



Student Tuition and Fee Hearings
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Agenda

Why hold hearings?

Who's been involved?

What are the proposed tuition
and fees?

What are the dollars and cents?

What happens next?



Why Hold Hearings?

The Texas A&M University System's policy states:

“...with the approval of the Chancellor, the president of each academic institution...is authorized to hold a public hearing at the institution regarding any proposed increase in designated tuition.”



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Who's Been Involved?

The composition of the Student Fee Advisory Committee is defined in the State Education Code:

4 University employees who are representative of the University

- Mr. Juan J. Castillo, VP, Finance & Administration
- Dr. Minita Ramírez, VP, Student Success
- Dr. Lourdes Vilorio, Faculty Senate Representative
- Ms. Yelitza Howard, Staff Senate Representative



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Who's Been Involved?

The Education Code also defines student representation:

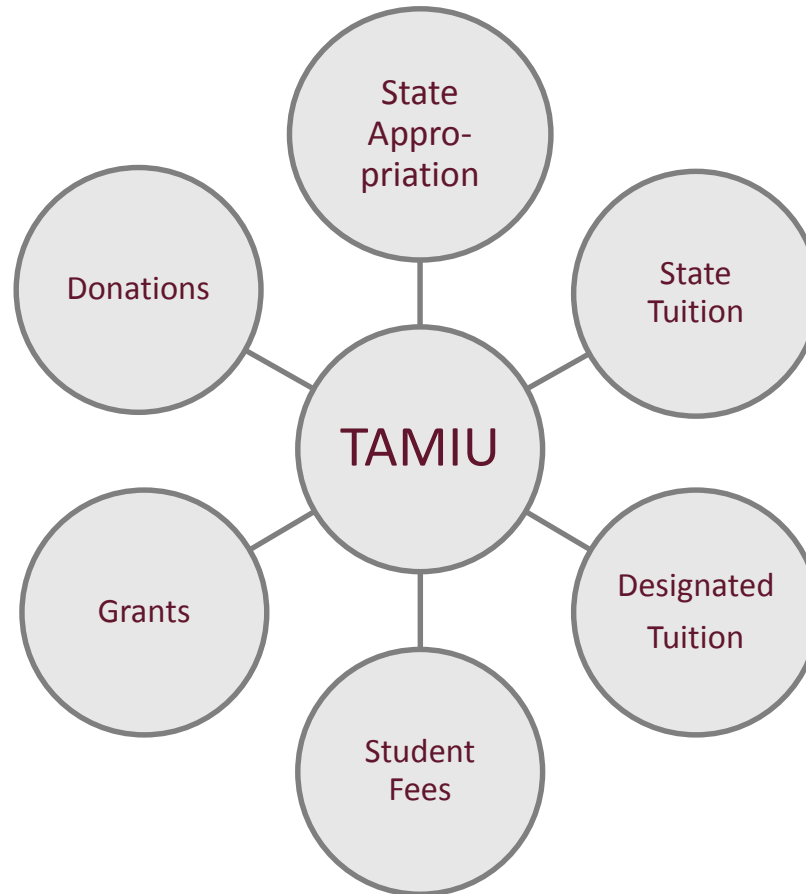
5 students (2 appointed to a 1-year term, 3 appointed to 2-year terms by the SGA)

- Ms. Consuelo Guzmán (1-year term)
- Mr. Pedro Rivera (1-year term)
- Mr. Cesar Camarillo (2-year term)
- Mr. Gabriel Martínez (2-year term)
- Mr. Francisco Muñoz (2-year term)



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How's TAMIU Funded?





