*Peer data from 2020-21



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