




To: Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (“TFAB”)
From: Michael Schill, President 
Date: January 7th, 2020
Re: Tuition Rate Recommendations

Thank you for your service to the University as a member of the Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB). I appreciate the investment of time and effort required to complete this work.

At the December 10th meeting of the Board of Trustees, the concept of guaranteed tuition was presented. It garnered quite a bit of interest among the trustees including me. Therefore, I would like you to explore the possibility of adopting a guaranteed tuition program, whereby new students entering the University would be charged a tuition rate that would remain fixed for five years. In January, TFAB will spend time discussing the guaranteed tuition concept in greater detail. I ask for your careful consideration of this model. I would particularly like to understand whether it would be possible to transition all existing students at the university onto a guaranteed tuition program that freezes their tuition at a fixed rate, starting in Fall 2020 (after one final modest tuition increase).

I therefore request that TFAB, as my primary institutional advisory council on tuition, consider a guaranteed tuition program and recommend a rate structure for both new and existing students that would enable the transition to the program. If, after discussing such a program, TFAB believes that transition to a guaranteed tuition program is not advisable, I would ask you to still answer the questions that I have raised above and also provide me with your reasoning.

If you recommend against guaranteed tuition please provide me with an alternative set of tuition recommendations for Fall 2020 based upon our current practice of raising tuition annually.

As in previous years, after I receive TFAB’s recommendation, I will also solicit input from the campus community before making my final recommendation to the Board.