



The University of Texas at El Paso  
**Tuition Presentation**

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# The UTEP Tuition Plan

- Achieve both quality and affordability
- Enhance student retention and graduation
- Provide predictability in cost of attendance
  - 2-year plan
  - Tuition guarantee plan: Pilot program

# Tuition and Fees at Work

## 2005-2006

- Offered 93 additional classes
  - Added 56 afternoon, 21 evening and 16 weekend classes
- Hired 53 new faculty
  - 16 new faculty positions
  - 37 replacement hires
- Retained key faculty
  - Merit salary increases to remain competitive
  - Market adjustments for key faculty in high-demand areas
- Achieved 80% wireless access on campus
- Launched 3-year student computer lab equipment-replacement program



# New Cost Savings Measures

Eliminated energy management maintenance agreement.....	\$ 250,000
Instituted climate control management for campus buildings.....	89,320
Energy savings from central plant boiler replacement .....	233,389
Custodial services outsourced for selected buildings.....	147,870
Computer monitors configured for energy savings.....	100,954
Human resources training and recruitment offerings streamlined .....	29,092
Reduction of travel service fees through use of online tools .....	17,283
<b>Total savings .....</b>	<b>\$ 867,908</b>

# Notable Accomplishments

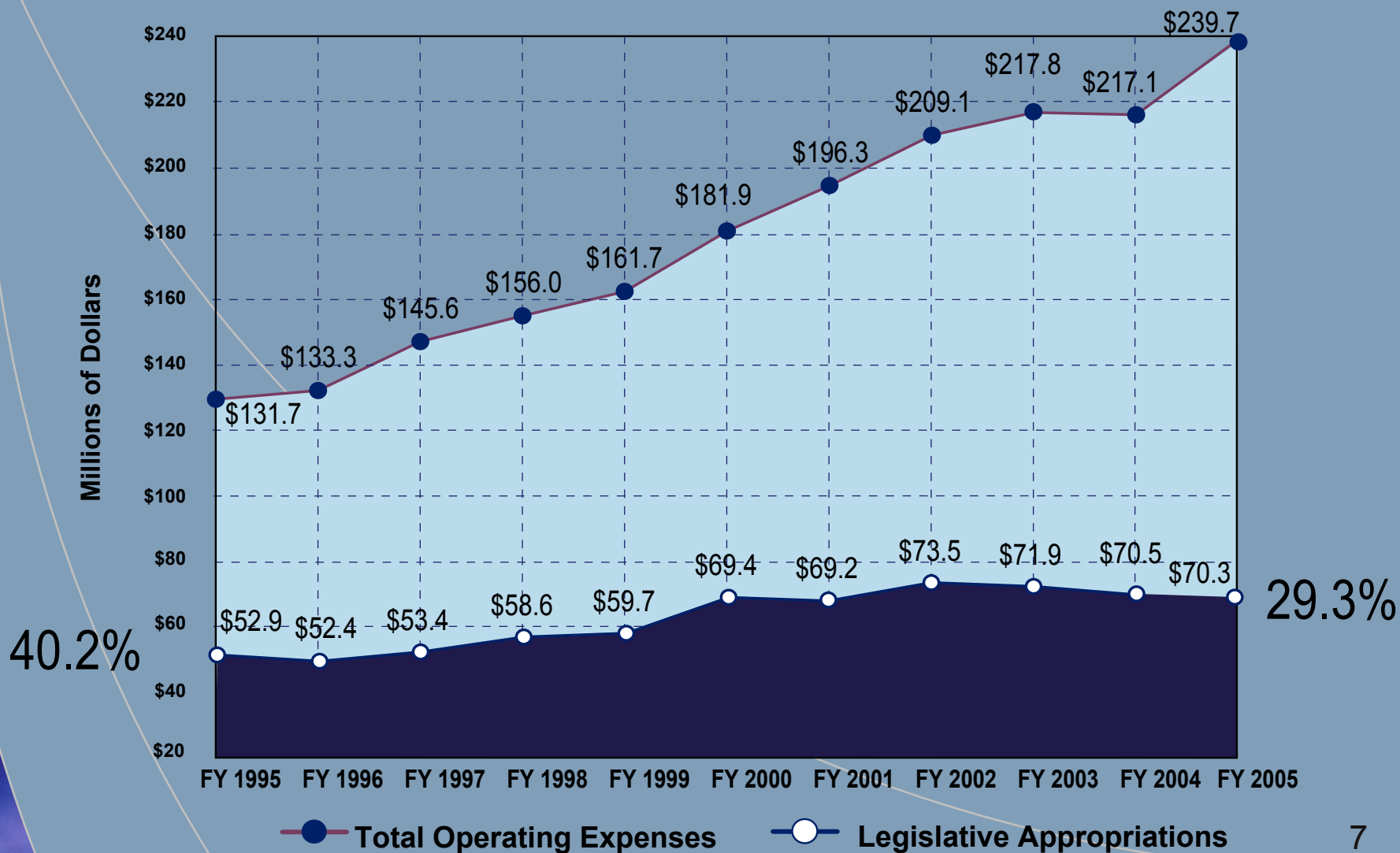
- 4th year of record enrollment – 19,264 students in Fall 05
- \$36.7 million in total research expenditures – FY 2005
- Ranked 2nd in federal research expenditures among UT System academic institutions
- Ranked 5th in total research expenditures among public academic institutions in Texas

