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[1] **Whereas** the Guaranteed Tuition Plan¹ is designed to shield students from sporadic fluctuations in the tuition rate at the University of Texas System, while enabling the University to administer the rising costs of providing a high-quality education.

[2] **Whereas** a four year Guaranteed Tuition Plan provides a system where families can accurately predict and effectuate a student's college career, thus preventing families from incurring unexpected financial costs..

[3] **Whereas** a four year Guaranteed Tuition Plan allows students to better manage their financial needs while they are at the University.

[4] **Whereas** a four year Guaranteed Tuition Plan would provide financial incentives to graduate within a four year period since the academic year for a student with a four year degree plan would not be assured the same tuition rate under the proposed plan.

[5] **Whereas** each year the University will predict how revenue needs are expected to change during the four years of the Guaranteed Tuition Plan to ensure that adequate funds are available to address the educational requirements of its students, and determine appropriate tuition levels for the next year.

[6] **Whereas** over thirty universities around the nation have successfully implemented similar guaranteed tuition plans such as Baylor University as well as the public universities of Wisconsin, Florida, and Illinois.

[7] **Whereas** the Student Government at the University of Texas strongly supports implementing a four year Guaranteed Tuition Plan for the University of Texas System. .

Comments

Footnotes

1. The Guaranteed Tuition Plan is designed to protect students from the volatile rise of tuition implemented by the University of Texas System by locking tuition for the four years in which the student is enrolled. Each successive class will pay a greater tuition than the previous entering class. After four years, tuition will no longer be guaranteed for students still enrolled at the University and those students will then pay the same rate as the entering class of students, thereby providing students a financial incentive to graduate within four years.