House Bill 29,
Mandated Fixed Tuition Plan

Legislative Intent
• Freeze designated tuition for 12 consecutive semesters for new students, including transfers, enrolling Fall 2014 and beyond
• Adjust tuition rate to assure no loss of revenue to the university

MSU Assumptions
• Establishing a 12 Semester Plan for new students and current sophomores
• Establishing a 9 Semester Plan for current juniors
• Establishing a 6 Semester Plan for current seniors and graduate students
• New academic year 12 Semester Plan tuition rate would apply after the specified semester for each plan
• Freezing only designated tuition
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Definitions and Further Assumptions:
• 12 consecutive semesters
  – Our summer sessions count as one semester
  – If a student starts in spring or summer, their semester count begins in that term
  – The count of 12 semesters is NOT dependent on that student enrolling in the term. If a student begins Fall 2014, their 12 semester plan ends Summer 2018
• 9 consecutive semester plan
  – For Fall 2014 Juniors
  – Runs from Fall 2014 through Summer 2017
• 6 consecutive semester plan
  – For Fall 2014 Seniors, Post Baccalaureate and Graduate Students
  – Runs from Fall 2014 through Summer 2016
• Student semester begins after high school graduation
• Since only designated tuition is frozen, the plans are effective for all students including undergraduate, graduate, resident and non-resident
• No semester credit hour minimum or grade requirements will impact the plan a student is under
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- **12 Semester Plan**
  - For new MSU students, the plan begins in the semester of first enrollment
  - Fall 2014 existing MSU freshmen and sophomore students will be placed in the 12 Semester Plan
  - Provides the benefit of a frozen tuition rate for 12 consecutive semesters
  - Tuition rates in semester 13 and beyond will fall under the 12 Semester Plan rate for that academic year
Existing Students

- **Existing Junior Students:**
  - Plan runs from Fall 2014 through Summer 2017
  - Tuition rates for Fall 2017 and further semesters will fall under the New Student 12 Semester Plan rate for that academic year
  - Provides the benefit of a frozen tuition rate for existing students to complete their degree within the next 9 semesters
Existing Students

- **Existing Senior and Graduate Students:**
  - Plan runs from Fall 2014 through Summer 2016
  - Tuition rates for Fall 2016 and further semesters will fall under the 12 Semester Plan rate for that academic year
  - Provides the benefit of a frozen tuition rate for existing students to complete their degree within the next 6 semesters
Fixed Tuition Plan, Rate Calculation

Data Reviewed:
• Consumer Price Index
• Higher Education Price Index
• MSU designated tuition history
• Approved plans by other Texas universities
Other Universities

• Sam Houston State University – optional designated tuition increase of 12%, from $195 to $218.40 per semester credit hour
• Stephen F. Austin State University – optional fixed designated tuition increase of 13.9%, from $158 to $180 per semester credit hour
• Texas A&M – mandatory tuition and fee increase of 6% with designated tuition increasing 9.9%, from $126.55 to $139.10 per semester credit hour
Proposed Tuition Rates

- Seniors and Graduate Students 6 Semester Plan – increase designated tuition from $111.50 to $114.00, an increase of 2.2%. This will be frozen for 6 semesters.
- Juniors 9 Semester Plan – increase designated tuition from $111.50 to $116.50, an increase of 4.5%. This will be frozen for 9 semesters.
- Sophomores and New Student 12 Semester Plan – increase designated tuition from $111.50 to $119.00, an increase of 6.7%. This will be frozen for 12 semesters.
University Services Fee

• Propose an increase for all students to a semester credit hour rate of $54.25.
  – For Seniors and Graduate students, this would increase a 15 hour load by 4.5% for all tuition and fees above current rates. This includes the designated tuition proposed increase.
  – For Juniors, this would increase a 15 hour load by 5.5% for all tuition and fees above current rates. This includes the designated tuition proposed increase.
  – For Sophomores and new students, this would increase a 15 hour load by 6.5% for all tuition and fees above current rates. This includes the designated tuition proposed increase.
### Tuition and Fee Schedule Comparison

**Fall 2013 to Proposed Fall 2014**

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* Designated Tuition Rate Guaranteed through Summer 2016

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**Tuition Plan**

**Midwestern State University**
Uses of Increase

• None of the increase will be used on Master Plan construction projects. These have a different source of funding.
• Faculty and Staff salary increases - to keep up with the cost-of-living and retain good employees
• Health insurance increases – expect large increases next year because of the Affordable Healthcare Act
• IT Costs – want to continue to provide cutting-edge technology (e.g. expanded bandwidth) for campus
• Eureka – grow undergraduate research program
• Scholarships – continue offering scholarships to qualified students