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Southern Utah University – Online Tuition Reduction

Regent Policy R510, *Tuition* requires the Board of Regents set tuition, fees, and charges for each USHE institution. Institutions must hold truth-in-tuition hearings for any tuition increase, but may lower tuition during the interim with approval of the Board and the institution's Board of Trustees.

Southern Utah University currently offers several online-only graduate and undergraduate programs that attract primarily part-time and non-traditional students. To promote access, affordability, and completion, SUU proposes to combine the tuition and fees for online-only programs into a simple per-credit-hour structure and reduce the tuition schedule for these programs by approximately 23 percent on average for undergraduate students and 12 percent for graduate students. In making this change, SUU ensures that every student will have lower tuition, regardless of credit load. The attached letter from the university includes tables of the current and proposed tuition and fees with a *Difference* column indicating the change in tuition and fees for the online-only programs. In every case, the proposed tuition and fees are lower than the current rates.

Commissioner's Recommendations

The Commissioner recommends that the Board authorize Southern Utah University to modify and reduce the tuition schedules for online-only students effective Spring semester 2020 as proposed.

Attachment

Southern Utah University currently offers several online programs, primarily to mid-career professionals or non-traditional students who are unable to relocate to the campus or spend time during regular business hours to complete their degrees. Ninety-four percent of these students are taking courses part-time and struggle to pay tuition under the current plateau tuition schedule, which disadvantages these students who cannot be full-time students. Further, SUU has determined that it can promote access, affordability, and completion for these non-traditional, online-only students by decreasing tuition, adjusting the plateau, and providing a clear tuition schedule per credit hour that includes both tuition and fees.

Southern Utah University proposes to modify and reduce its tuition schedule for online-only students, effective Spring Semester 2020.

- This new schedule reduces tuition for every single online-only student.
- Students enrolled in online-only programs will be assessed tuition at a rate of \$300 per credit for undergraduate students and between \$355 and \$485 per credit for graduate students, depending on the graduate program.
- There will be no additional charge for any credits taken beyond the credit hour plateau.
- For the average undergraduate student, this proposed rate constitutes a 22.8% reduction in the cost for tuition and fees per semester and for graduate students, an 11.9% reduction.
- This tuition structure will only apply to students who enroll in online-only programs at SUU

Program	Cost Per Credit Before Plateau		Plateau	
	Proposed Tuition	Current Avg. Tuition/Fees	Credit Hour Plateau	Tuition Plateau
Master of Business Administration	\$485	\$555	14	\$6,790
Master of Accountancy	\$485	\$555	14	\$6,790
Master of Science in Business Analytics	\$485	\$529	14	\$6,790
Master of Science in Cyber Security	\$485	\$546	14	\$6,790
Master of Interdisciplinary Studies	\$430	\$480	14	\$6,020
Master of Music in Music Technology	\$430	\$458	14	\$6,020
Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration	\$430	\$480	14	\$6,020
Master of Arts in Arts Administration	\$430	\$480	14	\$6,020
Master of Public Administration	\$430	\$485	14	\$6,020
Master of Music Education	\$430	\$545	14	\$6,020
Master of Professional Communication	\$375	\$457	14	\$5,250
Master of Athletic Training	\$375	\$401	14	\$5,250
Master of Science in Sports Conditioning	\$375	\$477	14	\$5,250
Master of Education	\$355	\$393	10	\$3,550
Graduate Library/Media K-12 Endorsement	\$355	\$382	10	\$3,550
Undergraduate	\$300	\$389	13	\$3,900

