ASA releases tuition proposal

Suggested increase of $900 for in-state and $1,450 for out-of-state much larger than in past years

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Under the lobbyists’ plan, the UA stands to hike 6 percent in tuition and a $900 increase in resident undergraduates, a number comparable to what it would make under Likins’ plan. But Student Body President Doug Hartz, who heads the UA’s delegation of student lobbyists, said their plan sets aside about $770,000 more for financial aid than Likins’ proposal while returning the same amount to the university for other purposes.

“The priority is to address need and we’re better able to do that under this proposal than under the president’s,” Hartz said.

Likins said last week that ensuring access for needy students was a top priority if tuition was to be raised, and has repeatedly emphasized coupling a tuition hike with a financial aid increase.

The lobbyists’ proposal marks a drastic change in the traditional student lobbyist stance, which typically called for small tuition increases, if any. Last year, they proposed a 6 percent hike.

But with the university facing continued funding cuts from the Arizona State Legislature, regents and many students began to realize raising tuition was becoming a necessity.

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LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Likins upsets lawmakers in budget talks

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PHOENIX — President Pete Likins riled members of the House Committee on Appropriations yesterday by calling legislators’ proposed cuts to the university bad policy and saying they amounted to a tax increase.

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Drivers may need to register for selective service

Bill could require men getting a license to register for the draft

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Going to the Motor Vehicle Division to get a driver license could soon entail more than just parallel parking.

A proposal still in the state House yesterday afternoon would automatically register males for the Selective Service System when they pick up a new license or identification card.

The proposal, which is similar to laws used in 26 other states, is designed to raise the sagging numbers of 18-year-olds in Arizona who haven’t yet registered, said Victor Schwanbeck, head of Selective Service for Arizona.

A federal law already requires men to register within 30 days after their 18th birthday, but Schwanbeck said 38 percent of 18-year-olds in Arizona have yet to do so, and as they get older, those percentages reach the mid-40s.

Penalties for not registering won’t become noticeable until after age 26. Then, unregistered men will be barred from federal and state government aid, which includes grants to pay for school, Schwanbeck said.

While the proposal was primarily designed to get more young teenagers to register, a secondary effect would be getting more college-aged males to register when they take up residency.

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