

Resolution 5031-R-031505

-A resolution calling for the reallocation of athletic scholarships to reduce the tuition increase

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Whereas, On the 22nd of February 2005, the Board of Trustees voted for an increase in the 2005-2006 tuition by 9%; and

Whereas, 6% of this increase would be used to cover the shortfall in state funding to meet the state cap and the additional 3% would be set aside as need based funding, which is to partly to cover the fallout from the aforementioned tuition increase; and

Whereas, The Athletics department currently spends over \$4.5 million in scholarships, etc. for athletes; and

Whereas, The number of scholarships that may be awarded for each sport is as follows: Baseball - 11.7; Softball - 12; Men's Basketball - 13; Women's Basketball - 15; Football - 85; Women's Soccer - 12; Women's Golf - 6; Men's Golf - 6; Women's Swimming - 14; Men's Tennis - 4.5; Women's Tennis - 8; Women's Volleyball - 12; Men's Cross Country - 8.5; Women's Track / Cross Country - 18; and

Whereas, The Athletics department has not made it clear whether these scholarships have a minimum academic GPA requirement; and

Whereas, The athletic scholarships, albeit a strong incentive in the recruitment and retention of excellent athletes at The University of Toledo, is slightly larger than the 3% of the tuition increase; and

Whereas, According to a recent Toledo Blade column:

"The Rockets ranked 114th out of 117 Division I football schools with an unacceptable score of 850 out of a possible 1,000 points. It is well below the accepted index of 925..."

Whereas, The University of Toledo prides itself as a student centered research and academic university; and

Whereas, We as members of The University of Toledo community have to set priorities and seek ways to mitigate the tuition increase on the entire student body and also challenge our Athletics department to reward and recruit those athletes who have solid academic credentials;

Therefore let it be resolved, That The University of Toledo Student Government recommends that the Board of Trustees reduce the tuition increase from 9% to 6% by reclassifying the Athletics department's scholarship as academic scholarships; and

Furthermore let it be resolved, That the Budget Oversight committee imposes cuts on the Athletics department of 9.9%; and

Furthermore let it be resolved, That this resolution will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for consideration and possible approval.