Notes from Open Forum with the Dean

Topic: Differential Tuition Updates

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Background

Goal is to maintain our high quality of education at a low cost rate

* Class sizes have been continuing to increase
  + Class of 2008 ~ 5,000
  + Class of 2017 ~ 10,000
* State funding constant with 1999/1997 levels
* Differential tuition current:
  + Has not increased since 2010
  + Paid by junior, seniors, and graduate students
* Comparing to Peer 11 universities: (tuition and required fees)
  + Resident Peer 11 ~ $13,000
  + ISU Resident ~ $8,000
  + Non-resident Peer 11 ~ $34,000
  + Non-resident ISU ~ $22,000

\*This gap continues to increase as state funding for universities decreases

* Faculty to student ratio (COE) = 33:1
  + University wide = 19:1
  + Needs to be lowered for quality of education and accreditation
* Find more information on the Differential Tuition Student Page
  + College of Engineering - Current Students – Differential Tuition
* Proposal:
  + Increase differential tuition to:
    - Resident = $2,612/year
      * Increased from current $2360/year for Junior/Senior
    - Non-resident = $3,026/year
      * Increased from current $2286/year for out of state for Junior/Senior
      * Increased from current $2228/year for international Junior/Senior

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* + Would apply to sophomores, juniors, seniors, and grads

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* Where does this money go?
  + Hiring more faculty: reducing student to faculty ratio
  + Adding more course sections to increase the hands on activities
    - Specifically senior design
  + Updating laboratory equipment, adding new equipment, and more sections
  + Expanding student services: increase the ratio of student to advisor ratio (goal 300:1)
  + Increase technology in classrooms
    - More online classes, flipped classrooms, etc.

Discussion

* Only proposed tuition increases: discussion will continue through fall and then go to the Board of Reagents
* In part due to cuts from the state side of things
* Will continue to discuss more options moving forward
* All programs have some form of differential tuition
* Current faculty to student ratios (estimate)
  + Mechanical engineering: 40:1
  + Materials engineering: 20:1
* What if enrollment flattens?
  + Resources will continue to diminish
  + Ultimately unknown at this time
* Resources have not kept up with the costs required to deliver problems such as with M2I
* Priorities give based on usage of funds?
  + Yes
  + Different allocations and decisions made on an annual basis
  + Based on presentations by departments