Pima residents upset over dismissal of RAs

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The Pima Residence Hall director and the hall’s entire resident assistant staff were fired earlier this month after the group drank alcohol during a retreat over winter break, according to students in the hall.

Officials at Residence Life wouldn’t comment on why the entire hall’s staff was dismissed, but several students within the hall said that during a staff meeting in Flagstaff, the director and five RA’s violated the UA’s Code of Conduct by allowing some of the RAs — who were under 21 at the time — to drink.

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PHOENIX — President Peter Likins announced in a message to the university community yesterday that he would propose an increase in tuition, and would increase residence hall costs.

The proposed tuition increase, announced by Likins, would increase the resident undergraduate tuition by $300, or 4.5 percent, and raise the non-resident undergraduate tuition by $1,252, or 9 percent. Resident graduates would pay an additional $1,432, or 9 percent, in tuition, while out-of-state graduate students would pay $1,342, or 9 percent, in tuition.

College of Medicine students would see the largest percentage increase with a 10 percent tuition jump, or $1,432. There would be no tuition increase for students attending UA South.

Differential tuition would increase for Eller, Engineering

Likins also included differential tuition and increases in program fees for the Eller and Engineering colleges, which would apply to advanced-standing and graduate students.

Undergraduates in the Eller College of Management would see the current $500 in fees double under Likins recommendations. Undergraduates in the College of Engineering and the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture would pay an additional $500 in tuition.

For graduate students, the increases in differential tuition under Likins plans are minimal.

Programs at the James E. Rogers College of Law will see an increase of $2,500 every year for the next three years. The doctor of pharmacy program in the College of Pharmacy will add $1,000 in tuition, and the programs in the College of Nursing will add $4,000 in program fees. The largest increase is slated for the Executive MBA program in the Eller College of Management, which will add $7,500 to students’ bills.

The complete plan is a departure from previous tuition proposals, but Likins said this proposal best serves the needs of mid-tier undergraduates.

The increases are also influenced by student contributions, he said.

The increase in overall tuition for mid-tier students is smaller than previous years because the differential tuition is designed to pay for scholarships to students who need help.

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