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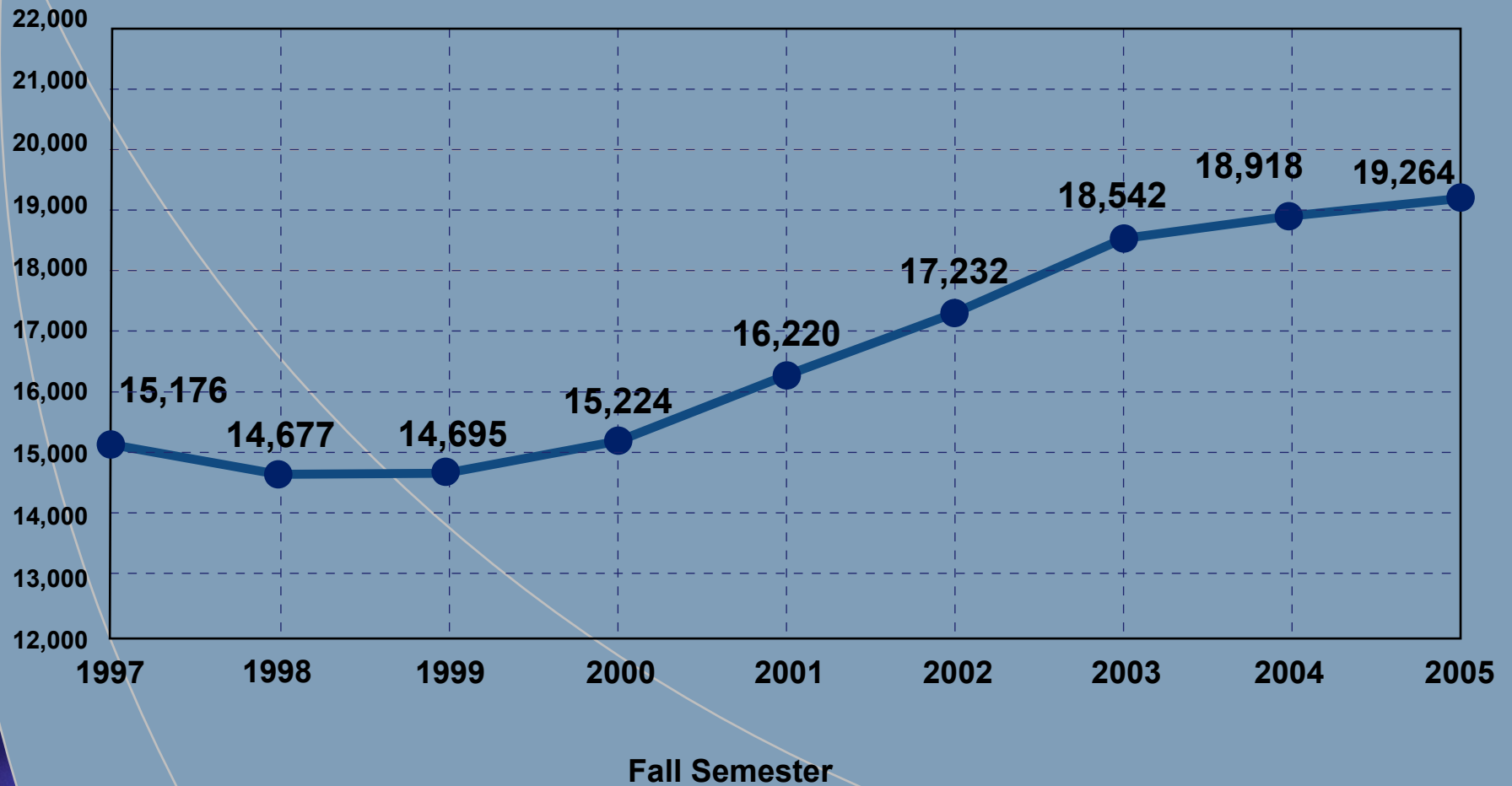
- Named one of 20 universities “unusually effective in promoting student success,” described as “dynamic, distinctive institution”
  - National Survey of Student Engagement and American Association of Higher Education
- College of Engineering named top graduate school in U.S. for Hispanics
  - Hispanic Business Magazine
- Top 3 producer of Hispanic undergraduates in U.S.
  - Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education magazine, citing U.S. Dept. of Education data

