



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM

UA Trustees Approve Covid-19 Measures to Aid, Guide UA System Institutions

LITTLE ROCK (April 8, 2020) — The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas voted today to adopt several resolutions in response to the Covid-19 pandemic to help guide its many campuses, divisions and units during this time of economic and public health uncertainty.

The resolutions, listed below, range from directives to keep campus tuition and fees flat through the fall 2020 semester to authorizing campus administrations to provide prorated credits or adjustments to students for room and board at institutions that closed housing units as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The five resolutions are:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas recognizes the health and economic uncertainty facing students and families across the University of Arkansas System in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board also recognizes the need for advanced financial planning for students and families, as well as for the leadership of the two- and four-year institutions across the system as they prepare for the budgetary implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for Fiscal Year 2020-21;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board approves tuition and fee levels at the two- and four-year institutions across the system to remain flat for the Fall 2020 semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will work with the UA System and campus administrations to monitor the economic situation in the coming months before establishing tuition rates for the Spring 2021 semester.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas has previously approved admissions policies for the various campuses of the University of Arkansas System, including standardized testing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the ability of some prospective students to complete all requirements for admission, including applicable standardized testing; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and supports the work of the campuses of the UA System to recruit and admit students during this time of pandemic-related disruption;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the President is authorized to grant temporary modifications to institutional admissions policies to provide flexibility to institutions in admitting students for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas recognizes the need for continued social distancing across the University of Arkansas System to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Board also recognizes the need for students to continue their progression toward degree completion when courses can be provided via remote learning platforms;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT all face-to-face classes for summer terms are suspended and continued instruction via online classes is encouraged where appropriate at the various campuses across the UA System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any exception to the suspension of face-to-face courses may be approved by the President and must involve social distancing measures as have been prescribed by the Arkansas Department of Health.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas recognizes the need for continued social distancing across the University of Arkansas System to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with their academic and public service missions, the various campuses of the UA System traditionally host many summer athletic and academic camps;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT all in-person athletic and academic camps are cancelled for the summer 2020 term.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas recognizes the health and economic uncertainty facing students and families across the University of Arkansas System in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic forced the partial closing of student housing units at several campuses of the University of Arkansas System;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the campus administration is hereby authorized to provide prorated credits or adjustments to students for room and board costs at institutions that closed housing units as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, to the extent permitted by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that institutions are authorized to provide prorated distributions for room and board costs to students who have completed all coursework for graduation by August 31, 2020 at institutions that closed housing units as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.