



Workshop on Market Tuition Rate Programs

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Discussion Items

June Workshop Follow-up



QUESTION

RESPONSE

1 What threshold or metric is used to classify programs as high- or low-wage?	1-year median earnings compared to System median \$69,880 master's \$89,076 research doctorate \$70,898 professional doctorate
2 How many students across all market rate programs incur debt?	1,983 graduates (52%) took out loans in 2024-25
3 How are market tuition rate programs reported & included in low-cost education rankings?	Measure uses resident undergraduate tuition
4 Are the 32 Programs of Strategic Emphasis market-rate only, or does this vary by university?	27 have a comparable state-funded program; 5 do not

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Are in-state students priced out, or are state-funded (E&G) alternatives available?

- Florida residents are 65% of completers overall
- A state-funded alternative exists for 64 of 102 programs
 - 70% of completers in the 38 programs with no comparable state-funded option are FL residents

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Is there data on debt repayment after graduation?

- Data for market rate programs is unavailable

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Could a 3-year outlook identify programs nearing low-wage, high-debt status?

- 1 program moved into low-wage, high-debt status, while 4 programs moved out

Goals With Regulation Update

Proposed 8.002 Overhaul



Criteria for Every Request

Clearly define criteria for each request

- 1 New Programs
- 2 Existing Programs
- 3 Tuition Increases

Clear Approval Path

Define an approval path for each request

- 1 University Submission
- 2 Board of Trustees
- 3 Board of Governors

Questions to Consider



1 Regulation Compliance

Is the university compliant with Regulation 8.002?

2 Programs of Strategic Emphasis

Should market-rate programs be included in PBF 8?

Is a state-funded (E&G) alternative available to Florida residents?

3 Low-Wage & High-Debt Programs

How should low-wage, high-debt programs be addressed?

4 Return on Investment

How should return on investment be measured?

Regulation 8.002

Staff Recommendations: Criteria for Market Rate Requests



Regulation Compliance

1

Publish side-by-side tuition & fee comparison with aid & loan information on program & fees website

EXPANDED

Board reviews programs every 5 years

NEW

Programs of Strategic Emphasis

2

Programs of Strategic Emphasis need a state-funded (E&G) option

NEW

Will not count in PBF 8 unless designated by the Board of Governors

NEW

Regulation 8.002

Staff Recommendations: Criteria for Market Rate Requests



Low-wage, high debt

3

Wages 1-year out must exceed wages of a similar bachelor's degree level

NEW

The proposed tuition amount cannot exceed the caps on federal loans

NEW

Return on Investment

4

Evidence of return on investment to the student & state

NEW

Convincing rationale for seeking a market tuition rate

EXPANDED

Regulation 8.002

Staff Recommendations: Criteria for Market Rate Requests



Other Clarifications

University-wide tuition & fee increases do not apply to approved programs

NEW

Students are eligible for tuition waivers & exemptions

NEW

No request while on a Student Success Plan

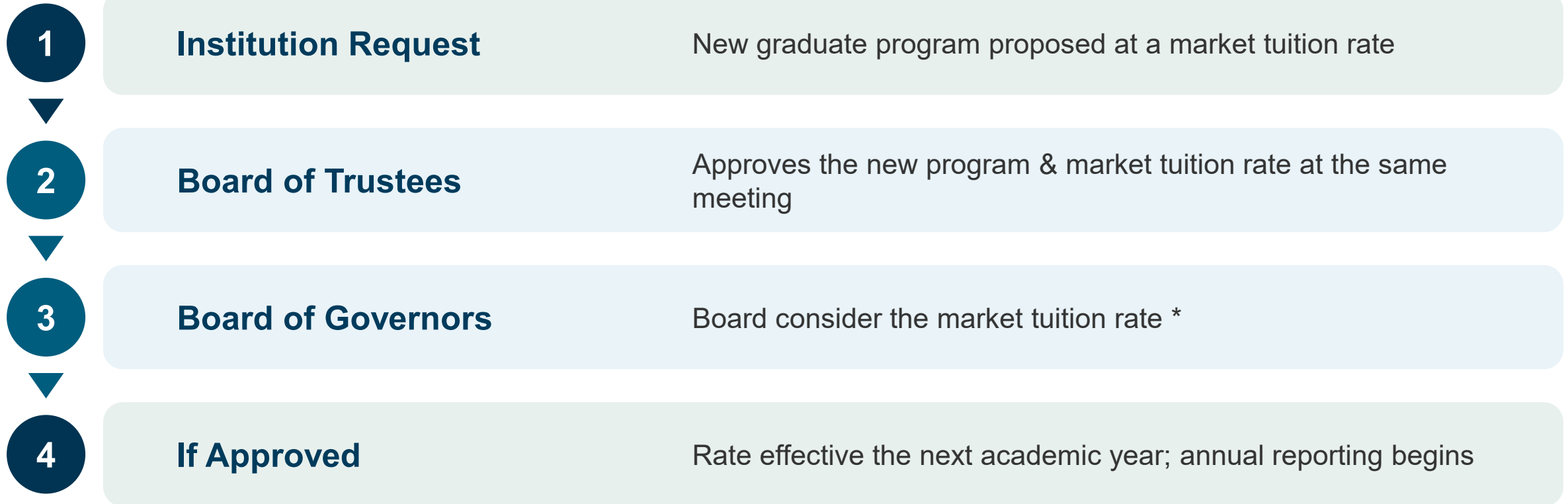
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Evidence of tuition at least 3 comparable public & private programs