# Comparison of State Appropriations to Total UTEP Operating Expenses



Source: Annual Financial Report

# UTEP Enrollment Trends





# UTEP Proposal

## Year 1: 2006-07

\$12.50 increase per credit hour in tuition and fees  
in order to:

- Enhance academic advising by adding 8 new advisors
- Sustain institutional efforts to recruit and retain outstanding faculty
- Initiate Collaborative Learning Center within University Library
- Expand academic support in core English and math courses
- Upgrade web-based and touchtone registration systems
- Address anticipated utility-cost increases

# UTEP Proposal

## Year 2: 2007-08

\$11.70 increase per credit hour in tuition and fees  
in order to:

- Complete Collaborative Learning Center within University Library
- Sustain institutional efforts to recruit and retain outstanding faculty
- Maintain support for student activities and infrastructure
- Maintain support for network infrastructure, courseware development and software maintenance
- Increase library acquisitions

# UTEP Proposal

## Undergraduate In-state Students

### Cost for 12 Semester Credit Hours


		Increase	
Fall 2005	\$ 2,000		
Proposed Fall 2006	2,150	\$ 150	7.5%
Proposed Fall 2007	2,290	\$ 140	6.5%

# Tuition Increases

## Cost per Semester Credit Hour (SCH)

	Tuition Only		Increase	Total Cost of 12-sch Enrollment (Tuition & Fees)	%
	From	To			
Fall 2005	\$126.00	\$131.00	\$5.00	\$2,000	5%
Fall 2006	\$131.00	\$138.00	\$7.00	\$2,150	7.5%
Fall 2007 (proposed)	\$138.00	\$146.00	\$8.20	\$2,290	6.5%

