

Office of the President

February 21, 2014 Report

1) Graduate Student Programing Fee

I am so proud that the bill has come forward for the gradate

2) Tuition and fee setting

Provost Page will be attending our next Assembly meeting to discuss program fees and tuition. Kaitlyn Thompson, the Student Regent, Kim, Adrian, and myself met prior to the board of regents meeting and decided to advocate for the following process changes:

- 1) Each College should host an annual meeting to discuss proposed fees and students should be presented with information about the fee setting process and given the opportunity to provide feedback.
- 2) Each College shall establish a fee renewal committee with students having access to budgets documenting the expenses paid by their fee money

I recommend a bill formalizing these suggestions for the March meeting, along with assembly members meeting with their College Dean about the fees.

3) Healthcare Task force

I attended the January Task force meeting to discuss increases to student health insurance. Dr. Marcus, the head of ASU Health, is attending today's meeting to discuss further. Below are some of the options we are considering. **PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THESE ARE JUST ESTIMATES AND SUGGESTIONS NOT THE FINAL DECISIONS.**

Increase the individual deductible to \$850 and increase the Out-of-Pocket Maximum from \$1,500 to \$3,850. The Plan would transition to type of service provided from current place of service logic. There would be no change to Health Center Arrangements. Selecting this option would be worth **-5.0 percent** and would bring the plan in line with the PPACA requirement to adhere to a specific actuarial value tier level.

- Change Lab Services from 100% to 80% (includes labs sent out by Health Centers) – **-0.75 percent.**
- Add \$300 Outpatient Surgical Copay (deductible wouldn't apply, just copay) - **-0.25 percent.**
- Add \$500 Copay per Inpatient Admission (deductible wouldn't apply, just copay) - **-0.40 percent.** While we looked into converting the Inpatient Admission copayment to a per diem basis, Aetna has stated they do not have the ability to administer that design.
- Simplified Insurance Requirement – In this option, full-time students attending the three schools would attest annually to having health insurance. Basic data would be collected (i.e. insurance company name, type of policy, etc.), but there would be no verification of information and no auditing, except for international students. Students who take no action by the deadline are defaulted on the plan and can waive out the following term. Aetna would provide a **-4.0 percent** credit for selecting this option. If this option is chosen, we believe there is the ability to negotiate a larger decrement.

- Basic Insurance Requirement Option – ABOR establishes a minimum level of insurance required for Full-time students attending the three schools (i.e., deductible levels, out of pocket levels, etc.). If this option were selected, Aetna would provide a **-10.0 percent** credit. If this option is chosen, we believe there is the ability to negotiate a larger decrement.
- Maintain the current benefit levels but applying deductible to all services before coinsurance & copays (except Emergency Room Copay; deductible would still apply, but an ER copay would also apply). Aetna is proposing a credit of **-2.2 percent** for this option.
- Increasing the Urgent Care copay from \$35 to \$50 would result in a credit of **-0.05 percent**.
- Decreasing the coinsurance level from 80 percent to 70 percent would result in a credit of **-0.4 percent**. If this option is desired, we believe there is additional room to negotiate a larger credit.

4) Family Resource Board

The family resource center will be conducting focus groups to understand student parents' needs in March. Next Fall a university survey will be conducted to further evaluate the needs. It is the boards desire that the results be closely examined to determine how best to serve student parents.

5) Athletic Fee Update

Jordan Davis, USG Tempe President, and I have been meeting with each of the nine regents to propose the athletic fee. The meetings have gone well. Further, President Crow has instructed the Provost to increase TA/RA pay and budget estimates are being done for next year.

6) ABOR Safety Committee

I am the graduate student representative for the Safety Committee established by the Regents to examine and enhance student safety on campus, as well as in nearby communities where students reside. The board is made up of parents, community leaders, and the Tempe and ASU police chiefs. Let me know if you have any concerns for me to relay.