

Tuition Policy Advisory Council
Meeting Notes
January 25, 2005

The Tuition Policy Advisory Council met on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 in the conference room of the 8th floor of Rudder Tower. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Gates has asked the Council to consider the following modification to the flat tuition recommendation: all students registering for 12 hours or more pay tuition at the flat rate of 15 hours with no dollar incentive attached. Much discussion ensued as to whether this plan would cause student behavior shift to fifteen hours per semester and hence, an improved University four year graduation rate. Other Council members believed this recommendation would be a good compromise for the students and that there would be more public support. A vote was taken to adopt or reject the proposed recommendation. The vote was split.

A possible resolution was offered: add a penalty to students who do not graduate in four years. The Council agreed that the penalty addendum would be a good compromise to the recommendation made by Dr. Gates. However, the consensus was that students should be given five years to graduate, instead of four years, in order to take into account lengthier degree plans. The Council decided to suggest a penalty range of \$500-\$1000 to Dr. Gates so that he could either determine the amount of the penalty or ask the Council to deliberate further and make a recommendation to Dr. Gates in the future.

The following amended flat tuition recommendations for full-time students were voted on and unanimously approved by the members present:

- Students registering for 1 to 11 hours pay tuition on a per semester credit hour basis.
- Students registering for 12 hours or more pay tuition at the flat rate of 15 hours.
- Starting in Fall 2005 with the incoming Freshman class, a student not graduating within five years, will incur a penalty of \$500-\$1000 per semester until graduation.

The Council concurred that the mandatory fees currently charged by semester credit hour should also be flattened at fifteen hours so that all students registering for 12 or more hours would pay the fees based on a flat rate of 15 hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.