Your guide to understanding tuition at ISU

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Considerable uncertainty about state appropriations, as well as a promise to only increase tuition once this academic year.

It is for these reasons, Iowa students at all three regent universities will not know what their tuition costs will look like for next year until April, with approval of the increase not until June — two months before students return to school.

However, years of lagging state appropriations and tuition increases are not uncommon. As far as higher education funding goes, it may be one of the only things Iowa students can expect come each year when the state House revisits Iowa's budget.

"Unfortunately, there are very few things that are predictable in today's world," Iowa State President Wendy Wintersteen said in an interview in early February. "So as we look at the work the legislature, as we look at the economic struggles of the state and what that might mean in terms of cuts to the Board of Regents, I think that makes predictability difficult."

So, how to understand Iowa's tuition climate? It's not easy.

In early August, interim Iowa State President Benjamin Allen was tasked with presenting a tuition proposal to the Iowa Board of Regents tuition task force. The task force convened after two rounds of state funding cuts that totaled more than $30 million.

The proposal presented by Iowa State was simple: It focused on what it would take to fund the resources to maintain, as well as grow, the quality of its education.

This could be done through meeting certain goals — including to recruit and hire 330 new faculty and staff, to meet deferred maintenance needs and to grow the university 900,000 square feet so resources can serve at capacity.

To get to this point? A five-year annual 7 percent increase for resident undergraduates and a 4 percent increase for non-resident undergraduates. Additionally, Iowa State proposed differential adjustments for engineering, business and other STEM programs.

What now? Currently, Reynolds is recommending a midyear reduction of $5.1 million to Iowa Board of Regents tuition. The House and Senate, who shape the legislation that ultimately decides the budget, is proposing a $8.1 million and $14.1 million reduction, respectively.

Olson said if cuts like these are implemented, which are later followed by tuition increase — there could be generational impacts.

"Looking back, I don't know that I would've made it if school had cost even a few more hundred dollars," he said.

Olson continued "I had a sick feeling in my stomach when the Iowa Senate announced $14.5 million in appropriations to the regent universities."

On Friday, Student Government released a petition asking the statehouse "invest in us." As of Monday night, it had 387 signatures.

"It seems to me that our state has reached a critical turning point when it comes to public higher education," Smith said.

In a plea to the legislators, Olson said in a prepared statement he is worried his sister may not be able to be an Iowa State student if tuition continues to increase.

"But can she afford to be a Cyclone? We grew up below the poverty line and I had to pave my own way through college," he said. "I was fortunate to receive scholarships and financial aid from state and federal programs.

"Even so, there was never a semester without worrying about having enough money to pay my housing bill or get the books I needed for school."

"[Wintersteen] helped us understand that in order to keep our education at the top of its level... this was what needed to be done."

-Edan Lambert, senior in animal science

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Budgeting over the years: tuition & state appropriations

WHERE IT’S BEEN

ENGINEERING

DIFFERENTIAL UNDERGRAD
BASE $3,728
$4,908 +$1,180

DIFFERENTIAL INTERNATIONAL
GRADUATE
BASE $4,472
$5,104 +$632

BASE $12,297
$11,153 +$1,144

BUSINESS

DIFFERENTIAL UNDERGRAD
BASE $3,728
$4,718 +$990

DIFFERENTIAL INTERNATIONAL
GRADUATE
BASE $4,472
$5,406 +$934

BASE $12,144
$11,153 +$991

DIFFERENTIAL

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With state budget cuts and increases in tuition, students are looking for ways to lower tuition costs in any way possible.

The College of Business and College of Engineering took student polls and worked with student council to figure out the best way to go about differential tuition.

The whole planning process took about two years.

Differential tuition has been a part of the College of Business since 2012.

The Ivy College of Business is the second newest college at Iowa State, behind the College of Human Sciences, and the second largest in terms of enrollment.

David Spalding, the dean of the College of Business said differential tuition is necessary in a college where the enrollment has been so large in such a short amount of time.