Online Only - All Undergraduate Programs							
Credit Hours	Current					Proposed	Difference
	Tuition	Student Fees	Program Fees	Total Charges	Per Credit	Combined Tuition/Fees	
1	465.00	48.75	42.00	555.75	555.75	300.00	(255.75)
2	747.00	85.75	84.00	916.75	458.38	600.00	(316.75)
3	1,029.00	122.75	126.00	1,277.75	425.92	900.00	(377.75)
4	1,311.00	159.75	168.00	1,638.75	409.69	1,200.00	(438.75)
5	1,593.00	196.75	210.00	1,999.75	399.95	1,500.00	(499.75)
6	1,875.00	233.75	252.00	2,360.75	393.46	1,800.00	(560.75)
7	2,157.00	270.75	294.00	2,721.75	388.82	2,100.00	(621.75)
8	2,439.00	307.75	336.00	3,082.75	385.34	2,400.00	(682.75)
9	2,721.00	344.75	378.00	3,443.75	382.64	2,700.00	(743.75)
10	3,003.00	381.75	420.00	3,804.75	380.48	3,000.00	(804.75)
11	3,003.00	381.75	462.00	3,846.75	349.70	3,300.00	(546.75)
12	3,003.00	381.75	504.00	3,888.75	324.06	3,600.00	(288.75)
13	3,003.00	381.75	546.00	3,930.75	302.37	3,900.00	(30.75)
14	3,003.00	381.75	588.00	3,972.75	278.57	3,900.00	(72.75)
15	3,003.00	381.75	630.00	4,014.75	260.00	3,900.00	(114.75)
16	3,003.00	381.75	672.00	4,056.75	243.75	3,900.00	(156.75)
17	3,003.00	381.75	714.00	4,098.75	229.41	3,900.00	(198.75)
18	3,003.00	381.75	756.00	4,140.75	216.67	3,900.00	(240.75)
19	3,285.00	381.75	798.00	4,464.75	205.26	3,900.00	(564.75)
20	3,567.00	381.75	840.00	4,788.75	195.00	3,900.00	(888.75)
21	3,849.00	381.75	882.00	5,112.75	185.71	3,900.00	(1,212.75)
22	4,131.00	381.75	924.00	5,436.75	177.27	3,900.00	(1,536.75)
23	4,413.00	381.75	966.00	5,760.75	169.57	3,900.00	(1,860.75)
24	4,695.00	381.75	1,008.00	6,084.75	162.50	3,900.00	(2,184.75)
25	4,977.00	381.75	1,050.00	6,408.75	156.00	3,900.00	(2,508.75)

Online Only - Master of Business Administration Online Only - Master of Accountancy Online Only - Master of Science in Business Analytics Online Only - Master of Science in Cyber Security and Information Assurance							
	Current					Proposed	
Credit Hours	Tuition	Student Fees	Program Fees	Total Charges	Per Credit	Combined Tuition/Fees	Difference
1	799.00	48.75	30.00	877.75	877.75	485.00	(392.75)
2	1,222.00	85.75	60.00	1,367.75	683.88	970.00	(397.75)
3	1,645.00	122.75	90.00	1,857.75	619.25	1,455.00	(402.75)
4	2,068.00	159.75	120.00	2,347.75	586.94	1,940.00	(407.75)
5	2,491.00	196.75	150.00	2,837.75	567.55	2,425.00	(412.75)
6	2,914.00	233.75	180.00	3,327.75	554.63	2,910.00	(417.75)
7	3,337.00	270.75	210.00	3,817.75	545.39	3,395.00	(422.75)
8	3,760.00	307.75	240.00	4,307.75	538.47	3,880.00	(427.75)
9	4,183.00	344.75	270.00	4,797.75	533.08	4,365.00	(432.75)
10	4,606.00	381.75	300.00	5,287.75	528.78	4,850.00	(437.75)
11	5,029.00	381.75	330.00	5,740.75	521.89	5,335.00	(405.75)
12	5,452.00	381.75	360.00	6,193.75	516.15	5,820.00	(373.75)
13	5,875.00	381.75	390.00	6,646.75	511.29	6,305.00	(341.75)
14	6,298.00	381.75	420.00	7,099.75	450.36	6,305.00	(794.75)
15	6,721.00	381.75	450.00	7,552.75	420.33	6,305.00	(1,247.75)
16	7,144.00	381.75	480.00	8,005.75	394.06	6,305.00	(1,700.75)
17	7,567.00	381.75	510.00	8,458.75	370.88	6,305.00	(2,153.75)
18	7,990.00	381.75	540.00	8,911.75	350.28	6,305.00	(2,606.75)
19	8,413.00	381.75	570.00	9,364.75	331.84	6,305.00	(3,059.75)
20	8,836.00	381.75	600.00	9,817.75	315.25	6,305.00	(3,512.75)
21	9,259.00	381.75	630.00	10,270.75	300.24	6,305.00	(3,965.75)
22	9,682.00	381.75	660.00	10,723.75	286.59	6,305.00	(4,418.75)
23	10,105.00	381.75	690.00	11,176.75	274.13	6,305.00	(4,871.75)
24	10,528.00	381.75	720.00	11,629.75	262.71	6,305.00	(5,324.75)
25	10,951.00	381.75	750.00	12,082.75	252.20	6,305.00	(5,777.75)

