



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDÁT GUÁHAN
Board of Regents**

Resolution No. 19-41

**RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF GUAM TUITION, EFFECTIVE FANUCHÁNAN (FALL) 2020**

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (UOG) is the primary U.S. Land Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the Western Pacific region;

WHEREAS, the governance and well-being of UOG is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR);

WHEREAS, UOG had received less in allotments than appropriations from FY 2016 to FY 2018, totaling approximately \$12.3M, and have undergone reduced appropriations since FY 2018;

WHEREAS, the allotment shortages and appropriation reductions have been too severe for the University to absorb in the face of the initiation of a new School of Engineering and increasing personnel costs, deferred maintenance and preventive maintenance costs, classroom/lab space expansion costs driven by need, safety and security costs, utility costs, etc.;

WHEREAS, UOG submitted a FY 2020 general operations budget request of \$33.9M, which allowed for the University to catch up with some deferred maintenance, hire fulltime faculty and staff needed to reduce the time to graduation, and to return some contractual items to payment sourcing from the Government of Guam General Fund;

WHEREAS, UOG has also determined that a series of tuition increases is needed in order to prevent even further degradation of activities on campus;

WHEREAS, the University has publicly proposed tuition rate changes and along with an economic impact statement per 5 GCA Article 3 Section 9301 (f), it held a public hearing on Friday, October 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and the BOR Committees on Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree (SASARHD), and Budget, Finance, and Audit (BFA), having reviewed and discussed the proposed tuition increases and its impacts, recommend the proposal to the BOR for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR hereby approves resident tuition increases up to 5% each semester beginning with Fanuchánan 2020 up to a total of 30%, non-resident tuition rates at 2.0 times the rate of resident tuition and a tuition rate set at 1.5 times the rate of resident tuition rates may be provided for eligible candidates under the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education and the Professional International Programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UOG President is delegated the authority to reduce, defer, or extend the timeframe of the tuition rate increase in the event the University receives additional funding sought from the Government of Guam or if the UOG President otherwise determines that the proposed increase can be modified. Any extension of the timeframe shall not result in the UOG President raising tuition by more than 30% as allowed in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the initial 30% tuition increase authorized by this resolution, tuition rates may be adjusted every year thereafter based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) change for the year ending data available at the time of the budget submission to the Guam Legislature. However, the UOG President is authorized to defer or reduce the CPI based tuition increases in the event the University receives additional funding sought from the Government of Guam or if the UOG President otherwise determines that the proposed increase can be modified or deferred.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2019.



Christopher K. Felix, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., Executive Secretary