Spalding said almost all of the money differential tuition raises goes toward hiring new, more valuable faculty. The main goal differential tuition funds is lowering the student-faculty ratio.

Spalding also said differential tuition will in part offset cost of loans for a new business building, but most of the building itself is funded by donations, grants and loans.

The College of Engineering was the first college at Iowa State to adopt differential tuition in 2006.

Dean of Engineering Sara Rajala explained how the College of Engineering uses differential tuition slightly differently than the College of Business.

Most, about 70 percent, of differential tuition is used for hiring and training faculty, while the rest is split between improving lab equipment and student spaces.

In the department of agriculture and biosystems engineering, the student lounge in the basement was funded mostly by differential tuition, as well as many labs and equipment in the building labeled by red signs which read “Lab Equipment Supported In Part By Differential Tuition”.

Steve Mickelson, department of agriculture and biosystems engineering chair, said there is no exact number of dollars these labs, student spaces or faculty salaries are funded by.

Just like business, much of the same things differential tuition goes toward is also funded by donations and grants.
In both of the colleges, differential tuition is being phased in over a span of three years. This academic year, junior and senior level students will be paying $267 more than the undergraduate base tuition each semester. This number expands to $533 in the 2018 academic year and $800 in 2019.

“I hope this helps students and parents to plan ahead,” said Donald Beermann, animal science department chair. “That was the whole intent in having a phased approach.”

Differential tuition will affect junior and senior level students after 60 credit hours have been reached. At those higher levels, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Beate Schmittmann said the cost of instruction is greater, faculty and student relationships tend to be closer and students take a lot more lab and interactive courses.

Specifically deciding where this money goes is a partnership between the administration, faculty and students.

“That’s a model that engineering uses, that business uses,” Schmittmann said. “So the students have some understanding of how much additional revenue is coming in … and how much can be a new investment.”

There has already been a current and planned usage for the differential tuition money in a multitude of programs. In animal science, they have used the uptick in funding toward hiring much needed faculty members and upgrading teaching facilities.

“These are the kind of things that are really getting us up to where we should be,” Beermann said. “You can’t do it with outdated equipment and facilities.”

Joe Colletti, interim dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, seconded the importance that differential tuition plays in the interactive side of learning.

“The hands-on experience learning aspect is really what’s enhanced by the differential tuition,” Colletti said.

“We do want to reinvest in them and make sure the upper level students who are paying it actually get what they really want and need of it,” said Lynn Clark, director of the biological/pre-medical illustration program.

Looking ahead, Schroedl, said her concerns are about where the money goes.

“Just that the money stays within the program, also that students are still able to participate no matter what their family background is,” said Schroedl.

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In 2011, just two College of Agriculture and Life Sciences majors paid differential tuition. By 2017, that number has expanded to eight to now include — animal ecology, animal science, agricultural systems technology, biology, dairy science, forestry, pre-veterinary medicine, genetics, industrial technology and microbiology.

But for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, this is the first academic year any major is being impacted by differential tuition — biological/pre-medical illustration, computer science, biology and genetics.

WHERE IT’S NEW

AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

DIFFERENTIAL
BASE

$3,728

$3,995

$4,261

$4,528

SOURCE: IOWA BOARD OF REGENTS

In 2017, 10 majors between the CALS and LAS added differential tuition for the first time, phased in over three academic years. The graph reflects tuition per semester.
POLICE BLOTTER

2.16.18
An officer checked on the welfare of an individual at West St and Hyland Ave (reported at 2:58 a.m.).

An officer initiated a drug related investigation at (reported at 8:58 a.m.).

An officer initiated a drug related investigation at (reported at 9:24 a.m.).

An individual reported being the victim of a fraud at 36 Frederiksen Court (reported at 12:24 p.m.).

An individual reported being the victim of a fraud at 52 AMES, IA, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance - marijuana, possession of alcohol under the legal age, unlawful use of license, and possession of drug paraphernalia at Larch Hall (reported at 10:23 p.m.).

