General Assembly Meeting: Tuition Proposal

Meet-me-line: (928) 523-9119

Conducting: Moussa Tankari, Treasurer

6:00 Guest Speaker — President Haeger & M.J. McMahon

State of NAU Budget
Constant Flux
How can we provide quality programming with less state funding?

Moderate tuition increase this year. How can we find other ways to get out of the pinch we are in?
More students, fewer faculty, same quality – So how?
Since many of you are GA’s you realize the dilemma that we are in. The personal responsibility for the success of our students. Telling faculty that you have to get these students through but not lower standards. Changing role of faculty.

National priority – we used to be funded on enrollment, now we are funded on completeness (performance funding). Down to the individual faculty member. Comes from K-12 and performance matrix. i.e. faculty that regularly fail 40% of students.

Math emporium will begin next year. All of the studies show that you can keep this generation of students for 15 minutes. VA tech, Central Florida, have started this program. The content will self-pace themselves through a program until they have a problem. They can raise their hands and receive help from

Let technology take over with many aspects of campus, especially with learning i.e. assisting student’s learning versus giving them content.

Tuition recommendation – Grad res going up 4.7% ($373)
Statewide up 5% (also about $372)

Graduate students pay less than undergraduates to provide a stimulus to building graduate students. Which is unusual (ASU and UA are more than Undergraduates)

$9271 Undergraduate
$8738 Graduate

On the Flagstaff Campus, most Graduates function in a teaching role directly in the department.

NAGPS Graduate Appreciation Week: April 2-6, 2012
http://www.nagps.org/events/graduate-student-appreciation-week
We may get about 109 million from the state this year. There must be a substantive economic recovery for more money to be given to higher education.

Unfortunately, the legislature does not trust higher education institutions.

What can we expect from the tuition hearings? What is the impact of ASU’s political move of not offering a tuition increase this year? We don’t know.

What is the Plan B? Another public debate with the regents. The pledge is what brings the majority of students to our campus. We would find other things to get rid of.

Our tuition is substantially less than the other three universities on all accounts (Undergrad, Graduate, Statewide, etc.)

Our budget is mostly held by undergraduate WUE students that buy a meal plan and live in a residence hall.

Tuition hearing, one month later ABOR meets and votes to support or not support each tuition proposal.

The big piece we miss is graduate fellowships. We must build that. The goal is interdisciplinary integration of PhDs

This fall we will open Physician’s Assistance and Physical Therapy in Phoenix.

Sustainability panel with ASU last Friday, mostly it was “what is the next step?” Carbon neutrality is possible by 2020, we are striving to promote more bus ridership. We are bringing in a company called Noresco, who will audit each building on campus and make it more energy efficient.

6:30 – 6:50 Discussions facilitated by Dean Ramona Mellott
   March 28, 2012 Tuition proposal hearing

Ideally, we would like to see no increase, yet sharing the burden of graduating students and retaining quality education should be a priority. We should support the president and a modest 3-4% increase.

6:50 – 7:00 Committee Reports
   Legislative Committee, Stacie Leach, Secretary
   No new report.
   Budget and Travel Awards, Moussa Tankari, Treasurer
   By the numbers:

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Northern Arizona University Graduate Student Government
Meeting Agenda March 5, 2012
6:00 PM-7:30 PM Ashurst, A109

38 Applications
$36,486 requested
From 16 departments
The committee will meet tomorrow at 6:15 to allocate funds
We have approximately $6000 to allocate.
Arizona Students’ Association, Johan Bodaski ASA Director
Bill on mandatory $2000 tuition has been dropped.
Social Committee, Rebecca McIlvaine, At-Large Representative
Financial Aid lunch went well and has spoken to Michelle about offering another day and time.

7:00 – 7:15 Extended Campuses Visit Saturday on March 3, 2012, Miranda Tinney, Extended Campuses Representative
No one attended. Gave us an opportunity to discuss other options if we decide to do it again.
Marketing and Communication Committee, Emily Wells, Arts and Letters Representative
Pick up posters and distribute to your colleges!
Elections Committee, Michael Cook, Vice President
No updates.
Funds for speakers on campus. How would we like to allocate funds?
“Senate Bill” or special allocation similar to ASNAU to where they may be able to request funds.
Grievance Policy Committee, Michael Cook, Vice President
No update.

7:15 – 7:30 National Association of Graduate-Professional Students
Western Regional Conference April 13 & 14, Stacie Leach, Secretary
2 schools registered, Regent Myers cannot make it and he offered to ask Tom Anders and Fred Duval. We have invited Fred Duval and are waiting for his response. We are looking for presentations, if you are interested in presenting, please do. You can work with others on GSG. The registration and call for papers are on the NAGPS website.
GSG Website Update, Johan Bodaski
Met last Friday with Marketing, the site is laid out on paper and we will go through to verify language. Will give it back to marketing on Friday after Spring Break.

7:30 End.