

# Tuition Setting FY 2007-08



## Presentation to the UT System Board of Regents

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## Outline



- ✚ Tuition setting process
- ✚ Utilization of tuition increases
- ✚ Impact of energy costs
- ✚ FY 2007-08 tuition proposals
- ✚ Impact of tuition flexibility



# Tuition Setting Process

## Advisory Committee Composition (17 voting members)

<b>Students</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Faculty</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Staff</b>	<b>6</b>
Community	1
Alumni	1



# Tuition Setting Process

## Purpose & Responsibilities of Committee

- ✦ Review designated tuition & incidental fee considerations
- ✦ Begin preliminary discussions on budget issues & anticipated needs in next budget cycle
- ✦ Discuss designated tuition or incidental fee being considered
- ✦ Host campus wide forum on tuition proposals that might affect students' cost of education
- ✦ Present tuition related recommendations to President



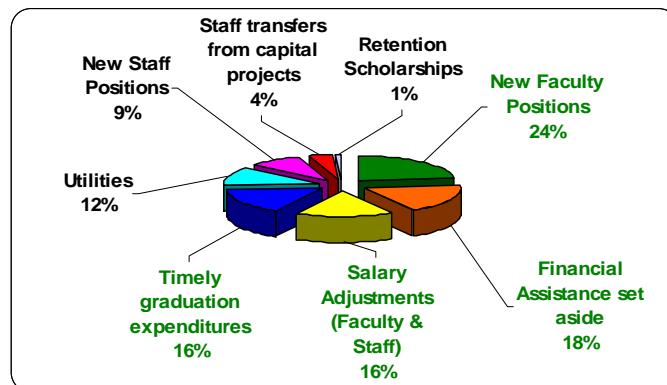
# Tuition Setting Process

7 Committee Meetings and  
5 Forums were held in 2005



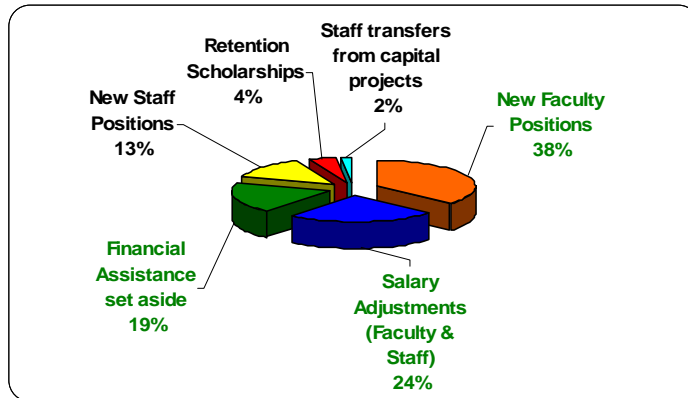
# Utilization of Tuition Increases

**FY 2007**  
**Total Increase \$10,068,740**



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FY 2008  
Total Increase \$6,745,792



# Impact of Energy Costs

- ✦ No special energy fee is being proposed.
- ✦ Increased utility costs (\$1.2 million) will be subsumed into the designated tuition revenue.

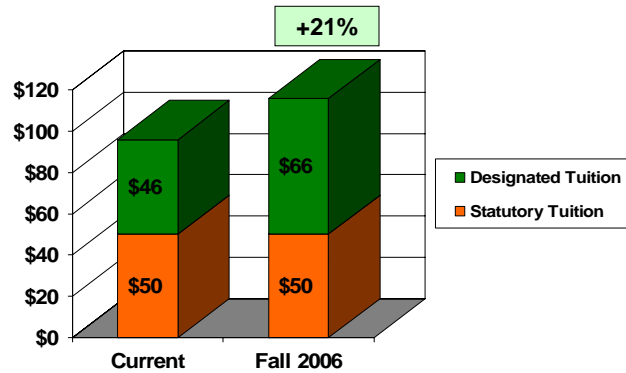
Fee Name	Current FY 2006	Proposed FY 2007
Residence Life Rooms	-	\$1,850/sem
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New Courts	\$331/mo	\$371/mo
Brown Village	\$1,203/sem	closed
Troost Hall	\$1,203/sem	\$1,400/sem
Women's Hall	-	closed
Residence Life Meal Plans (Additional Bronze Backs)	17 meals-\$953.58 14 meals-\$885.00 10 meals-\$798.15	17 meals-\$950.00 14 meals-\$921.00 10 meals-\$868.00

\*Bronze charge rate shown is for four occupants. Other rates are for double occupancy except Troost Hall post-renovation rate is for single occupancy. Not all rates are shown.



## Tuition Proposal Fiscal Year 2007

Tuition per SCH: Effective fall 2006.



- ✦ 2007 UTPA tuition and fees will remain below the 2006 average of all other public universities in Texas.
- ✦ The University will be required to set aside a portion of the increased revenue for need-based financial assistance.



## Tuition Proposal Fiscal Year 2007

- ✦ **14-Hour Cap:** UTPA will continue the 14-hour cap on designated tuition with the intent of encouraging students to enroll in a greater number of courses and thus shorten their time-to-degree.
- ✦ **Excess Credit Hours Tuition:** UTPA proposes to begin charging additional designated tuition at \$125 per SCH to resident undergraduate students for excess credit hours.



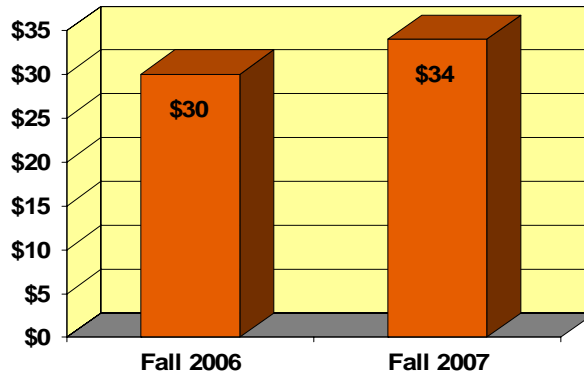
## Tuition Proposal Fiscal Year 2008

Tuition per SCH



## Tuition Proposal Fiscal Year 2008

Graduate Differential Tuition per SCH



## Financial Assistance

“No Pell-eligible student will incur any out-of-pocket cost for the additional tuition and mandatory fees increase proposed. Students who are currently receiving Pell grants will have any additional costs (up to \$342 for a 15 hour course load) covered either by the financial assistance set aside or other grants and scholarships. This tuition program will cover all Pell students in FY2007.

77% of our students on financial aid are Pell-eligible.

Of our total undergraduate enrollment 58% are Pell-eligible”

*Dr. John Edwards,  
VP Enrollment & Student Services*



## Impact of Tuition Flexibility

✦ **Up until now:**  
Maintaining low tuition was the primary concern.

✦ **For the future:**  
Affordability **and quality** concerns drive tuition strategy.





**“We are taking the steps right now to  
make UTPA better. It is an  
investment in ourselves.”**

*Adrian Sandoval  
SGA President, UTPA*

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