An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at Maple Hall (reported at 11:58 p.m.).

2.17.18
An officer checked on the welfare of an individual at West St (reported at 4:21 p.m.).

2.18.18
London P Suber, age 21, of 1423 South Grand Avenue - AMES, IA, was arrested and charged with driving while revoked, other violation of chapter 321A, and insufficient number of headlamps at University Blvd and S 16th St (reported at 2:09 a.m.).

An officer initiated a trespass related investigation at 42 Frederiksen Court (reported at 7:28 p.m.).

Shamar D Butler, age 20, of 212 Beyer Ct Unit 2204 - AMES, IA, was cited for possession of a controlled substance at Friley Hall (reported at 10:51 p.m.).

An individual reported damage to a vehicle at Lot 25 (reported at 11:35 p.m.).

GAMES CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR
Participants get excited when playing Tacit Agreement, which requires them to make a similar pose based on the word the staff member shouts out. The game was a part of the Lunar New Year celebration on Feb. 18 in the Memorial Union.
Perfect Games, located at 1320 Dickinson Ave, in Ames, is a family owned establishment with the goal of treating their guests like one of their own. Known as central Iowa's premier family entertainment center, Perfect Games features 24 state of the art bowling lanes, a two-story laser tag arena, a huge arcade, a full sports bar, and a full service restaurant, Kingpin Pizza.

Perfect Games offers 12 super size television screens for viewing games while bowling, dining or just hanging with friends at the sports bar. Perfect Games also offers several packages for special occasions such as birthday parties, holiday parties and corporate events. They also have extensive experience with reunions, wedding rehearsals, lock-ins and post-prom events.

“Whenever I'm in Ames I love coming to Perfect Games,” said Holly Carpenter, bowling enthusiast. “I’m an extremely competitive person and I love that in one location there are so many different games to choose from. My kids love coming here as well. It will keep them entertained for hours. The deals are definitely what keeps us coming back though.”

Head to Perfect Games during the week after 9 p.m. for amazing deals such as $2 games of bowling and shoe rentals Monday through Thursday, Monday through Thursday after 9 p.m. Perfect Games also has varying food and drink specials. And on Thursdays after 9 p.m. head to Perfect Games for $3 games of laser tag.

“Whenever I’m in Ames, I love coming to Perfect Games,”

-Holly Carpenter
Pour 'O' Scopes

Aries: This hasn’t been your best month. Power through and March will bring joy and prosperity.

Taurus: A busy weekend is ahead of you. Don’t worry though, it’s all good things. Get your work done ahead of time so you can enjoy.

Gemini: Money is tight. You may have to put some wants aside and focus on saving up your money.

Cancer: A new career opportunity is on the horizon. You may have to rearrange some things in your life but it will ultimately pay off.

Leo: You’re in the mood for adventure. The stars say that a night out doing something different (Laser tag or bowling?) is ideal.

Virgo: Is a certain relationship worth all the emotional labor? It might be time to reconsider if this person adds value to your life.

Libra: Decision making isn’t your strong suit. Get an outside perspective before moving forward.

Scorpio: If it’s meant to be, it will be. Stop putting your energy into something that isn’t right for you at the moment.

Sagitarius: You can’t speed up time. Your goal for this week should be to be more present.

Capricorn: Get ready for some major life changes in the coming weeks. Good things are coming!

Aquarius: Someone close to you is having a hard time. Show them some love.

Pisces: Your career hasn’t been the easiest lately. Keep doing your best and it will be enjoyable once again.

