

University of Alabama Faculty Senate
Resolution for Increased Tuition
Financial Affairs Committee
(as amended by Senate 4/17/2001)

WHEREAS The University of Alabama sets and maintains high academic standards for its diverse programs, and

WHEREAS these high standards require, among other things, recruiting and retaining quality faculty, developing and maintaining a technological infrastructure, providing strong library and information resources, and providing modern research facilities, and

WHEREAS University budgeting problems, such as the current crisis resulting from proration of the current fiscal year's state education budget and reduction in the next fiscal year's state education budget, are recurring, chronic, systemic problems, and

WHEREAS, the funding stream for the state education budget is tied to the erratic and unpredictable swings in the state economy through income and sales taxes, and

WHEREAS the University should increase its independence from these unpredictable economic swings and increase its ability to weather such budget crises by decreasing its dependence on political decisions and tax revenues,

WHEREAS tuition at The University of Alabama is the lowest in the University of Alabama System and ranked 21st out of 28 in the Southern University Group (SUG)(see attached ranked list), and

WHEREAS a 15% annual increase in tuition in each of the next three years will move The University of Alabama an estimated 20% above the SUG average ([see attached graph](#)),

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that The University of Alabama Faculty Senate recommends that the Board of Trustees increase student tuition by at least 15% per year for the next three years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The University of Alabama Faculty Senate recommends that a commensurate portion of this increased tuition revenue be earmarked for increased financial aid.

Tuition of SUG Schools in Descending Rank Order
(Undergraduate Resident Tuition)

Institution	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	Descending Rank	% SUG
University of Maryland	\$3,794	\$4,169	\$4,460	\$4,699	\$4,939	\$5,136	1	154%
University of Delaware	\$4,286	\$4,430	\$4,574	\$4,716	\$4,858	\$5,004	2	150%
University of Virginia	\$4,614	\$4,648	\$4,786	\$4,866	\$4,305	\$4,335	3	130%
University of South Carolina	\$3,280	\$3,362	\$3,434	\$3,530	\$3,640	\$3,868	4	116%
Virginia Tech	\$4,087	\$4,131	\$4,147	\$4,305	\$3,620	\$3,640	5	109%
Clemson University	\$3,112	\$3,112	\$3,252	\$3,344	\$3,470	\$3,590	6	108%
University of Arkansas	\$2,708	\$2,787	\$2,887	\$3,119	\$3,334	\$3,575	7	107%
University of Texas at Austin	\$2,208	\$2,612	\$2,866	\$3,004	\$3,128	\$3,575	7	107%
University of Kentucky	\$2,594	\$2,676	\$2,736	\$3,016	\$3,296	\$3,446	9	104%
Texas Tech University	\$2,200	\$2,496	\$2,747	\$2,971	\$3,107	\$3,444	10	104%
Louisiana State University	\$2,663	\$2,687	\$2,711	\$2,871	\$2,881	\$3,395	11	102%
Texas A & M University	\$2,191	\$2,361	\$2,805	\$2,899	\$3,167	\$3,374	12	101%
University of Alabama - Birmingham	\$2,604	\$2,700	\$2,970	\$3,060	\$3,240	\$3,363	13	101%
University of Tennessee	\$2,164	\$2,220	\$2,576	\$2,744	\$3,104	\$3,362	14	101%
SUG Average	\$2,594	\$2,750	\$2,910	\$3,061	\$3,150	\$3,326	0	100%
Georgia Institute of Technology	\$2,457	\$2,686	\$2,901	\$2,991	\$3,108	\$3,308	15	99%
University of Georgia	\$2,540	\$2,694	\$2,838	\$2,930	\$3,034	\$3,276	16	98%
University of Mississippi	\$2,546	\$2,631	\$2,731	\$3,053	\$3,053	\$3,153	17	95%
Georgia State University	\$2,249	\$2,385	\$2,673	\$2,778	\$2,886	\$3,132	18	94%
Mississippi State University	\$2,591	\$2,631	\$2,731	\$3,017	\$3,017	\$3,117	19	94%
Auburn University	\$2,250	\$2,355	\$2,565	\$2,760	\$2,895	\$3,050	20	92%
University of Alabama	\$2,374	\$2,470	\$2,594	\$2,684	\$2,872	\$3,014	21	91%
University of Southern Mississippi	\$2,468	\$2,518	\$2,591	\$2,870	\$2,870	\$2,970	22	89%
West Virginia University	\$2,192	\$2,262	\$2,336	\$2,662	\$2,748	\$2,836	23	85%
North Carolina State University	\$1,732	\$2,200	\$2,270	\$2,364	\$2,414	\$2,814	24	85%
University of North Carolina	\$1,686	\$2,161	\$2,224	\$2,263	\$2,365	\$2,768	25	83%
Oklahoma State University	\$2,148	\$2,161	\$2,356	\$2,356	\$2,518	\$2,647	26	80%
University of Oklahoma	\$2,024	\$2,178	\$2,309	\$2,313	\$2,456	\$2,581	27	78%
Florida State University	\$1,798	\$1,882	\$1,988	\$2,085	\$2,196	\$2,378	28	71%
University of Houston	\$1,666	\$2,135	\$2,329	\$2,489	\$2,830		N/A	

Source: UA Office of Institutional Research

Note: **Bolded** figures indicate tuition increases of 15% or more over the previous year

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