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## UA leaders present tuition ideas



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Student body President Alistair Chapman, left, and President Peter Likins, right, will both release tuition proposals today. Both plans are likely to recommend increased tuition, with Chapman's suggesting a lesser increase.

### Likins, student lobbyists to recommend tuition increases today

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UA President Peter Likins will release his tuition proposal today, a plan including tuition increases and possible mandatory fees for undergraduates, graduates and non-residents.

Student Body President Alistair Chapman will also release his tuition counterproposal today.

In order to remain at the top of the bottom one-third in tuition rates com-

pared to peer institutions across the nation, Likins said tuition needs to increase 19 percent, or roughly \$800, for undergraduates next year.

However, at the regents' meeting last month, Likins said such an increase would be too extreme.

In 2003, Likins and the regents aimed to raise the UA's tuition from one of the cheapest schools in the nation to the top of the bottom one-third.

Since then, students have seen tuition increases totaling more than 50 percent,

with the highest tuition increase two years ago at \$1,010. Because of the increases, the UA is 41st out of 50 peer institutions in tuition rates.

Likins also hinted at the possibility of implementing program fees because students would be more comfortable with fees than high tuition increases, since financial benefits of program fees are captured in specific colleges rather than going to a general operational pool.

"Students are more accepting of \$200

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### Survey highlights class availability, graduate tuition remission

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The results of a survey put out by student leaders last week showed students' top concerns lie in improved class availability and increased graduate student tuition remission.

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona used the survey, created to determine how UA students want tuition dollars spent, to help direct the writing of the Arizona Student's Association's student proposal, which was released at 8 a.m. today.

President Peter Likins will also release his proposal today.

The survey results reaffirmed findings by the professional consulting firm Noel-Levitz, which surveyed UA students last year, said Alistair Chapman, ASUA president.

Seventy-five percent of those surveyed chose class availability as one of the top three areas they would like to see improved using tuition dollars.

Exactly 2,046 students participated in the vote, about half of what Chapman expected, and only about 5 percent of the total student body.

However, the results of the survey are still representative of the student body, Chapman said.

"If you look at the break down of the numbers, the results reflect very closely the student body as a whole," Chapman said.

ASUA officials reviewed the results over the weekend and are expected to have more specific information for each question on the survey after analyzing it further, Chapman said.

The survey showed graduate students voted primarily for increased graduate student tuition remission, totaling 10 percent of those surveyed.

Graduates comprised nearly 25 percent of participants.

Some people expressed concern about a bias toward improving information and technology and library services, but those were issues already being discussed by Likins and administration, Chapman said.

"We approached writing the survey from both the interests of the students as well as the administration so the results could be used by all parties,"

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## College of Medicine to change curriculum

By **Natasha Bhuyan**  
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With the expansion of the UA College of Medicine to Phoenix, the university could open admissions to non-residents in the future, officials said Friday.

Kenneth Ryan, dean for academic affairs in the College of Medicine, said in order to maintain the quality of students in medical school, the UA will consider allowing out-of-state students to apply in a few years.

Although the Phoenix campus will open in July 2006 with class sizes of 24 students, Ryan said the figure could eventually reach 110 students, match-

ing the Tucson campus population.

With about 500 students applying to the UA College of Medicine each year, Ryan said accepting 220 from Arizona alone might not be reasonable.

In addition, Ryan said College of Medicine degree programs do not receive federal funding from the National Institutes of Health, such as an M.D. and a Ph.D., since the medical school is only open to Arizona residents.

At the same time, it would not make sense to allow nonresidents into a school funded by state resources, said Ryan.

Ryan joined President Peter Likins, Provost George Davis and Arizona Board of Regents President Gary Stuart

at a Campus Town Hall meeting Friday regarding the expansion of the College of Medicine into Phoenix.

Other changes students may see at the Phoenix campus is a revamped curriculum, with the utilization of different technologies and learning methods, Ryan said, which would help students better prepare for medical challenges.

The restructured curriculum would be part of the materials submitted by the UA to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, who will perform an accreditation review on the College of Medicine in November.

The Phoenix and Tucson campuses will have a common application, but



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UA administrators address issues on the expansion of the College of Medicine to Phoenix Friday at a Campus Town Hall meeting.

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