Perfect Games attracts a variety of customers to their location. Families, young students and residents of Ames get to experience fun together at this one-of-a-kind gaming venue.
1. Favorite classic TV show?
   A. Full House
   B. The Simpsons
   C. All That
   D. Family Matters

2. If you HAD to pick a throwback song?
   A. “Wannabe” - Spice Girls
   B. “Baby Got Back” - Sir Mix-a-Lot
   C. “I Want It That Way” - Backstreet Boys
   D. “Baby One More Time” - Britney Spears

3. What do you do with an hour of free time?
   A. Take a nap
   B. Play video games
   C. Browse the Internet
   D. Listen to music

4. Favorite recess game as a kid?
   A. Hide and seek
   B. Tag
   C. Leapfrog
   D. Duck, duck, goose

5. Which best describes you at the moment?
   A. Outgoing
   B. Relaxed
   C. Up for a challenge
   D. Stressed

6. Game console of choice?
   A. Wii
   B. Xbox
   C. Nintendo 64
   D. GameCube

7. Best old school game show?
   A. The Price is Right
   B. Wheel of Fortune
   C. Millionaire
   D. Jeopardy

8. What’s your best gaming skill?
   A. My exceptional reflexes
   B. Hand-eye coordination
   C. I rock at solving puzzles
   D. Pushing a bunch of buttons really, really fast

9. How do you solve problems?
   A. Attack aggressively and relentlessly
   B. Put them off as long as possible
   C. Carefully weigh all the options and choose the best
   D. I don’t solve problems very well…

10. What motivates you?
    A. Chasing my dreams
    B. Enjoying life
    C. Being the best
    D. Protecting the people I care about

If you chose mostly A… you got Super Mario Bros! You are a wholesome person who never judges a book by its cover. You’re well-known around the block and get along with almost anyone you come across. You are always up for a little adventure in life and believe good things come to those who work hard for it.

If you chose mostly B… you got Pong! You think classics are the greatest (which they are) and are a simple person who’s happy without the glitz and glam in life. You don’t believe there’s a need to rush anything in life, and think people should enjoy life one step at a time—you only live once, right?

If you chose mostly C… you got Galaga! You’re a strong person who is prepared to fight an entire army when the times comes. You’re smart, tech savvy and able to think on your feet during stressful moments—strategy is your strong suit. Oh, and you’re probably not the biggest fan of bugs. Just a guess, though.

If you chose mostly D… you got Pac-Man! You find yourself running away from your problems most of the time, but when the time comes you’re ready to fight those problems and overcome them. Even though you can have pessimistic moments, you’re an overall positive person. Don’t forget the people in your life who are rooting for you to succeed!
Bowling 101

ACROSS
4. The place or approach where the bowler stands to deliver the ball.
5. Hitting the pins head on.
7. Term used for three consecutive strikes.
10. A 7-1 split.
11. A ninth frame strike.
12. A two-ball knockdown of all the pins in a frame.

DOWN
1. A 1-3 or 1-2 spot.
2. The player to bowl (most likely, the best player).
3. Term used to indicate a 200 score.
6. A term used to denote four consecutive strikes.
7. Piling up strikes by rolling a very fast ball.
8. One-on-one competition between individual players.
9. Pins that remain in the lane or the gutter after being knocked over.
**Editorial**

**More is needed to fight sexual assault**

Last week, a federal court dismissed a Title IX lawsuit against the university where a sexual assault survivor, Melissa Maher, alleged the university mishandled her case when she was a student at Iowa State. Additionally, Iowa State has already spent more than $120,000 defending itself in that lawsuit and two others that are ongoing, according to an Iowa State Daily investigation.

After the dismissal of Maher’s case, the response from a university spokesperson was while they are “pleased with the court’s ruling, our thoughts are primarily with Ms. Maher and other survivors of sexual assault.”

“We are deeply saddened that Ms. Maher experienced this traumatic sexual assault and the devastating impact caused by the criminal conduct of a fellow student,” the statement continued.

We are deeply saddened, too. But we need more than that. It’s not enough to just be deeply saddened that a perpetrator would act in this way. We should be deeply saddened how the options offered to her by the university were not enough to meet her needs.

This isn’t to say university officials have an easy job in providing resources to sexual assault survivors, especially when they also have to conduct a fair investigation. Because that job is in no way easy. But we can do better.

