

## FY 2016 Tuition Recommendations

### 2.5% Tuition Increase Recommended for All Institutions Except Those Noted Below

| Institution                        | Recommended % Increase                                      | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Georgia Institute of Technology    | 9.0%                                                        | <i>U.S. News and World Report</i> ranks Georgia Tech #7 among public universities in the United States, yet Georgia Tech's tuition has remained lower than peer institutions, such as the University of Texas in Austin and the University of California in Los Angeles. To continue offering degrees and academic programs that are ranked high for their quality and students' return on investment, Georgia Tech must continue to invest in faculty, course offerings and smaller class sizes. The recommended tuition increase continues efforts to bring tuition in line with the average of its public peer institutions. |
| Georgia Regents University         | 5.5%                                                        | Georgia Regents University was formed by the consolidation of Georgia Health Sciences University and Augusta State University. During consolidation, the USG recognized the need for additional investment in GRU to create a true research university based on national standards. The strategic plan included a phased seven year plan to move tuition to that of a research university (similar to the level of Georgia State University). The additional funds from a 5.5% tuition increase will allow GRU to continue to grow as a research institute with needed faculty and research capabilities.                       |
| Georgia State University           | 5.5%                                                        | Georgia State University's tuition increases have been kept low for the past several years. Through expanded student support programs, Georgia State has increased its graduation rate 22 percentage points in the last decade. Georgia State has become a nationally-recognized leader in improving student success, and the additional funds will allow Georgia State to continue to invest and expand programs for student success.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| University of Georgia              | 9.0%                                                        | Increased tuition funding will allow UGA to invest in its academics, programs and services to better support students, which will also help the flagship institution retain its Top 20 ranking of public universities nationally. The funding will help retain and hire additional faculty and help reduce class size. <i>Kiplinger's</i> "100 Best Values in Public Colleges" ranked UGA #10 this year. UGA's tuition is lower than more than half of the flagship institutions' tuition in the Southern Regional Education Board.                                                                                             |
| Kennesaw State University          | 4.4%                                                        | Kennesaw State University tuition will increase by the 2.5% (the amount for all USG institutions) plus an additional 1.8%. The additional 1.8% is the result of creating a blended tuition rate following the consolidation of Kennesaw and Southern Polytechnic State University - an institution that had a slightly higher rate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Georgia College & State University | 3.0%                                                        | Georgia College and State University is the state's liberal arts college and a half percentage point increase over the other USG institutions at 2.5% is recommended. The recommended increase has been kept to a minimum to help balance the need for additional investment in faculty and academics while continuing to keep tuition as affordable as possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Middle Georgia State College       | 9.0%                                                        | To provide university-level courses, while expanding bachelors and masters degrees, it will cost Middle Georgia more to operate as a university, which is reflected in the higher tuition rate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| University of North Georgia        | 5% for Bachelor Degree Seeking Students and 2.5% for Access | The University of North Georgia has the 3rd or 4th highest average SAT scores of incoming Freshmen in the USG from year to year. To support and advance the growth of the consolidated university, increased tuition funding will enable UNG to address critical staffing needs and recruit and retain faculty across its campuses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Atlanta Metropolitan State College | 9.0%                                                        | AMSC currently charges the same amount as other associate dominant two-year institutions; however, AMSC offers and serves a growing number of bachelor degree-seeking students. The proposed increase of 9% will allow AMSC to charge the same tuition rate as other Baccalaureate Degree granting institutions to address the higher costs associated with these degree offerings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Georgia Gwinnett College           | 8.3%                                                        | Georgia Gwinnett College has become primarily a four-year degree institution; however, its tuition has been similar to two-year access institutions. The 8.2% adjustment, 5.8% greater than the 2.5% USG increase, addresses the difference in cost-of-service to students between four-year and two-year institutions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |