## I. DEFINITIONS

Tuition: The rate paid by students to enroll in a USM institution and the fees all students must pay that are part of the state supported budget. Fees to support auxiliary enterprises, self-funded operations and fees that are not collected from all students (e.g., lab fees, application fees, etc.) are not covered by this policy.

Funding Guideline: The funding guideline is a calculation that provides an institutional benchmark to assess the adequacy of funding for an institution against an external peer-related comparison.

Full-Time Equivalent Student (FTES): Number of full-time students plus one-third the number of part-time students. This formula is consistent with that used for the funding guidelines and national standard practice.

State Appropriations: General funds (state tax dollars) provided annually to an institution.

Self-funded Operations and Auxiliary Enterprises: Operations supported by fees and charges that are determined by the amount of revenue required for the individual activity to operate on a sound fiscal basis, without accumulating a deficit or postponing required expenditures to a future year.

## II. Tuition Plan and Level

Tuition at an institution, when combined with state appropriations for that institution, is expected to provide sufficient revenue to support the goals of quality and of achieving and sustaining national eminence.

## A. Institutional Tuition Plans

- Each institution will update annually a four-year tuition plan based on assumptions that on a
  format provided by the Chancellor, related to projected state appropriation, funding guidelines
  target and planned enrollment levels. Changes proposed in the annual update should address
  changes in assumptions that caused the recommended revision to tuition rates.
- Funding guidelines targets will NOT be adjusted to compensate for enrollment growth that has not been approved by the Board of Regents.
- This plan will also include targets for increased efficiencies in institutional operations, including cost containment initiatives reported to the State.
- 4. Revenues from tuition or special programs that are part of the state-supported budget should be included in the tuition plans. The plans should also include revenues from all fees that are not related to auxiliary operations or other self-funded activities.
- 5. Tuition is expected to vary by institution based on mission, program offerings, general funds per full-time equivalent student, facilities, and other factors.

from the Chancellor. The authority granted to UMGC in Section C.2. does not apply to increases in the tuition rates set annually by the Board of Regents. Twice a year, UMGC shall report on any activity subject to Section C.2. to the Finance Committee.

3. The University of Maryland, Baltimore, on behalf of the University of Maryland Francis King