



## MEMORANDUM

July 17, 2025

To: Daniel M. White, Chancellor

From: Tuition Committee

Re: Tuition Recommendation for Fall 2026

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The Tuition Committee has met during the summer to discuss the tuition rates for the fall 2026 semester; academic year 2027. The committee considered multiple perspectives related to enrollment, affordability, and institutional priorities. While the final vote was not unanimous, the committee recommends the following:

- **3% increase for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Non-Resident rates; no increase for Community Campus rate - Supported by 1 member**
- **4% increase across all tuition categories - Supported by 7 members**
- **5% increase across all tuition categories - Supported by 1 member**

A memo regarding the 5% across-the-board increase, submitted by the ASUAF President and undergraduate student representative on the committee, is attached. It outlines their rationale for supporting this increase and expresses a desire to work with UAF leadership to improve communication with students regarding tuition changes.

The committee strongly recommends that any tuition increase for AY26-27 not be followed by another increase in the subsequent academic year (AY27-28; FY28). While we recognize the importance of tuition revenue in supporting the university's operations and student services, we are also mindful of the financial burden repeated annual increases can place on students.

A 3%-5% increase in tuition rates is projected to generate approximately \$1.3 million to \$2.3 million in additional gross tuition revenue in AY26-27 (FY27), assuming flat enrollment. A 4% across-the-board increase would generate an additional \$1.8 million in gross tuition revenue.

The committee looked at the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) as the basis for the 4% recommendation. The HEPI is an inflation index designed specifically for use by institutions of higher education. A more accurate indicator of cost changes for colleges and universities than the Consumer Price Index (CPI), HEPI is used primarily to project future budget increases required to preserve purchasing power. As of [June 21, 2025](#), HEPI is forecasted to rise 3.7% in FY25, up from 3.4% in FY24, indicating continued inflationary pressure on higher education institutions.



**To the Committee,**

Good morning,

As ASUAF President, and on behalf of the student body, **I support a 4% tuition increase for the 2027 fiscal year.** We understand that keeping tuition in line with inflation and changing prices is important for helping UAF maintain strong faculty, quality facilities, and valuable student support programs.

**Should the University choose to hold tuition flat for the 2028 fiscal year, I would likewise support a 5% increase for FY2027,** recognizing the importance of long-term planning and financial stability.

However, it is my emphatic desire, and one I trust is shared, that the University improve its communication with students regarding tuition increases. Historically, such decisions have not been effectively (and proactively) conveyed. Let us move forward with transparency, clarity, and care, ensuring that students understand both the rationale and the benefits of such actions.

Furthermore, it remains my greatest hope that any increase in tuition be matched with an equally earnest investment in student support services and community programs. Tuition increases must be felt not only in the University's ledgers, but in the lived experiences of its students.

With every good wish,

**Jackson Nelson | ASUAF President**