

Report on Senate Resolution S-0111
Tuition Increases

The Senate Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed tuition increases at other public AAU institutions in the region and with other New Jersey Senior Public Colleges and Universities. The analysis has compared tuition/fee increases in aggregate as various institutions have different charges within “fees.” The following table (Table 1) illustrates the comparisons with other AAU public institutions in the region. In the last year tuition/fee increases at Rutgers were slightly less (5% vs. 6%), in the last five years higher (30% vs. 21%) and in the last ten years slightly lower (73% vs. 77%).

Table 1
Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Required Fees
Rutgers vs. Other AAU Publics in Region

<u>University</u>	<u>Tuition/Fees</u>		<u>% Increases</u>	
	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>10 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>	<u>1 Year</u>
Maryland	\$ 5,341	120	28	4
Michigan	\$ 7,375	82	21	6
Michigan State	\$ 5,912	63	21	9
North Carolina	\$ 3,277	163	52	18
Ohio State	\$ 4,788	86	38	9
Penn State	\$ 7,574	72	35	8
Pittsburgh	\$ 7,482	60	27	7
<i>RUTGERS</i>	\$ 6,655	73	30	5
SUNY-Buffalo	\$ 4,790	90	14	2
SUNY-Stony Brook	\$ 4,268	77	10	1
Virginia	\$ 4,421	32	-5	2
<i>Natl Mean – AAU Publics</i>	\$ 4,642	77	21	6

Source: Institutional Research Office, University of Missouri-Columbia

Table 2 illustrates resident undergraduate tuition/fee increases in comparison to New Jersey’s Senior Public Colleges and Universities. In the last year, and over a five year period, Rutgers’ percent increase was below all the other institutions listed. In addition, a calculation of the dollar increase during this same five year period illustrates that Rutgers was lower than all other institutions except New Jersey City University.

Two things can be concluded from this information. First, the percent change in Rutgers tuition/fees over the last 10 years is consistent with our peer AAU public institutions. Second, over the last five years the dollar increase in Rutgers tuition has been below that of all but one New Jersey 4-year public institution.

Table 2
Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Required Fees
New Jersey's Senior Public Colleges and Universities

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Tuition/Fees</u> <u>2001-02</u>	<u>% Increases</u>		<u>Approx. \$</u> <u>Increase - 5 years</u> <u>Change*</u>
		<u>5 Year</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	
NJIT	\$ 7,200	31.7	7	\$ 1,735
RUTGERS	\$ 6,655	31.2	5.1	\$ 1,583
College of New Jersey	\$ 6,661	49.8	11.2	\$ 2,215
Kean University	\$ 5,121	52.1	11	\$ 1,754
Montclair State University	\$ 5,103	47.2	11.9	\$ 1,636
New Jersey City University	\$ 5,063	43.5	9.6	\$ 1,535
Rd. Stockton College	\$ 5,136	47.9	9	\$ 1,663
Ramapo College	\$ 6,178	64.7	11.1	\$ 2,427
Rowan University	\$ 5,779	54.1	8.1	\$ 2,029
Wm. Paterson University	\$ 5,702	68.7	10.7	\$ 2,322

Data Source: New Jersey Commission on Higher Education website.
Calculations by Office of University Budgeting, November, 2001.

*Calculated by Senator Hamm from 2001/2 Tuition/Fees and 5 year % increase