

**PROPOSAL: Fall 2021 Tuition and Required Fee Rates**

Background

The University continues to allocate its financial resources to promote WMU being the school of choice, diversifying revenue streams, and recruiting and retaining students and ensuring their academic success. Tuition is the major revenue source for the general fund and is approximately 72% of the total budgeted revenue. It comprises approximately 53% of all university revenue.

We are recommending an increase of 3.2% on tuition and required fees for resident undergraduate students. Being mindful of financial pressures to our students, the proposed increase is 1% lower than the tuition restraint language currently proposed by the Governor and the Senate. The House has deleted tuition restraint language in their proposed budget. This is a continued effort of taking our fiduciary responsibilities to our student seriously. As a reminder, WMU was one of the few Michigan publics that kept tuition flat last year due to the financial uncertainties of COVID on our students and their families.

The proposed tuition and required fees for the 2021-22 fiscal year (Schedule of Tuition and Required Fees attached) are as follows:

Undergraduate:

- Implemented the Undergraduate Tuition Simplification Strategy effective Fall 2021 as approved by the Board on April 22, 2021.
- A newly admitted full-time Michigan resident freshman will pay \$13,434 in tuition and required fees to attend WMU for the 2021-22 academic year.
- Differential tuition rates have been increased 3.2%.
- Students enrolled exclusively in a fully online program(s) will pay \$555.58 per credit hour.

Graduate:

- Graduate resident per credit hour tuition rates will increase from \$681.67 to \$703.48.
- Regional site rates continue to align with main campus rates.
- Students enrolled exclusively in a fully online program(s) will pay \$703.48 per credit hour.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that effective with the Fall 2021 semester, the Board of Trustees approves the Schedule of Tuition and Required Fee Rates as attached.