

Tuition Policy Advisory Council
Meeting Notes
February 11, 2005

The Tuition Policy Advisory Council met on Friday, February 11 2005 in 203 MSC. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Tuition recommendations must be presented to the Board of Regents at their March 24 meeting.

At the last Student Senate meeting, many students voiced concern about special cases that would affect the recommended tuition policy. It was noted that an appeals committee is already in place which deals with issues such as appeals regarding the 45-hour rule and the \$1,000 rebate. This appeals committee, or one similar to it, could also be designed to handle tuition policy appeals.

Council members have been receiving many questions dealing with issues such as graduating seniors with fewer than 15 hours remaining in their degree plan, double majors, working students, hardships, etc. It was decided that it would be helpful to put together a list of Frequently Asked Questions to post to the web so that students may refer to them as needed. The Council was asked to compile the questions they have received from the campus community. Questions and answers regarding the appeals process will be submitted. Students will need to be aware that the appeals board cannot be used as a crutch.

It is important that students understand that the increased revenue now will help reduce the amount of future increases and that the recommended policy allows the students to have more control over how much tuition they pay by the number of hours they take each semester.

Part of the reasoning behind House Bill 3015 from the 78th legislative session, which approved deregulated tuition, was to decrease time to graduation. A copy of this bill was shared with the Council members.

The Tuition Policy Advisory Council will meet with President Gates next Friday, February 18, to discuss feedback the Council has received, as well as next steps. An article will be placed in "The Battalion" and a message will go out via NEO, which will have a link to the FAQ's and a summary of the Council's recommendations, including the chart showing the cost of tuition and fees flattened at 15 hours and the two slides comparing the projected costs of remaining in school while taking 16 semester credit hours versus taking 12 semester credit hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.