

DATE: May 11, 2017

SUBJECT: Tuition and Fee Ranges **(REVISED)**

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since 2010, the Complete College Tennessee Act has required the Commission to make student fee and state appropriation recommendations concurrently. Numerous factors impacted the tuition recommendation, including affordability and financial aid, the income profile of students attending Tennessee public institutions, and institutional revenues and cost inflation. The FOCUS Act expanded THEC’s authority on student fee levels, requiring that the Commission issue binding tuition ranges each year. These ranges apply only to resident, undergraduate students on the tuition (maintenance fee) rate, as well as the total maintenance and mandatory fee charge.

TENNESSEE’S TUITION AND FEE PROFILE

Average full-time, annual tuition and mandatory fees for 2016-17 is **\$8,987** at public universities, \$4,224 at community colleges, and \$3,647 at the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs). Tennessee’s public higher education tuition and fee levels are considered average compared to peers across the states in the Southern Regional Education Board. Over the last five years, tuition and mandatory fees have increased an average of four to five percent across the sectors, while state appropriations have increased an average of nearly four percent per year.

Tennessee’s financial aid resources are among the highest in the U.S., according to data provided by the National Association of State Student Grant Aid Programs (NASSGAP). Tennessee had the fifth largest financial aid program in the nation and the fourth largest per capita. Funding for the lottery scholarship and the Tennessee Student Assistance Award comprise the majority of financial aid. In part due to these funding levels, Tennessee college graduates had the 14th lowest debt level in the nation, according to data published by the Institute for College Access & Success. It should be noted, however, that no data are available for debt among students who do

not graduate. With the introduction of Tennessee Promise in the fall of 2015, Tennessee saw a reduction in the number of student loan originations, suggesting that the relative debt level of Tennessee students to our state peers may continue to decrease in the coming years.

RECOMMENDATION

At the November 2016 Commission meeting, the Commission approved a tuition and fee guidance range of zero to four percent, incorporating a budget increase request of \$48 million in new state funds.

Taking into account the Governor's budget recommendation for formula units of \$55.1 million (inclusive of increases for outcomes productivity and a partially-funded three percent salary pool), THEC staff maintain the initial recommendation of a tuition binding range of zero to four percent at universities, community colleges, and TCATs and a combined total tuition and mandatory fees binding range of zero to four percent at universities, community colleges, and TCATs. Scenarios for minimum and maximum tuition and mandatory fee increases for 2017-18 are presented and summarized in Attachment I for each university and community college, as well as the TCAT system.

Attachment II details the comparison of 2016-17 tuition and mandatory fee rates with the maximum allowed increase (i.e., four percent) for each university and community college, as well as the TCAT system. Currently, the average full-time, annual tuition and mandatory fees for 2016-17 is **\$8,987** at public universities, \$4,224 at community colleges, and \$3,647 at TCATs. If each of these institutions increased maintenance and mandatory fees by four percent (the maximum allowed), the average full-time, annual tuition and mandatory fees for 2017-18 would be **\$9,347** at public universities, \$4,393 at community colleges, and \$3,793 at TCATs—increases of **\$359**, \$169, and \$146, respectively.

Note: Revisions to this coversheet and attachments are due to a change in reporting of Middle Tennessee State University's Student Government Association (SGA) fee and a re-weighting of the university average for institutions with differentiated tuition levels.

