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Board of Trustees Initiate Measure for Upcoming Academic Year

Gardner-Webb University has announced a freeze on tuition, room and board for the upcoming academic year for traditional undergraduate students enrolled in the Boiling Springs campus program. The freeze is effective immediately and will apply to incoming freshmen, transfer students and current undergraduates for the 2019-'20 year.



“We have had concerns for some time about cost and affordability for our undergraduate students,” says Interim GWU President Dr. Ben Leslie, “and our Board of Trustees felt strongly that we needed to address that situation head on.”

Affordability is among the most pressing issues in higher education nationwide. Universities are looking for ways to continue to recruit and retain students while limiting the cost and subsequent student debt.

“We believe Gardner-Webb University is a great value,” notes Leslie, “but that does not mean we shouldn’t pay close attention to how our pricing affects our students. This tuition freeze will impact all of our undergraduates, in different ways based on their individual situations, but the net effect will be that our students will see some financial relief. That’s what we intend. We must keep a close eye on cost as well as value.”

Leslie adds, “We know how our traditional undergraduates perform; we know from our institutional research that 98 percent of those students are employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation.”

Leadership from the Board of Trustees made the freeze possible. “We have heard the concerns not only from students, but from faculty, staff and administration, too,” offers Chair of the Board Jennifer Marion Mills. “It’s something we take very seriously, so we strongly encouraged this action.”

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