Regents to vote on 8 program fees

By Jennifer Amsler and Natasha Bhuyan

The Arizona Board of Regents will vote on eight program fees today, but each college will allocate the fees specifically to their program’s needs, anywhere from increasing faculty salary to purchasing high-tech equipment.

The pros and cons of program fees, known as differential tuition for undergraduates, will be debated today as regents consider charging five new programs fees and increasing three existing fees, including a $250 increase in the $800 Eller College of Management fee.

Provost George Davis said regents are generally receptive about graduate programs to charge fees. However, regents are more circumspect when it comes to differential tuition in undergraduate programs, Davis said.

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