EXPANDED

Process

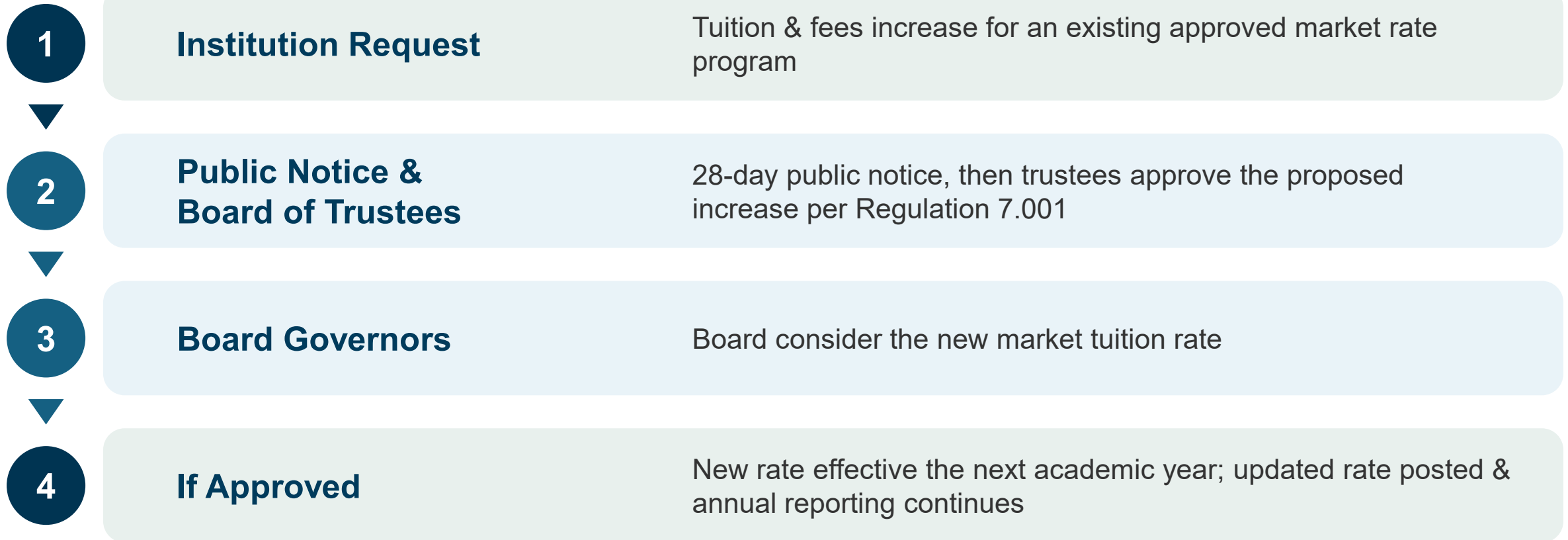
New Program Requests



* Program approval is also required for doctoral programs & New College of Florida master's programs

Process

Tuition Increase Requests



Next Steps

Staff Recommendation



- 1 Consider how to implement new criteria for existing approved programs
- 2 Allow programs that are performing with high wages & low debt to request increases in tuition under new criteria for the next BOG meeting
- 3 Allow for new program requests meeting criteria to come to BOG in January 2027

High Wage Low Debt Programs



32 Programs*

- ✓ Wages exceeded SUS average for degree level
- ✓ Median debt did not exceed E&G tuition
- ✓ Less than 50% of grads with loans

1,256 graduates

11 Programs of Strategic Emphasis,
all with E&G option

Degree Programs

- Risk Management & Insurance
- Finance
- Engineering Management
- Business Administration
- Information Systems
- Instructional Systems
- Real Estate
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Industrial & Systems Engineering
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Nursing Post-MSN DNP
- Accounting

*Excluded 4 programs with 1 or fewer graduates

Next Steps

Timeline



September 2026

November 2026

January 2027

Board workshop on proposed regulation updates

Board considers regulation amendment

Board may consider tuition increases for approved high-wage, low-debt programs

Board considers other market rate requests

