Tuition and Fee Recommendation Proposal for 2027-2028
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 2027-2028 costs were based on an understanding of the needs of fee-funded units to support university infrastructure and student success. Inflationary impacts such as changes in costs of goods and services to maintain a thriving campus were also considered.

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
Institutions may propose increases for resident undergraduate students. For 2027-2028, the Board of Governors will consider resident undergraduate increases *up to 3 percent*. Combined tuition and fee rates for undergraduate residents shall continue to remain in the bottom quartile of an institution's public peers.

Analysis results will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- **Demonstrated restraint in administrative spending,** including efforts to streamline operations and reallocate resources to core academic functions,
- **Ongoing academic program evaluation and realignment**, with evidence of steps taken to strengthen program relevance, reduce duplication, and improve efficiency.
- **Minimal or no growth in mandatory fees**, particularly in areas where cost containment or offsetting revenues are feasible.
- **Alignment with planned increases in housing and dining rates**, to ensure that the total cost of attendance remains manageable for students and families.
- **Use of tuition revenue to sustain academic quality**, including investments in student success, faculty excellence, and high-impact learning practices.
- **Evidence that proposed increases are consistent with inflationary trends**, avoiding large or abrupt tuition shifts.

Institutions may propose increases for nonresident undergraduate students. Combined tuition and fee rates for these undergraduate nonresidents should be market driven and reflect the full cost of providing a quality education. Proposals for increases 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
For 2027-2028, the Board of Governors will consider increases to mandatory fees subject to the 3 percent statutory cap that are critical to maintaining core activities supported by the fee. The Board of Governors will not consider fee increases intended to support any expansion of services and will not consider increases that are non-critical.

Notwithstanding the above, increases may be proposed that are offset by a commensurate decrease to another fee. This flexibility does not extend to debt service fees that would otherwise be scheduled to sunset because the associated debt service has been paid in full.

All increase proposals must be accompanied by an expenditure plan showing how the additional revenues are critically important for the fee-supported activity, including a description of why alternative sources or expenditure reductions are insufficient for addressing the needs of the fee-supported activity.

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 2027-2028 academic year, the University Tuition and Fees Committee members propose a 4.5% increase to the Educational and Technology Fee. No other increases to tuition or fees are recommended for this cycle.

The single fee increase is designed to support continued technology outlays for students, faculty, and staff while offsetting inflationary pressures present across the technology sector. The university is also launching a campus-wide AI enterprise solution to ensure that students, faculty, and staff have access to quality, appropriate AI tools and that UNCG can produce AI-savvy graduates.

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 outstanding student experiences and achieving student success outcomes.

The current annual rates and proposed rates are as follows:

Tuition

Tuition	Current Annual Rate 2026-27	Proposed Annual Rate 2027-28	Change
Undergraduate In-State Tuition	$4,555	$4,555	0.0%
Undergraduate Out-of-State Tuition	$22,038	$22,038	0.0%
Graduate In-State Tuition	$5,536	$5,536	0.0%
Graduate Out-of-State Tuition	$21,313	$21,313	0.0%

Required Student Fees

Required Fees	Current Annual Rate 2026-27	Proposed Annual Rate 2027-28	Change
Athletics Fee	$843	$843	0.0%
Student Activities Fee	$639	$639	0.0%
Health Services Fee	$421	$421	0.0%
Education & Technology Fee	$513	$536	4.5%
Student Facilities Fee	$707	$707	0.0%
Security Fee	$60	$60	0.0%
Student Government Fee	$1	$1	0.0%
Total Required Fees	$3,184	$3,207	0.72%

Proposed: 4.5% increase to Education & Technology Fee only.