

## Resolution on Tuition

Whereas, The University has committed to bring faculty salaries to the 50th percentile of the SUG, and

Whereas, the specter of proration in the present academic year threatens to compound the challenge of the Budget Reallocation process [to satisfy current faculty and staff salary needs], and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate did resolve on Apr 17, 2001 that The University of Alabama should raise its tuition by 15% each year for three years, and

Whereas, tuition increases since that time have averaged about 9% [per year], and Whereas, many SUG schools did impose double digit percentage increases in their tuition from 2001-02 to 2002-03 (Auburn 12%, Southern Mississippi 10%, North Carolina 19.8%, South Carolina 22.6%, Texas A&M 27.6%, SUG average 9.4%), and

Whereas, recent SUG data show that the University of Alabama ranks 22 out of 31 in the amount of tuition charged to Resident Undergraduates, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees, the administration, and the faculty remain committed to having an inclusive student body, so that scholarships have risen and will continue to rise with tuition increases, thereby allowing those without sufficient means to attend The University of Alabama; and

Whereas, recent experience at UA indicates that increased tuition will not have a short-term adverse effect on enrollment, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate recommends that The University of Alabama increase tuition by 15% each year for each of the next three years and continue tuition increases until Resident Undergraduate tuition is at the 75th percentile of the SUG, while increasing and maintaining adequate scholarship funding for applicants in financial need.

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