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Variable Rate Tuition & Fees

Current Texas-resident undergraduate students who did not opt-in to a Fixed Rate Tuition and Fee Plan (FRTFP), students whose FRTFP expires, graduate students, and non-resident students will see the following proposed fee change for the 2018-19 academic year:

Compulsory fees	Current rate	Proposed Increase	New rate
Overall increase applied to University Services Fee	Varies by semester credit hour	3.7% HEPI* adjustment	Varies by SCH
Health Fee	\$46.05 per semester	\$4.60 per semester	\$50.65 per semester

* Higher Education Price Index



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Fixed Rate Tuition & Fees

Current TAMIU Texas-resident, undergraduate students on a Fixed Rate Tuition and Fee Plan will **only** see an increase if they fail to graduate within 12 consecutive semesters from the time they first enroll in an institution of higher education.

New, Texas-resident undergraduate students whose first semester of enrollment at an institution of higher education following high school graduation is in the 18-19 academic year may opt-in to the Fixed Rate Tuition and Fee Plan. Otherwise, they will pay the variable rate.

Visit www.tamiau.edu/fixedtuition for more info.



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Fixed Rate Tuition & Fees

New, Texas-resident undergraduate students who opt-in to a Fixed Rate Tuition and Fee Plan (FRTFP) will see the following proposed fee change for 2018-2019:

Compulsory fees	Current rate	Proposed Increase	New rate
Overall increase split between Designated Tuition and University Services Fee	Varies by semester credit hour	3.7% HEPI* adjustment applied to variable rate + 5%	Varies by SCH
Health Fee	\$46.05 per semester	\$4.60 per semester	\$50.65 per semester

* Higher Education Price Index. The additional 5% increase is for the projected inflation for the remaining 3 years.



Dollars and Cents

Variable Rate Tuition and Fees

**15 Semester Credit Hours for a
Texas Resident, Undergraduate:
+\$158.52**

**12 Semester Credit Hours for a
Texas Resident, Undergraduate:
+\$132.46**



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Dollars and Cents

Fixed Rate Tuition and Fees

**15 Semester Credit Hours for a
Texas Resident, Undergraduate:
+\$235.05**

**12 Semester Credit Hours for a
Texas Resident, Undergraduate:
+\$196.07**



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Dollars and Cents

Variable Rate	Current Rates 15 SCH	2018-19 Variable Rates ²		
		Rates with Proposed Increases ¹	Increase/ Semester ³	% Incr.
UG Resident Student (variable)	\$ 4,160	\$ 4,319	\$ 159	3.80%
UG Non-Resident Student ¹	\$ 10,727	\$ 11,129	\$ 402	3.75%
Graduate Resident Student	\$ 4,472	\$ 4,642	\$ 170	3.80%
Graduate Non-Res. Student ¹	\$ 11,166	\$ 11,584	\$ 418	3.74%

Fixed Rate 2018-19 Cohort	2018-19 Fixed, Four-Year Rates ²			
UG Resident Student (fixed)	\$ 4,299	\$ 4,534	\$ 235	5.47%

¹ Non-resident rates subject to further increase when the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board sets the non-resident state tuition rate.

² Amounts have been rounded.

³ Includes proposed 3.7% HEPI adjustment and \$4.60 health fee increase.



Online Program Services-NR

TAMIU is also seeking authority to charge an *online program services fee* in an amount not to exceed \$800 per course for non-residents (NR) taking online courses from outside of the State of Texas.

At this time, TAMIU has no students for whom this fee would apply.

If implemented, this fee will not apply to any student living in the State, regardless of the type of courses they are taking (online or face-to-face), or their residency status.



What Happens Next?

- The proposed increases will be submitted to the Board of Regents (BOR) for consideration.
- If approved by the BOR, these annual increases will take effect fall 2018.
- For new, Texas resident, undergraduate students who opt-in to the **Fixed Rate Tuition and Fee Plan**, the new rates will be fixed for 12 consecutive semesters from initial enrollment in an institution of higher education.



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What Happens Next?

- The Board of Regents (BOR) will also approve direction for 2019-20 increases which will be effective in fall 2019.
- It is anticipated this increase will be tied to the published Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) rate in late summer 2018.

Questions?



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