



Tuition & Mandatory Fee Ceilings Approved by the Council for the 2018-20 Academic Year

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The Council staff used a collaborative process to develop its 2018-20 tuition and mandatory fee ceiling recommendation, which included sharing information and engaging in discussions with campus presidents and chief budget officers, Council members, student groups, and the Governor's office.

The following actions were adopted by the Council at its April 27, 2018 meeting:

Resident undergraduate tuition and fee ceilings.

- For the research and comprehensive institutions, a 6 percent increase over two years, with a maximum increase of 4 percent in one year.
- For the two-year institutions (KCTCS), a \$12.00 per credit hour increase (7.5 percent) over two years, with a maximum increase of \$8.00 per credit hour (5 percent) in one year.

The Council retains the ability to revisit the academic year 2019-20 ceilings should there be a change in General Fund appropriations, changes in the pension contribution rates, or other circumstances that significantly impact campus budgets. Additionally, institutions may request an exemption from any tuition increase ceilings in the 2019-20 academic year due to significant changes in financial circumstances caused by enactment of the General Assembly, an Executive Order issued by the Governor, or directive issued by a duly authorized state agency.

For the purposes of calculating tuition and fee ceilings, an institution's base rate is defined as the current year annual tuition and mandatory fee charge for fulltime resident undergraduate students, minus any special use fees, agency bond fees, or safety and security fees that were exempted from a Council rate ceiling during a previous tuition setting cycle.

Graduate, Professional, & Online Courses

- Approved public universities be allowed to submit to the Council for approval market competitive rates for graduate, professional, and online courses, as approved by their respective boards.

The Nonresident Student Tuition and Fee Policy approved in 2016 was not amended, and requires institutions to set nonresident student tuition and fees at a sufficient level such that, after applying institutional discounts, the tuition and fee revenue generated per nonresident student, on average, meets or exceeds the average per student direct cost of instruction and student services.