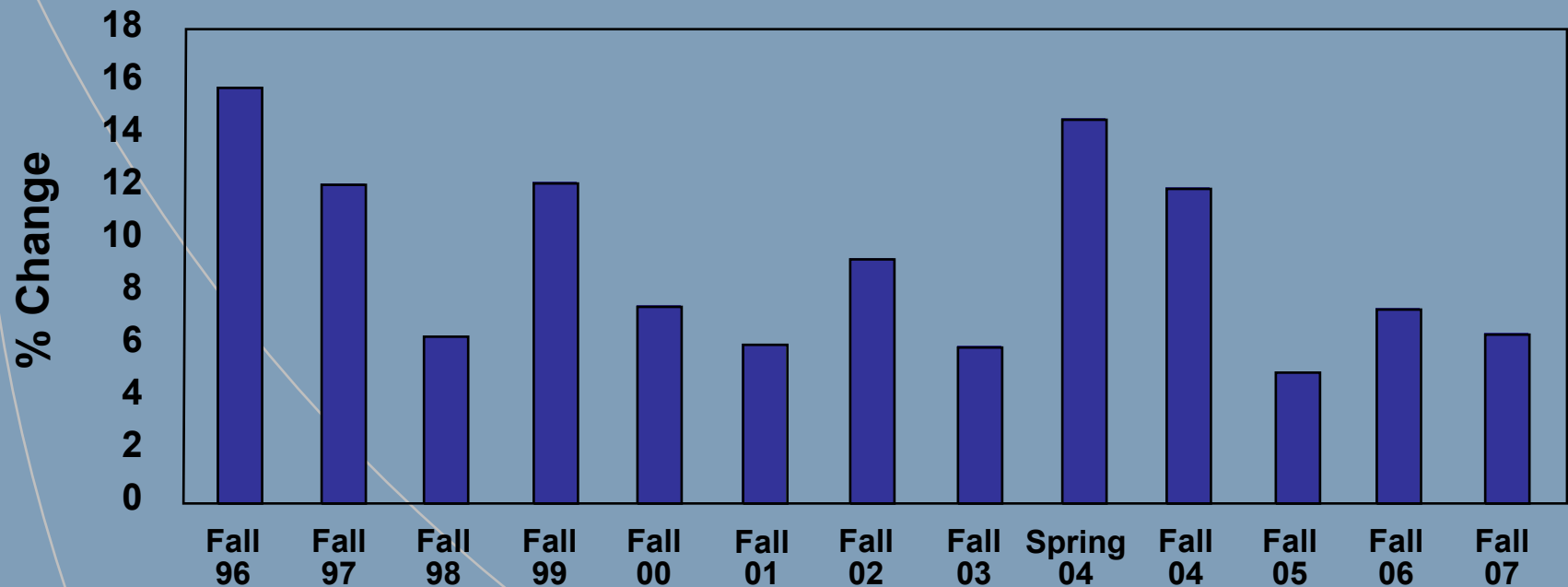
## Tuition and Fee Comparisons - Fall 2005\*

	Undergraduate Resident (Liberal Arts Major)
UT Austin	\$ 3,486.00
Texas Tech	\$ 2,544.00
University of North Texas	\$ 2,361.50
UT – Dallas	\$ 2,952.00
UT – Arlington	\$ 2,547.00
UT – San Antonio	\$ 2,414.00
UT – El Paso  (Fall 2006)	\$ 2,150.00

\* Estimated Cost of Tuition and Fees for 12 semester credit hours



# Tuition and Fee Increases



**10 year Average Increase 9.27%**  
**(1995-2005)**

# Guaranteed Tuition Plan

## Undergraduate In-state Students

- What is it?
  - Guaranteed cost of attendance for entering freshmen for the next 4 years
- What are its benefits?
  - Provides predictability
  - Encourages timely completion of degree

# Guaranteed Tuition Plan

## Undergraduate In-state Students

- **Initial Eligibility**
  - First-time entering freshman admitted in good standing
  - Minimum of 15 credit hours of college-level courses in first semester
- **Continuing Eligibility**
  - Complete minimum of 30 credit hours in academic year (Sept - Aug)
  - Maintain good academic standing, minimum 2.0 GPA
  - Maximum eligibility is 4 years

# Guaranteed Tuition Plan

## Undergraduate In-state Students

- Guaranteed Cost per Semester Credit Hour \$194
- Guaranteed Cost for 30 SCH \$5,833
- Total Cost for 120 SCH \$23,332



# Financial Aid at UTEP

Fiscal Year 2005

- 60% of students receive some form of aid
- \$90 million in grants, scholarships, employment, departmental awards and loans
  - \$36 million in grants
  - \$7 million in scholarships
  - \$2 million in on-campus employment
  - \$3 million in departmental awards
  - \$42 million in loans

# Financial Aid at UTEP

- 84% of financial aid recipients will have all costs covered with a combination of aid (grants, scholarships, work study, student loans)
- **PLUS** (Parental Loans for Undergraduate Students)
  - For dependent students
  - Loan amount is cost of attendance minus financial aid
  - Current interest rate 6.1%
- **Alternative loans**
  - Available to independent and international students