Online Only - Master of Interdisciplinary Studies
Online Only - Master of Music in Music Technology
Online Only - Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration
Online Only - Master of Arts in Arts Administration
Online Only - Master of Public Administration
Online Only - Master of Music Education

	Current					Proposed	
Credit Hours	Tuition	Student Fees	Program Fees	Total Charges	Per Credit	Combined Tuition/Fees	Difference
1	742.00	48.75	15.00	805.75	805.75	430.00	(375.75)
2	1,105.00	85.75	30.00	1,220.75	610.38	860.00	(360.75)
3	1,468.00	122.75	45.00	1,635.75	545.25	1,290.00	(345.75)
4	1,831.00	159.75	60.00	2,050.75	512.69	1,720.00	(330.75)
5	2,194.00	196.75	75.00	2,465.75	493.15	2,150.00	(315.75)
6	2,557.00	233.75	90.00	2,880.75	480.13	2,580.00	(300.75)
7	2,920.00	270.75	105.00	3,295.75	470.82	3,010.00	(285.75)
8	3,283.00	307.75	120.00	3,710.75	463.84	3,440.00	(270.75)
9	3,646.00	344.75	135.00	4,125.75	458.42	3,870.00	(255.75)
10	4,009.00	381.75	150.00	4,540.75	454.08	4,300.00	(240.75)
11	4,372.00	381.75	165.00	4,918.75	447.16	4,730.00	(188.75)
12	4,735.00	381.75	180.00	5,296.75	441.40	5,160.00	(136.75)
13	5,098.00	381.75	195.00	5,674.75	436.52	5,590.00	(84.75)
14	5,461.00	381.75	210.00	6,052.75	432.34	6,020.00	(32.75)
15	5,824.00	381.75	225.00	6,430.75	401.33	6,020.00	(410.75)
16	6,187.00	381.75	240.00	6,808.75	376.25	6,020.00	(788.75)
17	6,550.00	381.75	255.00	7,186.75	354.12	6,020.00	(1,166.75)
18	6,913.00	381.75	270.00	7,564.75	334.44	6,020.00	(1,544.75)
19	7,276.00	381.75	285.00	7,942.75	316.84	6,020.00	(1,922.75)
20	7,639.00	381.75	300.00	8,320.75	301.00	6,020.00	(2,300.75)
21	8,002.00	381.75	315.00	8,698.75	286.67	6,020.00	(2,678.75)
22	8,365.00	381.75	330.00	9,076.75	273.64	6,020.00	(3,056.75)
23	8,728.00	381.75	345.00	9,454.75	261.74	6,020.00	(3,434.75)
24	9,091.00	381.75	360.00	9,832.75	250.83	6,020.00	(3,812.75)
25	9,454.00	381.75	375.00	10,210.75	240.80	6,020.00	(4,190.75)