2017-18 Binding Tuition Ranges (REVISED)

Maximum Increase of Maintenance (Tuition) and Maintenance + Mandatory Fees: 4.00%

	2017-18 Binding Ranges			
	Maintenance Fee		Maintenance + Mandatory Fees	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Austin Peay	\$0 or Less	\$ 261	\$0 or Less	\$ 320
East Tennessee ¹	\$0 or Less	\$ 280	\$0 or Less	\$ 347
Middle Tennessee	\$0 or Less	\$ 277	\$0 or Less	\$ 344
Tennessee State	\$0 or Less	\$ 261	\$0 or Less	\$ 303
Tennessee Tech	\$0 or Less	\$ 295	\$0 or Less	\$ 342
University of Memphis	\$0 or Less	\$ 314	\$0 or Less	\$ 380
Chattanooga	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 170
Cleveland	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 169
Columbia	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 168
Dyersburg	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 169
Jackson	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 169
Motlow	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 169
Nashville	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 166
Northeast	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 170
Pellissippi	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 170
Roane	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 169
Southwest	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 169
Volunteer	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 169
Walters	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 169
UT Chattanooga	\$0 or Less	\$ 271	\$0 or Less	\$ 342
UT Knoxville (admitted before 2013-14) ²	\$0 or Less	\$ 369	\$0 or Less	\$ 442
UT Knoxville (admitted in 2013-14)	\$0 or Less	\$ 428	\$0 or Less	\$ 500
UT Knoxville (admitted after 2013-14)	\$0 or Less	\$ 437	\$0 or Less	\$ 509
UT Martin (Full-Time w/ 60+ SCH & All Part-time) ³	\$0 or Less	\$ 283	\$0 or Less	\$ 339
UT Martin (Full-Time w/ fewer than 60 SCH)	\$0 or Less	\$ 307	\$0 or Less	\$ 364
TN Colleges of Applied Tech	\$0 or Less	\$ 137	\$0 or Less	\$ 146
University Avg⁴	\$0 or Less	\$ 299	\$0 or Less	\$ 359
Community College Avg	\$0 or Less	\$ 157	\$0 or Less	\$ 169

1 - In 2016-17, Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors paid an additional debt service fee of \$240 and an additional Student Activity fee of \$50 in FY17 for the DP Culp Center renovation. As these classes progress, the additional fees will remain part of the mandatory fees. Therefore, the 2017-18 tuition and fee ranges reported in this line will apply to 2017-18 Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors.

2 - The 2016-17 tuition rate for students admitted in Fall 2013 or later at UT Knoxville were flat rates for 15 semester credit hours, regardless of the number of credit hours taken by the student. This policy was approved in 2012 by the UT Board for introduction in Fall 2013. Therefore, the tuition and fee ranges will differentiate based on when students enrolled at UT Knoxville.

3 - The 2016-17 tuition rate for full-time students who have completed fewer than 60 credit hours was a flat rate for 15 hours a semester regardless of how many hours the student is enrolled in. Full-time students with more than 60 credit hours and all part-time students are charged on a per credit basis up to 12 credit hours, and are not charged additional fees above that. Therefore, the tuition and fee ranges differentiate based on enrollment status of UT Martin students.

4 - This average incorporates a weighted tuition for UT Knoxville and UT Martin students to reflect both institutions' differentiated tuition levels.

2017-18 Binding Tuition Ranges (REVISED)
2017-18 Maintenance and Mandatory Fee Increase Scenario and Comparison - 4.00% Limit