Since the time of this incident, the university has made strides in how it addresses sexual misconduct. The Green Dot program is a primary example of this and we want more money to be invested in this program. Still, more can be done.

The ISD Editorial Board would like to see a comprehensive effort to not only provide for survivors, but to better educate our community so what happened to Maher never, ever has to happen again.

That should be our goal: creating a community where sexual assault is not tolerated and a stellar support system for survivors is the norm.

Community members should be educated on consent, intolerance for sexual assault, bystander intervention and what to do if someone confides in you that they’ve been assaulted. That education has to be more than an online system you can click through.

And even though the university does have to maintain due process in investigating, there’s no reason we can’t also make survivors as comfortable as possible while the justice process takes its course. If this takes more resources, then we need to find a way to make this happen. Those additional resources will likely cost less than having to defend the university in a lawsuit later.

At a university, we need to ensure those negative experiences don’t happen on top of trying to put an end to sexual misconduct.
The most inspiring part of Iowa State’s swim team this year is getting to watch more impressive performances from the freshmen.

Martha Haas is one of the newcomers in swimming and diving during the 2017-18 season. She is not an ordinary student-athlete for the swimming team as she comes in with tremendous credentials swimming the 100-yard breaststroke.

“I chose [Iowa State] because when I came here for my official races, I just felt really at home and comfortable,” Haas said.

The first competition
Haas comes from Minnetonka, Minnesota, and started her swimming life when she was seven years old.

The biggest difference between high school and college in swimming is the duration of the season. High school only has a three-month season, which leaves enough time for swimmers to rest and adjust.

“I really enjoyed my time in high school,” Haas said. “But I was definitely ready to come here and ready for the change.”

Haas’s first meet was against Nebraska, who defeated Iowa State by a score of 193-102.

“I was very nervous, but also I was so excited, and focused on some small things, like my turns and strokes,” Haas said.

She placed fourth in 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke in her first race, the best place among the Cyclones in breaststroke events.

“Martha is a great racer especially in the meet,” said coach Duane Sorenson. “She always shows up.”

Fight for Cyclones
As the season proceeds, Haas also gets better feelings in the pool.

When facing the Iowa Hawkeyes, she won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:02.64, her personal best in the season.

This meet made Haas the eighth-best 100-yard breaststroke performer in school history and it is just her first season in Iowa State.

Despite her outstanding performance in the regular season, coach Sorenson still has higher expectations for her in the Big 12 Conference.

“We are trying to develop her 200-yard breaststroke race,” Sorenson said. “She is doing well, but I think there is a lot more potential.”

Breaststroke is one of the stronger events for Iowa State. The pair of seniors, Kasey Roberts and Danica Delaquis, who are good at breaststroke, will graduate this May.

Sorenson certainly wants more of the freshman to continue the success and to fight for the Cyclones.

Haas clearly knows what the expectation is for her. However, she seems not too overwhelmed by the future.

“I am just hoping to perform as well as I can [in the Big 12 Championships],” Haas said.

Honored relay team
Every meet this season normally starts off with 200 medley relay event. Iowa State has a team made up of Roberts, Mary Kate Luddy, Laura Miksch and Haas.

Everyone on the relay team is a senior this season, except for Haas.

The honored relay team always helps Iowa State get advantages in the beginning of races. Haas enjoys the cooperation with her senior sisters.

It is also her motivation to constantly keep going in swimming that fighting together with teammates.

“I like [swimming] as a whole,” Haas said. “I like the people involved, the coach, the best relationships that I’ve had in life.”

Roberts, the school record holder in 200-yard breaststroke, is able to communicate with Haas more than others because of competency in same events. She is actually my little sister in the team,” Roberts said.

“She is so powerful, so much fun to swim with, she has a very good future.”

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Haas dives into future

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Iowa State freshman Martha Haas comes from Minnetonka, Minnesota, and has adapted to the college swimming atmosphere as she ends her first season as a Cyclone.

