



# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

## Tuition & Fee Public Meeting, February 17, 2009

President George C. Wright and  
Vice President for Business Affairs  
Mary Lee Hodge



# Tuition & Fee Agenda

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- President's FY10 Tuition/Fee Philosophy
- FY10 Financial Environment
- University-Wide Fee Requests
- College/Department Specific Fee Requests
- Public Comment

# President Wright's FY10 Tuition and Fee Philosophy

- PVAMU students deserve a good education.
- Students can get a cheap education.
- But, there is no such thing as a good, cheap education.
- However, considering the state of the economy, President Wright believes that PVAMU must do its part to minimize increases as much as possible.
- His recommendations limit tuition and mandatory fee increases to the equivalent of saving \$25/month for a fall/spring, 12-SCH undergraduate student.

# FY10 Financial Environment

- THERE ARE MANY BUDGET UNKNOWNNS AT THIS POINT.
- 2009 legislative session is underway
  - Proposed bill shows a \$4,934,688 general revenue shortfall
  - \$518,216 is due to the expiration the remaining OCR funds
  - Net shortfall is estimated at \$4,416,472
  - Hold harmless funding has been requested but receipt of same is unknown

# FY10 Financial Environment- Continued

- Other revenue stressors
  - PUF earnings are down about 1/3 and System Endowment earnings are down 27%. For FY10, it is hoped that our allocations will remain whole, but we expect reductions beginning in FY11.
  - Interest income earnings are down substantially to around 1%.



# FY10 Financial Environment- Continued

- Costs have increased such as
  - Costs of supplies and materials
  - Costs of services we purchase
  - Public officer salaries and benefits to retain our security forces
- BUT we recognize that all of the cost increases cannot be passed on to PVAMU students.
- For instance, we will be cutting VP and Dean interest income allocations by 50% in FY10.

# FY10 Designated Tuition

- Due to revenue uncertainties, the Texas A&M University System requires all components to submit a range
- PVAMU minimum is \$5.75-Amount we would like to charge
- PVAMU maximum is \$22.50-Amount of our projected shortfall

# Designed Tuition @ Preferred Rate of \$5.75/SCH

2% Merit Increase-If GR funding is restored, reserves will pay for most of the increase	\$245,000
Fringe Benefits	67,375
Financial Aid including Panther Promise	<u>750,000</u>
	\$1,062,375



# Designed Tuition @ Maximum of \$22.50/SCH

2% Merit and Partial GR Restoration	\$2,200,000
Fringe Benefits	605,000
Departmental Operations	275,000
Financial Aid including Panther Promise	<u>832,500</u>
	\$3,912,500

# University-Wide Fee Requests- Athletic Fee

- Department Request=\$2.60/SCH to fund:
  - Salaries and Fringe Benefits of \$146,625
  - Departmental Operating Cost Increases of \$45,000
  - Maintenance and Equipment of \$125,000
  - Scholarships of \$50,000
  - Medical Expenses and Supplies of \$12,000
- Limitation under President's FY10  
Philosophy=\$0.50/SCH which would only fund an  
increase in scholarships

# University-Wide Fee Requests- Financial Aid

- Call Center Fee @ \$50/Semester to fund outsourced call center operation to answer student calls and inquiries
- Financial Aid Advisement Fee @ \$30/Semester to fund additional staff, equipment, consulting fees, and departmental operating costs
- Limitation under President's FY10 Philosophy=One \$30/Semester Financial Aid Advisement Fee that could aspects of both fee requests

# University-Wide Fee Requests- Health Center Fee

- Departmental Request=\$7/Semester in Fall & Spring and \$5/Summer
- Restitution of fee cut some years ago to avoid loss of critical services
- The System says the limit for this increase will be \$2.50/Semester

# University-Wide Fee Requests- Student Service Fee

- Department Request=Removal of \$150 Cap but no change in \$14/SCH charge
- Last year, student fee allocation process was only able to award funds equal to 50% of the amount requested
- Limitation under President's FY10 Philosophy=Raise the Cap to \$160 which would add an estimated \$200K to the student fee allocation process



# University-Wide Fee Requests- Undergraduate Application Fee

- Departmental Request=\$25/application to fund
  - New Transfer Admissions Counselor
  - Departmental Operating costs
- Limitation under President's FY10 Philosophy=\$10/application to fund most critical needs but limiting total to \$35/application to avoid discouraging applicants

# Other Fee Requests

- Already approved by Student Vote:
  - International Student Fee to increase scholarships for studies abroad
  - Recreational Fee but will be limited to \$20/semester under President's FY10 Tuition & Fee Philosophy
- Presidential Denials:
  - College of Business Graduate Incremental Tuition (at maximum)
  - College of Business Student Service Fee (at maximum)
  - Engineering Distance Learning Fee (University already has a Distance Learning Fee)

# Other Fee Requests



- Departmental Fees:
  - Architecture Course Fees
  - Band Course Fee
  - Physics Course Fee
  - Education Graduate Incremental Tuition
  - Engineering Undergraduate Course Fee
  - Engineering Graduate Course Fee

# Next Steps

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- Public Testimony Tonight
- Student Vote on Athletic Fee and Student Service Fee
- Public Hearing at Board of Regents Meeting
- Fall 2009 Implementation

# THANK YOU!

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