



**Resident Undergraduate Tuition Case Statement
Arizona State University
Fiscal Year 2009
Executive Summary**

Background and Context

- ASU by design has one of the lowest levels of tuition and fees of any senior public research university in the country.
- ASU offers abundant opportunities for financial aid for students and families at various income levels.
- Tuition and fees cover only part of the cost of an ASU education.
- By paying for a portion of their education through tuition and fees, students make the best investment they can in their future, including the potential for increasing their lifetime earnings by more than 100%.

The Arizona State University tuition proposal and promise

- Begin to fully implement ABOR tuition policy in a phased approach
 - Currently enrolled students
 - Tuition increase of 5% for FY09, plus fees.
 - Guarantee that the same rate of increase would be maintained for the remaining period until five years after admission as a freshman.
 - New resident freshman and transfers
 - Increase current level of tuition by 12.2%, which when combined with a \$200 increase in mandatory fees (for \$5,759 in total costs) corresponds to the ABOR policy level.
 - Guarantee that tuition will rise by only 5 percent per year in each of the remaining years until five years after admission as a freshman.
 - Assumes no unusual levels of inflation and no substantial change in the levels of state support.
- ASU Commitment:
 - Financial aid programs that continue to ensure that a lack of family resources will not prevent enrollment or continued attendance for any qualified student in any case.
 - Continue to increase our programs to maintain a cutting edge range of program options to ensure that all students can pursue degree work in fields directly related to their interests and that match the needs of the changing world.
 - Guaranteed seats in all required courses in the sequence needed to ensure that all students so motivated can complete their undergraduate degree work in four years.
 - Enhanced advising infrastructure (both in terms of personnel and technological infrastructure) that provides students with the personal support needed to make informed choices about what career fits them best and the preparation needed for that career and life choice.
 - Increased opportunities for exposure and involvement in research activities in a student's field of study.
 - Guaranteed admission to master's programs at ASU for any Arizona resident who has completed his/her ASU bachelor's degree within the last three years with a cumulative 3.5 GPA or above (excluding professional master's degrees). Since admission to a specific master's degree program is dependent on various factors (e.g., capacity and accreditation requirements), a student may be offered admission to other related master's programs.
 - Expanded career counseling, internships and placement services.
 - Enhanced access to health services.