An affordable education
for Kansas students

2009-10 Tuition Proposal to the
Kansas Board of Regents
Even before current budget crisis, state support per student declined.

Funding has declined $76.5 million since FY 1985 (today’s dollars).

Inflation-adjusted SGF Operating Expenditures per Fall FTE Student since FY 1985.
Tuition covers only half the cost of a Kansas student’s education

Percentage of a student’s education paid for by tuition:

Resident 46.7%
Nonresident 122.7%

Academic Year 2008-09 – The cost of education includes academic instruction, academic support, student services, institutional support, physical plant and utilities
Tuition proposal equals a quarter of FY 2010 budget cuts

9.85% cut and unfunded mandates: ($31.6 million)

Tuition proposal: $7.1 million

Net funding reduction: ($24.5 million)

Tuition increase that would be needed to completely make up gap

KU Lawrence: 14%
KU Medical Center: 51%
Student Senate held fees steady in order to protect Tuition Compact

“WHEREAS, the tuition compact, an initiative of the Student Senate, requires an annual six percent increase in tuition and, “WHEREAS, the Student Senate wishes to maintain the tuition compact by proposing a zero-percent increase in student fees with the expectation that tuition will be increased to support the academic function of the university and to continue the tuition compact...”

Approved April 8, 2009
KU responds to families’ economic challenges by keeping tuition low

No tuition increase for 40% of KU undergraduates

- Juniors in the Fall 2007 Compact: $213/credit hour
  No increase through 2010-11 – Rate now lower than proposed standard rate
- Sophomores in the Fall 2008 Compact: $229.25/credit hour
  No increase through 2011-12

Incoming freshmen will have no tuition increase through 2012-13

- New compact rate 6% above Fall 2008 Compact: $243/credit hour

Standard tuition rates: 4% increase

- Applies only to seniors, graduate students, and transfers

KUMC tuition rates: 4% increase

Campus fees: No increase at KU, 2.7% at KUMC

Note: Dollar figures cited above are for Kansas residents
Overall percentage change is small

- Taking into account the 40% of undergraduates who will have no tuition increase, the total change in tuition revenue is 3.1%.
- Last year, the total change in tuition revenue was 5.6%.
KU is keeping college affordable

2008-09 Resident Tuition and Fees: Big 12 Public Universities

KU is 5th out of 11
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Resident Tuition and Fees: AAU 34 Public Universities

KU is 24th out of 34
Even with this tuition proposal...

- At least 110 positions will be eliminated at KU and 79 at KUMC
- Students’ ability to graduate on-time will be threatened by reductions in course and section offerings
- Class sizes will increase
- Fewer student jobs and GTA/GRA positions will available
- Enrollment in Nursing and Allied Health will be reduced
- Maintenance programs will be limited
KU holds the line on costs and leverages the state’s investment

$9 million in savings and efficiencies over two years
- $1.86 million saved through the Pilot Purchasing Project (SB 52)
- $1.44 million shifted from salaries to information technology infrastructure
- $220,000 in savings from electronic medical records at student health center

Maximizing the state’s investment by securing outside funding
- Majority of KU’s $300 million in annual research expenditures comes from grants
- More efficient cost-tracking is estimated to result in $3 million in additional federal overhead payments over the next four years
KU is maintaining the public’s trust

A KU education remains affordable, even during tough times

• Overall tuition revenue increase: 3.1%
• With the Fall 2009 class, **60% of undergraduates** will have locked-in tuition rates
• Tuition and fees remain below the average of peer institutions

Kansas’ economy relies on KU graduates

• KU sends 6,000 graduates into the workforce each year
• More than 147,000 KU alumni live in Kansas and form the backbone of the economy
• 13,000 teachers, 5,000 engineers, 3,500 social workers
• 12,000 health care providers – doctors, pharmacists, nurses, allied health professionals
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Learn more about KU’s Four-Year Tuition Compact at www.tuition.ku.edu