



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**TOLEDO**



# The Toledo Guarantee Plan: An Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee Program

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## **UT's sensitivity to the price of higher education**

- Charges one of the lowest rates among Ohio public universities
- Has the highest discount rate among Ohio public universities
- Froze tuition & the general fee 7 times out of the last 11 years—2 voluntarily
- In fall 2018, UT will fix the price of tuition, general fee, miscellaneous fees and room & board for four years for new Bachelor-degree-seeking students



- **A tuition guarantee program** allows eligible students to pay a set tuition rate for a fixed period of time
- **Cohort-based** programs require participation for students in the cohort



# Benefits of a tuition guarantee program

- Offers certainty regarding the price of a bachelor's degree
- Offers price transparency to students and their parents
- Encourages student success
  - Retention
  - Persistence
  - Completion
  - Time to job market



# Background

- In 2013, the Ohio General Assembly authorized tuition guarantee programs for 2 and 4-year public universities
- *Ohio Revised Code 3345.48* regulates these programs for the 4-year publics
- Participating schools are required to adopt rules, which include:
  - Cohort-based program
  - Eligibility requirements
  - Length of the guarantee
  - Students' rights and privileges under the program
  - Consequences to the university of students not completing in the specified time



# Ohio tuition guarantee programs

1. Ohio University – **The OHIO Guarantee**, adopted in FY16
2. Miami University – **The Miami Tuition Promise**, adopted in FY17
3. OSU – **The Ohio State Tuition Guarantee**, adopted in FY18

**APPROVED JANUARY 30, 2018 TO BEGIN IN FALL 2018 (FY19)**

4. University of Toledo – **Toledo Guarantee Plan**
5. Wright State – **Wright Guarantee Program**
6. Cleveland State – **CSU Guarantee**
7. Shawnee State – **Shawnee State Advantage**
8. Youngstown State – **Penguin Tuition Guarantee**

**PROPOSAL UNDER REVIEW OR NOT YET SUBMITTED TO ODHE**

1. Bowling Green – **Falcon Tuition Guarantee Plan**
2. University of Akron
3. Kent State



# Evolution of the Toledo Guarantee Plan

- In July 2017, EVP Kelley formed a task force charged with developing recommendations for a tuition guarantee program
  - Matt Schroeder, Chair
  - Bill Ayres
  - Bryan Dadey
  - Kristen Keith
  - Linda Rouillard
  - Stephanie Sanders
  - Sammy Spann
- Based on members' input, a plan was drafted





# Evolution (continued)

- Revised – based on feedback from the Registrar, Student Accounts, Financial Aid and Legal Counsel
- Approved by the President
- Submitted to Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) for pre-approval in late October
- Received pre-approval in mid December 2017
- Board approval – December 18, 2017
- ODHE approval – January 30, 2018
- Implementation Task Force formed – February 2018



# Approved Plan: Toledo Guarantee Plan

Four year guarantee

Participation is required for all new Bachelor-degree-seeking students enrolled at UT for the first time fall 2018 or later

- First-year
- Non-traditional
- Transfer students
- Readmitted students (if they enrolled at UT as degree-seeking students on or after fall 2018)

Placed in the Cohort IF registered for classes for the first time as of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of fall or spring semester



# Approved Plan (continued)

Not required for:

- Continuing students
- Non-degree seeking students
- Readmitted students who 1<sup>st</sup> enrolled at UT prior to fall term 2018

Up to a 1-year automatic extension for students in programs:

1. Requiring more than 126 hours because of accreditation or licensing
2. Designed to take longer than 4 years because of required co-ops or internships

Current list of these programs will be housed in the Provost's Office



# Approved Plan (continued)

Cohort period - **four** academic years including intersessions and summers

Guarantee period based on first semester (fall or spring) at UT, e.g.,

- Fall 2018 – Summer 2022
- Spring 2019 – Fall 2022

Summer starts will join the subsequent cohort

Once in program – no restrictions on enrollment status

- Can be full or part time or not enrolled over the length of the guarantee
- However – encouraged to complete 30 credit hours per year



# Approved Plan (continued)

No limit on the number of UG degrees, majors, minors and certificates earned over the cohort period

Guaranteed rate will cover graduate course work in established pipeline programs until the student's Cohort period expires

A \$500 voucher for graduate work at UT (conditional based on successful completion of bachelor's degree within the guarantee period)



# Students who qualify for an extension

## Two mandatory exceptions

1. Military service – requires an automatic exception
2. Unavailable required courses – student must have the opportunity to take those courses without requiring the payment of tuition for those courses
  - a) Student must demonstrate the course was required (DAR report), and
  - b) Have met with an adviser prior to the start of the second week of classes to discuss alternatives and determine that no resolution was available

## Non-mandatory exceptions – need to be determined



# Students who do not qualify for an extension

If they did not finish during their cohort period and do not qualify for an extension – placed in the oldest unexpired cohort

If they stop out/withdraw and return:

- If their original cohort period is unexpired, they remain in it for its duration
- If it is expired, they are placed in the oldest unexpired cohort for its duration



# Fees covered

## Tuition (required)

- Flat rate for 12 to 18
- Pro-rated for part-time and the additional rate above 18

## General fee (required)

- Per credit hour, which becomes a flat rate at 12 hours

Miscellaneous fees – campus fees charged to all students (library information, facilities, special services, UG career services)

Room and Board





# Fees not covered

- Out of state surcharge
- Technology
- Service charges and fines
- Workshops
- Course fees
- Special purpose fees (*WSJ* for COBI, ENG co-op fee, etc.)
- Optional fees (parking, legal service, UT Student Green Fund, etc.)



# Rules for tuition, fees and Room & Board rates

## 1st Cohort – FY19

Fall 2018/Spring 2019 starts

Allowed to raise the price of items covered by the guarantee up to 6%

## 2nd Cohort – FY20

Fall 2019/Spring 2020 starts

Allowed to raise the price of tuition, general fee and miscellaneous fees by the sum of

1. The 5-year average rate of inflation (all urban consumers, all items) and
2. The biennial legislative prescribed tuition cap

Room and Board rates are **not** subject to the above cap and will be determined by the BOT

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Cohort – FY21, etc.

Fall 2020/Spring 2021 starts, etc.

Rules for price changes same as for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort



# Ohio Public Universities, FY18 Tuition & General Fee

| PER SEMESTER             | TUITION  | GENERAL FEE | FY18 T & GF | EXPECTED FY19 T & GF |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Miami - Tuition Promise* | \$ 6,084 | \$ 970      | \$ 7,054    | \$ 7,145             |
| Ohio - OHIO Guarantee*   | \$ 5,268 | \$ 680      | \$ 5,948    | \$ 6,025             |
| Bowling Green            | \$ 4,548 | \$ 747      | \$ 5,295    | \$ 5,613             |
| Cincinnati               | \$ 4,661 | \$ 398      | \$ 5,059    | \$ 5,059             |
| OSU - Tuition Guarantee* | \$ 4,859 | \$ 186      | \$ 5,045    | \$ 5,110             |
| Kent State               | \$ 4,196 | \$ 810      | \$ 5,006    | \$ 5,306             |
| Akron                    | \$ 4,309 | \$ 428      | \$ 4,737    | \$ 5,022             |
| Cleveland State          | \$ 4,051 | \$ 665      | \$ 4,716    | \$ 4,999             |
| Toledo                   | \$ 4,026 | \$ 595      | \$ 4,621    | \$ 4,898             |
| Wright State             | \$ 3,791 | \$ 574      | \$ 4,365    | \$ 4,627             |
| Youngstown               | \$ 3,240 | \$ 684      | \$ 3,924    | \$ 4,159             |

\*Schools with guarantees – assumed 1.3% T & GF increase for FY19 cohort (estimated 5-year ROI)  
 All others, except Cincinnati, are adopting the guarantee for FY19 – assumed a 6% T& GF increase (maximum allowed for the initial cohort)



ODHE will consider changes to the rules established in the Toledo Guarantee Plan as long as the requested changes are consistent with the rules established by *Ohio Revised Code 3345.48*



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Questions?

Thank you