MARTA HAAS
Hometown: Minnetonka, Minnesota
High School: Minnetonka High School
DOB: 10/10/1998
Class: Freshman
Events: Breaststroke/Individual Medley
Stats: High School Accolades:
- Seven-time All-America honors
- 12-time All-State honoree

The 2017 Big 12 Championship, Iowa State placed third behind Texas and Kansas.

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Freshman Martha Haas practices for the Big 12 Championships on Feb. 21. She looks forward to being a leader in the future for the swimming program.
Easy Wraps

Need some quick and easy recipes for your lunch tomorrow? Wraps are versatile, filling and easy. Check out these recipes for wraps on-the-go.

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**CHICKEN BACON RANCH WRAP**

1 (8-inch) tortilla or sandwich wrap
1 tablespoon ranch dressing
3 tablespoon shredded lettuce
1 tablespoon shredded cheese
2 tablespoons cooked chicken, diced
1 tablespoon crumbled bacon
1 tablespoon tomato, diced
Lay out tortilla. Spread ranch dressing on one side of tortilla. Top with remaining ingredients. Begin rolling tortilla on side with filling. Roll tortilla once, then tuck in sides. Continue to roll tightly and gently, until wrap is entirely rolled. Cut in half.

**SPICY TUNA BACON WRAP**

1 can tuna, drained
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
1 tablespoon sriracha
1 (8-inch) tortilla or sandwich wrap
3 tablespoon shredded lettuce
1 tablespoon crumbled bacon
1 tablespoon matchstick carrots
1 tablespoon cucumber, peeled and cut into long strips
In a small bowl, combine tuna, mayonnaise and sriracha. Lay out tortilla. Spread 2 tablespoons of spicy tuna mix on side of tortilla. Top with remaining ingredients. Begin rolling tortilla on side with filling. Roll tortilla once, then tuck in sides. Continue to roll tightly and gently, until wrap is entirely rolled. Cut in half.

**SOUTHWEST CHICKEN WRAP**

1 can tuna, drained
1 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 tablespoon sriracha
1 (8-inch) tortilla or sandwich wrap
3 tablespoon shredded lettuce
1 tablespoon crumbled bacon
1 tablespoon matchstick carrots
1 tablespoon cucumber, peeled and cut into long strips
In a small bowl, combine tuna, mayonnaise and sriracha. Lay out tortilla. Spread 2 tablespoons of spicy tuna mix on side of tortilla. Top with remaining ingredients. Begin rolling tortilla on side with filling. Roll tortilla once, then tuck in sides. Continue to roll tightly and gently, until wrap is entirely rolled. Cut in half.
WHERE IT’S GOING

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For the College of Human Sciences and the College of Design, the model recognized as differential tuition has yet to phase itself into the programs.

Currently, there are just two programs at the College of Design that partake in differential tuition: architecture and industrial design. A proposal to include all of the other design programs, except visual cultural studies, is in the works.

College of Human Sciences (CHS) currently has no differential tuition placed on the base tuition for students, but that may be changing soon. A proposal made by CHS will be presented at the next Iowa Board of Regents meeting. A proposed price for differential tuition at the College of Design is non-existent at the moment.

For students in architecture, their undergraduate base tuition is $703 more per semester than their other design peers. For industrial design undergraduates, their base tuition is $267 more per semester. This is not the full amount, however, as it is currently in a three-year phase in.

Students begin paying differential tuition once they are admitted into the professional program. Should differential tuition be implemented into other programs, a similar process is expected.

“We want to be transparent about differential tuition and make sure to minimize the impact for students and parents as much as possible,” said Luis Rico-Gutierrez, dean of the College of Design. “It is important we make everyone aware of where their tuition dollars are going.”

College of Human Sciences Dean Laura Jolly said she does not have the information on how much the tuition for students would increase if the proposal is passed.

Rico-Gutierrez said the two driving factors for differential tuition are smaller teacher-to-student ratios and space. Tuition dollars go toward necessary studio space, Rico-Gutierrez said, as design students use their space more intensely. Teacher-to-student ratio needs to remain small, as well, in order to properly provide constructive feedback.

