

Tuition and Fee Recommendations for 2025-2026 for Chancellor Review

Background Information

In February 2003, the Board of Governors established policy requiring increases in campus-initiated tuition and fees to be set within the context of institutional financial plans, the University's long-range plan, the need for Board-initiated tuition increases, the state's economic environment, and the financial impact on students. The Board's policy further requires fees to remain as low as possible (while also providing the revenues needed to support the purposes for which fees are charged) and requires each chancellor to establish a fee review committee with representatives of all aspects of campus life. Recommendations for tuition and fee increases must be approved by the campus Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Chancellor, prior to submission to the Board of Governors.

Chancellor Gilliam appointed a Tuition & Fees Committee to study relevant issues and offer recommendations. The Vice President of the Student Government Association and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management serve as Committee Co-Chairs. This year's committee composition includes six students (inclusive of the committee co-chair), two members of the University's professional staff (representing Financial Aid and Finance), and three faculty members (the Chair of the Faculty Senate, Chair of the Faculty Budget Committee, and the Faculty Athletics Representative), with the Vice Chancellors for Finance and Administration, Student Affairs, and Institutional Research; the Dean of the Graduate School, and the Director of Cashiers and Student Accounts also serving ex officio. The Committee submits its recommendations to Chancellor Gilliam after careful deliberation and data analysis.

To arrive at its recommendations, the Tuition & Fees Committee examined budget and other background information supplied by Finance and Administration, Institutional Research, and the UNC System, recommendations from the Provost and Vice Chancellors, and information from discussions with appropriate administrators who oversee fee-funded functions. The Committee also hosted two student forums to gather feedback from current students. The Tuition & Fees Committee's recommendations for 2025-2026 were based on an understanding of needs of fee-funded units to support university infrastructure and student success. Inflationary impacts were also considered along with changes to employee salary expectations and mandates over time.

Board of Governors Guidance

The UNC System conveyed the following guidance to the campuses on undergraduate tuition rates, graduate and professional school tuition rates, and mandatory student fee rates:

Undergraduate Tuition

No tuition increases are allowed for resident undergraduate students. Combined tuition and fee rates for undergraduate residents shall continue to remain in the bottom quartile of an institution's public peers.

Increases are allowed for nonresident undergraduate students. Proposals must justify both the need for the increase and why it is not expected to negatively impact enrollment.

Graduate and Professional School Tuition

The Board will consider school-based and campus-initiated changes for tuition for resident and non-resident graduate and professional programs that have been approved by the Board of Governors. Institutions must use the Board's tuition and fee policy as a guideline in developing recommendations for establishing graduate and professional school tuition rates. Proposals must justify both the need for the increase and why it is not expected to negatively impact enrollment.

Mandatory Fees

In accordance with UNC Board policy, the Board of Governors is responsible for establishing fees at the constituent institutions of the UNC System consistent with the philosophy set forth in the North Carolina Constitution. Fees will be charged only for limited, dedicated purposes and shall not be used to defray the cost of general academic and administrative operations of campuses, including academic programs and faculty and administrative salaries and benefits.

For 2025-2026, an increase may only be proposed if it is critical to maintain core activities supported by the fee. Increases may be proposed that are offset by a commensurate decrease to another fee. *Total increases are subject to a 3% statutory cap.*

Special Fees

Special fees are only applicable to students engaged in particular activities or courses of study. These fees may not be used to supplement general academic revenues that will be provided from campus-initiated tuition increases. An increase may only be proposed if it is critical to cover inflationary cost increases associated with an existing fee. New fees may only be proposed for new programs.

Student Involvement

Tuition and fee proposals must be accompanied by the Student Involvement in Tuition and Fee Setting Process form. Additional information from your institution supporting your student involvement may also be transmitted with your tuition and fee package.

Recommendations on Campus-Initiated Tuition and Student Fee Increases

For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the University Tuition and Fees Committee proposes the following changes to tuition rates and fees.

The Committee recommends no changes to resident tuition for undergraduate or graduate students. A 3% increase is recommended for non-resident undergraduate and graduate tuition. A 2.25% cumulative increase is recommended for fees.

These recommendations were supported by ten out of twelve voting members of the committee. Graduate student representatives did not support the increases, primarily due to the potential impact of tuition increases on non-resident students.

The committee recommendations are based on comparison to UNC system competition and trends, student financial impact considerations, and discussion with students, faculty and staff. The increases are designed in part to offset inflationary impacts and are not designed to support new positions or programs. The increases are also designed to offset significant changes in salaries of fee-funded positions driven by mandated labor-market adjustments and federal Fair Labor Standards Act requirements (FLSA). The tuition and fee amounts are in line with similar UNC system institutions and competition. UNCG will remain a low net-cost institution with these changes, which should not negatively impact enrollment potential. The increases will support maintaining an outstanding student experience and achieving student success outcomes.

The current annual rates and proposed rates are as follows:

Tuition	Current Annual Rate	Proposed Annual Rate	Change Percentage
	2024-2025	2025-2026	'24-'25 to '25-'26
Undergraduate In-State Tuition	4,422	4,422	0.0%
Undergraduate Out-of-State Tuition	20,773	21,396	3.0%
Graduate In-State Tuition	5,375	5,375	0.0%
Graduate Out-of-State Tuition	20,090	20,693	3.0%

Required Fees	Current Annual Rate	Proposed Annual Rate	Change Percentage
	2024-2025	2025-2026	'24-'25 to '25-'26

Athletics Fee	843	843	0.0%
Student Activities Fee	611	639	4.6%
Health Services Fee	402	421	4.7%
Education & Technology Fee	490	513	4.7%
Student Facilities Fee	707	707	0.0%
Security Fee	60	60	0.0%
Student Government Fee	1	1	0.0%
Total Required Fees	3,114	3,184	2.25%

Please contact committee co-chairs Joel Lee or Samy Reza Mendoza (SGA) with any questions.