Online Only - Master of Professional Communication							
Credit Hours	Current				Proposed		Difference
	Tuition	Student Fees	Program Fees	Total Charges	Per Credit	Combined Tuition/Fees	
1	795.00	48.75	19.75	863.50	863.50	375.00	(488.50)
2	1,093.00	85.75	39.50	1,218.25	609.13	750.00	(468.25)
3	1,391.00	122.75	59.25	1,573.00	524.33	1,125.00	(448.00)
4	1,689.00	159.75	79.00	1,927.75	481.94	1,500.00	(427.75)
5	1,987.00	196.75	98.75	2,282.50	456.50	1,875.00	(407.50)
6	2,285.00	233.75	118.50	2,637.25	439.54	2,250.00	(387.25)
7	2,583.00	270.75	138.25	2,992.00	427.43	2,625.00	(367.00)
8	2,881.00	307.75	158.00	3,346.75	418.34	3,000.00	(346.75)
9	3,179.00	344.75	177.75	3,701.50	411.28	3,375.00	(326.50)
10	3,477.00	381.75	197.50	4,056.25	405.63	3,750.00	(306.25)
11	3,775.00	381.75	217.25	4,374.00	397.64	4,125.00	(249.00)
12	4,073.00	381.75	237.00	4,691.75	390.98	4,500.00	(191.75)
13	4,371.00	381.75	256.75	5,009.50	385.35	4,875.00	(134.50)
14	4,669.00	381.75	276.50	5,327.25	380.52	5,250.00	(77.25)
15	4,967.00	381.75	296.25	5,645.00	350.00	5,250.00	(395.00)
16	5,265.00	381.75	316.00	5,962.75	328.13	5,250.00	(712.75)
17	5,563.00	381.75	335.75	6,280.50	308.82	5,250.00	(1,030.50)
18	5,861.00	381.75	355.50	6,598.25	291.67	5,250.00	(1,348.25)
19	6,159.00	381.75	375.25	6,916.00	276.32	5,250.00	(1,666.00)
20	6,457.00	381.75	395.00	7,233.75	262.50	5,250.00	(1,983.75)
21	6,755.00	381.75	414.75	7,551.50	250.00	5,250.00	(2,301.50)
22	7,053.00	381.75	434.50	7,869.25	238.64	5,250.00	(2,619.25)
23	7,351.00	381.75	454.25	8,187.00	228.26	5,250.00	(2,937.00)
24	7,649.00	381.75	474.00	8,504.75	218.75	5,250.00	(3,254.75)
25	7,947.00	381.75	493.75	8,822.50	210.00	5,250.00	(3,572.50)

Online Only - Master of Athletic Training							
Online Only - Master of Science in Sports Conditioning & Performance							
Credit Hours	Current					Proposed	Difference
	Tuition	Student Fees	Program Fees	Total Charges	Per Credit	Combined Tuition/Fees	
1	795.00	48.75	15.00	858.75	858.75	375.00	(483.75)
2	1,093.00	85.75	30.00	1,208.75	604.38	750.00	(458.75)
3	1,391.00	122.75	45.00	1,558.75	519.58	1,125.00	(433.75)
4	1,689.00	159.75	60.00	1,908.75	477.19	1,500.00	(408.75)
5	1,987.00	196.75	75.00	2,258.75	451.75	1,875.00	(383.75)
6	2,285.00	233.75	90.00	2,608.75	434.79	2,250.00	(358.75)
7	2,583.00	270.75	105.00	2,958.75	422.68	2,625.00	(333.75)
8	2,881.00	307.75	120.00	3,308.75	413.59	3,000.00	(308.75)
9	3,179.00	344.75	135.00	3,658.75	406.53	3,375.00	(283.75)
10	3,477.00	381.75	150.00	4,008.75	400.88	3,750.00	(258.75)
11	3,775.00	381.75	165.00	4,321.75	392.89	4,125.00	(196.75)
12	4,073.00	381.75	180.00	4,634.75	386.23	4,500.00	(134.75)
13	4,371.00	381.75	195.00	4,947.75	380.60	4,875.00	(72.75)
14	4,669.00	381.75	210.00	5,260.75	375.77	5,250.00	(10.75)
15	4,967.00	381.75	225.00	5,573.75	350.00	5,250.00	(323.75)
16	5,265.00	381.75	240.00	5,886.75	328.13	5,250.00	(636.75)
17	5,563.00	381.75	255.00	6,199.75	308.82	5,250.00	(949.75)
18	5,861.00	381.75	270.00	6,512.75	291.67	5,250.00	(1,262.75)
19	6,159.00	381.75	285.00	6,825.75	276.32	5,250.00	(1,575.75)
20	6,457.00	381.75	300.00	7,138.75	262.50	5,250.00	(1,888.75)
21	6,755.00	381.75	315.00	7,451.75	250.00	5,250.00	(2,201.75)
22	7,053.00	381.75	330.00	7,764.75	238.64	5,250.00	(2,514.75)
23	7,351.00	381.75	345.00	8,077.75	228.26	5,250.00	(2,827.75)
24	7,649.00	381.75	360.00	8,390.75	218.75	5,250.00	(3,140.75)
25	7,947.00	381.75	375.00	8,703.75	210.00	5,250.00	(3,453.75)