For the College of Human Sciences, its need for differential tuition can be broken down too, as a tangible need with one of the biggest reasons being the growth the college has seen over the last several years.

For example, Philip Martin, kinesiology chair, said the number of kinesiology undergraduates was roughly 700 in 2005. In the fall of 2017, that number nearly doubled with 1,200 undergraduates enrolled in the program. But the growth didn’t just happen in kinesiology. Between 2005 and 2014, the entire college’s enrollment grew by 52 percent.

So what would differential tuition look like in the College of Human Sciences? There could be more faculty, better equipment, more learning spaces, and advising and career services. These are just a few of the ideas noted by Jolly and Martin.

“We want to do everything we can to enhance students’ experiences,” Jolly said.

The College of Design aspires to a similar mantra. Rico-Gutierrez said the faculty works hard to be as innovative and creative as possible to accommodate reduction of cost to deliver the highest quality of education. The college aims to use every other opportunity of utilizing resources.

With state appropriations lagging and midyear cuts becoming a common trend, opportunities for growth and improvement are not always possible working under the current model.

“However, there is a point where if we don’t have enough resources to invest in the quality of education, then the quality of education begins to suffer,” Rico-Gutierrez said.

With maintaining successful education, the university also strives to be transparent.

Rico-Gutierrez himself has gone around the design building stopping students to discuss differential tuition with them.

“I’ve talked to students about their thoughts on differential tuition and why we’re doing it,” Rico-Gutierrez said. “I put data points in front of them and we have hosted informational meetings.”

Jolly has also met with College of Human Sciences student organizations to discuss the possibility of differential tuition.

TUITION pag 1

The House and Senate, who shape the legislation that ultimately decides the budget, is proposing a $8.1 million and $14.1 million reduction, respectively.

Provost Jonathan Wickert said during a Faculty Senate meeting last week that if those cuts are enacted “draconian steps” will be taken.

“With the last two years seeing $11.5 million in cuts to Iowa State’s budget, these budget changes will cut to the bone,” Wickert said.

“The possible implications of these cuts for Iowa State include faculty furloughs, cancelled classes and discontinued student aid.”

Wintersteen touched on previous implications lagging state appropriations have had on Iowa State during her interview with the Daily, specifically its impact on the university through faculty retention.

“I think it’s important to understand that the university exists in a competitive environment and that our faculty and staff do not have to work here and that if we don’t provide the right environment and certainly salary is a part of having the right environment,” she said.

In June 2017, Allen announced that due to last year’s midyear cuts, there will not be mandatory university salary increases for the upcoming fiscal year.

The role of differential tuition

Enter differential tuition, which in some colleges such as engineering and business, has existed for years.

Differential tuition is a model that takes into consideration one’s major and how it may cost more to fund an individual education through additional lab equipment or the retention of top-tier faculty.

As the years have passed, nearly every college at Iowa State has implemented the model in some shape or form.

“Over the past year, several colleges have been having conversations with students about proposals to look at an increase in a number of majors that would be included in the differential tuition process,” Wintersteen said. “That is now in a process of being taken forward and looked at by the Board of Regents.”

For students such as Edan Lambert, senior in animal science and previous College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, CALS, Student Council president, differential tuition makes sense.

In reference to last year, Lambert said then-Dean Wintersteen went to the CALS Student Council several times to discuss tuition. He said she also went to every department club that might also be impacted by it.

“She helped us all understand that in order to keep our education at the top of its level and be one of the top ranking agricultural schools in the world, this was what needed to be done,” he said. Reporting contributed by Annelle Wells.

Iowa State placed at the bottom of its peer group regarding faculty salary for 12 consecutive years. It wasn’t until 2012 that Iowa State increased its ranking. In 2015, Arizona was replaced by Penn State as Iowa State’s peer group.

SOURCE: IOWA BOARD OF REGENTS

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