The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees will consider a proposal to increase undergraduate in-state tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduate programs of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga during the Board’s meeting on June 25, 2021. Tennessee law (Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-7-1603) requires boards of public universities to give public notice of proposed increases to tuition and mandatory fees charged to in-state undergraduate students at least fifteen (15) days prior to holding a public meeting to adopt the increases. Individuals are permitted to provide comments during the fifteen-day period at the following website:

https://trustees.tennessee.edu/tuition-and-fee-proposal/

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Explanation for the Proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) offers students an experiential learning environment with outstanding teaching scholars in bachelors, masters and doctoral programs. UTC is proposing an increase of 2.0% to tuition and fees for returning in-state undergraduate students. The proposed increase is needed to provide revenue to cover growth in the costs of providing these programs and to maintain the quality and effectiveness of these programs in the future.

Purposes for Which the Revenue Derived from the Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases Will be Used
The majority of this new revenue will be used for instruction, which is the main core mission of the university. Instruction investments include multiple faculty positions, lecturers, additional courses to avoid barriers to graduating, and new programs and degrees offered. Revenue will also be used for providing additional scholarships and student services support.

Efforts to Mitigate the Effect of Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases on Students
Tuition and fee increases have been very modest in recent years. Last year, due to the pandemic and an uncertain environment for students, UTC did not increase tuition and fees. In review of the last three years (FY19 to FY21), annual tuition and fee increases have averaged 0.8%, which was well below the limits allowed by THEC.

Additionally, to mitigate increased costs to students, it is standard practice for UTC to provide, at the minimum, an equal percentage amount of the increase to be applied towards additional scholarships. Often, scholarships, fee waivers, grant-in-aid and graduate assistantships receive new funding, which is in excess of the equal percentage amount increased by the tuition and fees. Roughly, 70% of UTC in-state undergraduate students receive some form of scholarship, grant, discount, or waiver to offset part or all of the costs of attendance.
Other efforts to mitigate the effect of tuition and mandatory fee increases on students consist of additional grants issued through HEERF funding and internal operation reallocations. Both of these efforts were utilized during fiscal year 2021, and will be effective during this upcoming fiscal year too.