Online Only - Master of Education							
Online Only - Graduate Library/Media K-12 Endorsement							
	Current					Proposed	
Credit Hours	Tuition	Student Fees	Program Fees	Total Charges	Per Credit	Combined Tuition/Fees	Difference
1	607.00	48.75	15.00	670.75	670.75	355.00	(315.75)
2	879.00	85.75	30.00	994.75	497.38	710.00	(284.75)
3	1,151.00	122.75	45.00	1,318.75	439.58	1,065.00	(253.75)
4	1,423.00	159.75	60.00	1,642.75	410.69	1,420.00	(222.75)
5	1,695.00	196.75	75.00	1,966.75	393.35	1,775.00	(191.75)
6	1,967.00	233.75	90.00	2,290.75	381.79	2,130.00	(160.75)
7	2,239.00	270.75	105.00	2,614.75	373.54	2,485.00	(129.75)
8	2,511.00	307.75	120.00	2,938.75	367.34	2,840.00	(98.75)
9	2,783.00	344.75	135.00	3,262.75	362.53	3,195.00	(67.75)
10	3,055.00	381.75	150.00	3,586.75	358.68	3,550.00	(36.75)
11	3,327.00	381.75	165.00	3,873.75	322.73	3,550.00	(323.75)
12	3,599.00	381.75	180.00	4,160.75	295.83	3,550.00	(610.75)
13	3,871.00	381.75	195.00	4,447.75	273.08	3,550.00	(897.75)
14	4,143.00	381.75	210.00	4,734.75	253.57	3,550.00	(1,184.75)
15	4,415.00	381.75	225.00	5,021.75	236.67	3,550.00	(1,471.75)
16	4,687.00	381.75	240.00	5,308.75	221.88	3,550.00	(1,758.75)
17	4,959.00	381.75	255.00	5,595.75	208.82	3,550.00	(2,045.75)
18	5,231.00	381.75	270.00	5,882.75	197.22	3,550.00	(2,332.75)
19	5,503.00	381.75	285.00	6,169.75	186.84	3,550.00	(2,619.75)
20	5,775.00	381.75	300.00	6,456.75	177.50	3,550.00	(2,906.75)
21	6,047.00	381.75	315.00	6,743.75	169.05	3,550.00	(3,193.75)
22	6,319.00	381.75	330.00	7,030.75	161.36	3,550.00	(3,480.75)
23	6,591.00	381.75	345.00	7,317.75	154.35	3,550.00	(3,767.75)
24	6,863.00	381.75	360.00	7,604.75	147.92	3,550.00	(4,054.75)
25	7,135.00	381.75	375.00	7,891.75	142.00	3,550.00	(4,341.75)