

Tuition Setting Principle Discussion

In preparation for the September Board of Regents meeting when the FY15 tuition rates will be set, the UA Administration would like to discuss tuition setting philosophy with the Board. Current Board policy P05-10 provides a good starting point for this discussion. The relevant section of that policy is as follows:

Recognizing that state general fund support is not sufficient to pay the full cost of education and that students have a responsibility to contribute to the cost of their higher education, tuition and student fees will be established to the extent practicable in accordance with the following objectives: (1) to provide for essential support to the university's instructional programs; (2) to make higher education accessible to Alaskans who have the interest, dedication, and ability to learn; and (3) to maintain tuition and student fees at levels which are competitive with similarly situated programs of other western states. Tuition revenues will be used primarily to maintain and expand the educational opportunities provided to students, to preserve and improve the quality of existing programs and support services, to respond to enrollment trends, and to implement new programs.

For discussion purposes we might summarize current policy with the following brief principles:

[A] No particular order implied.

- Essential support (could infer maintain or improve quality of programs)
- Access (infer affordability)
- Competitive with similar institutions in western states (

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