

**Faculty Conference Report from the Chair
November 19, 2021**

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE WINTHROP UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 10/29/21

- **RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TUITION RATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS - ARTS ADMINISTRATION ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR**

WHEREAS, the respective Boards of Trustees at state institutions of higher learning are empowered to determine tuition rates; and
WHEREAS, the members of the Board recognize their fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the University's budget strikes a balance between actual resources and commitments; and
WHEREAS, based on a review of like programs, the program in Arts Administration at Winthrop University is currently priced considerably higher than its competitors; and
WHEREAS, Winthrop may anticipate an increase in enrollment for this program with more competitive pricing;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the tuition for the Master of Arts - Arts Administration online graduate program for the 2022-23 Academic Year be set at \$699 per credit hour.

- **RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REALLOCATION OF THE ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT TO FUND THE NEW STUDENT FEE, AND A ONE-TIME NON-REFUNDABLE HOUSING APPLICATION FEE TO ACCOMPANY ALL FIRST TIME HOUSING APPLICATIONS BEGINNING WITH THE ENTERING CLASS OF 2022**

WHEREAS, the respective Boards of Trustees at state institutions of higher learning are empowered to determine schedules of student fees; and
WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Trustees at Winthrop University have examined the recommendations regarding the reallocation of the enrollment deposit, the establishment of the New Student Fee, and the introduction of a Housing Application fee at Winthrop University; and
WHEREAS, the members of the Board recognize their fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the University's budget strikes a balance between actual resources and commitments; and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \$300 Enrollment Deposit be reallocated to fund the New Student Fee—\$210 for Freshmen and \$85 for Transfers—and a one-time, non-refundable \$50 housing application fee which will accompany all first-time housing applications commencing in Spring and Summer 2022 for the 2022-23 Academic Year as reflected on the fee schedules to be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

- **RESOLUTION REGARDING BECOMING A LAPTOP CAMPUS FOR 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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WHEREAS, having access to technology in the classroom is an experience most of our students bring from K-12 and can facilitate new types of learning experiences in higher education not currently possible; and

WHEREAS, a laptop requirement for all students would give students more flexibility on when, where, and how they complete their work; and

WHEREAS, knowing students have laptops that meet minimum system requirements specified by academic colleges and Winthrop's Computing & Information Technology department will permit faculty to design their curriculum and pedagogical techniques around certain baseline assumptions regarding student technology capabilities in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, over time, computer laboratory spaces may be recoverable as academic spaces, and increases in enrollment will not automatically necessitate increases in laboratory space.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Winthrop University institute a laptop requirement for all students attending Winthrop University beginning in the 2022-23 Academic Year.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Winthrop administration be charged with developing a robust laptop program that includes adequate Wi-Fi and technological support while minimizing the financial impact to the University.