	2016-17			2017-18			Combined Increase	Combined % Increase
	Maintenance Fee	Mandatory Fee	Maintenance + Mandatory	Maintenance Fee	Mandatory Fee	Combined		
Austin Peay	\$ 6,522	\$ 1,473	\$ 7,995	\$ 6,783	\$ 1,532	\$ 8,315	\$ 320	4.00%
East Tennessee ¹	\$ 7,002	\$ 1,669	\$ 8,671	\$ 7,282	\$ 1,736	\$ 9,018	\$ 347	4.00%
Middle Tennessee	\$ 6,930	\$ 1,680	\$ 8,610	\$ 7,207	\$ 1,747	\$ 8,954	\$ 344	4.00%
Tennessee State	\$ 6,528	\$ 1,039	\$ 7,567	\$ 6,789	\$ 1,081	\$ 7,870	\$ 303	4.00%
Tennessee Tech	\$ 7,380	\$ 1,171	\$ 8,551	\$ 7,675	\$ 1,218	\$ 8,893	\$ 342	4.00%
University of Memphis	\$ 7,860	\$ 1,637	\$ 9,497	\$ 8,174	\$ 1,702	\$ 9,877	\$ 380	4.00%
Chattanooga	\$ 3,930	\$ 319	\$ 4,249	\$ 4,087	\$ 332	\$ 4,419	\$ 170	4.00%
Cleveland	\$ 3,930	\$ 299	\$ 4,229	\$ 4,087	\$ 311	\$ 4,398	\$ 169	4.00%
Columbia	\$ 3,930	\$ 271	\$ 4,201	\$ 4,087	\$ 282	\$ 4,369	\$ 168	4.00%
Dyersburg	\$ 3,930	\$ 299	\$ 4,229	\$ 4,087	\$ 311	\$ 4,398	\$ 169	4.00%
Jackson	\$ 3,930	\$ 285	\$ 4,215	\$ 4,087	\$ 296	\$ 4,384	\$ 169	4.00%
Motlow	\$ 3,930	\$ 307	\$ 4,237	\$ 4,087	\$ 319	\$ 4,406	\$ 169	4.00%
Nashville	\$ 3,930	\$ 225	\$ 4,155	\$ 4,087	\$ 234	\$ 4,321	\$ 166	4.00%
Northeast	\$ 3,930	\$ 311	\$ 4,241	\$ 4,087	\$ 323	\$ 4,411	\$ 170	4.00%
Pellissippi	\$ 3,930	\$ 323	\$ 4,253	\$ 4,087	\$ 336	\$ 4,423	\$ 170	4.00%
Roane	\$ 3,930	\$ 303	\$ 4,233	\$ 4,087	\$ 315	\$ 4,402	\$ 169	4.00%
Southwest	\$ 3,930	\$ 305	\$ 4,235	\$ 4,087	\$ 317	\$ 4,404	\$ 169	4.00%
Volunteer	\$ 3,930	\$ 293	\$ 4,223	\$ 4,087	\$ 305	\$ 4,392	\$ 169	4.00%
Walters	\$ 3,930	\$ 288	\$ 4,218	\$ 4,087	\$ 300	\$ 4,387	\$ 169	4.00%
UT Chattanooga	\$ 6,768	\$ 1,776	\$ 8,544	\$ 7,039	\$ 1,847	\$ 8,886	\$ 342	4.00%
UT Knoxville (admitted before 2013-14) ²	\$ 9,228	\$ 1,810	\$ 11,038	\$ 9,597	\$ 1,882	\$ 11,480	\$ 442	4.00%
UT Knoxville (admitted in 2013-14)	\$ 10,688	\$ 1,810	\$ 12,498	\$ 11,116	\$ 1,882	\$ 12,998	\$ 500	4.00%
UT Knoxville (admitted after 2013-14)	\$ 10,914	\$ 1,810	\$ 12,724	\$ 11,351	\$ 1,882	\$ 13,233	\$ 509	4.00%
UT Martin (Full-Time w/ 60+ SCH & All Part-time) ³	\$ 7,070	\$ 1,408	\$ 8,478	\$ 7,353	\$ 1,464	\$ 8,817	\$ 339	4.00%
UT Martin (Full-Time w/ fewer than 60 SCH)	\$ 7,680	\$ 1,408	\$ 9,088	\$ 7,987	\$ 1,464	\$ 9,452	\$ 364	4.00%
TN Colleges of Applied Tech	\$ 3,417	\$ 230	\$ 3,647	\$ 3,554	\$ 239	\$ 3,793	\$ 146	4.00%
University Avg⁴	\$ 7,469	\$ 1,518	\$ 8,987	\$ 7,768	\$ 1,579	\$ 9,347	\$ 359	4.00%
Community College Avg	\$ 3,930	\$ 294	\$ 4,224	\$ 4,087	\$ 306	\$ 4,393	\$ 169	4.00%

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