Board of Regents raises tuition

By Matt Hoffman
News Editor

On Tuesday, May 11, the Georgia Board of Regents approved a $500 tuition increase for all students, in-state and out-of-state, who attend a research university. The tuition increase will go into effect this coming fall semester. The HOPE Scholarship will cover the increase for students who are recipients of the scholarship, and it will not affect students on the fixed-for-four tuition schedule.

"Our current plans are to use the new tuition dollars to preserve and enhance our instructional and student-related activities, address critical academic issues such as the faculty-student ratio and the availability of course sections for our undergraduates, and continue to support the core mission of research," said Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson in an email sent out to campus on the day following the vote by the Board.

"We [in SGA] are certainly not thrilled that students have to pay more money in tuition. We do understand that the state of Georgia is experiencing historic [tax revenue declines], so we just want to ensure that the quality of the education here at Georgia Tech is not affected as a result of that," said Undergraduate Student Body President Corey T. Boone.

The tuition hike is in response to cuts in funding from the state to universities. As stated in Peterson's letter, Tech has seen a $67.2 million decrease from the state over the past three fiscal years, which equals 23.8 percent. But Peterson also pointed out that tuition at Tech was below that of similar universities.

"This tuition increase will move us closer to the market value as determined by comparison with our peer institutions and will provide some limited flexibility in budgeting for Institute programs," Peterson said.
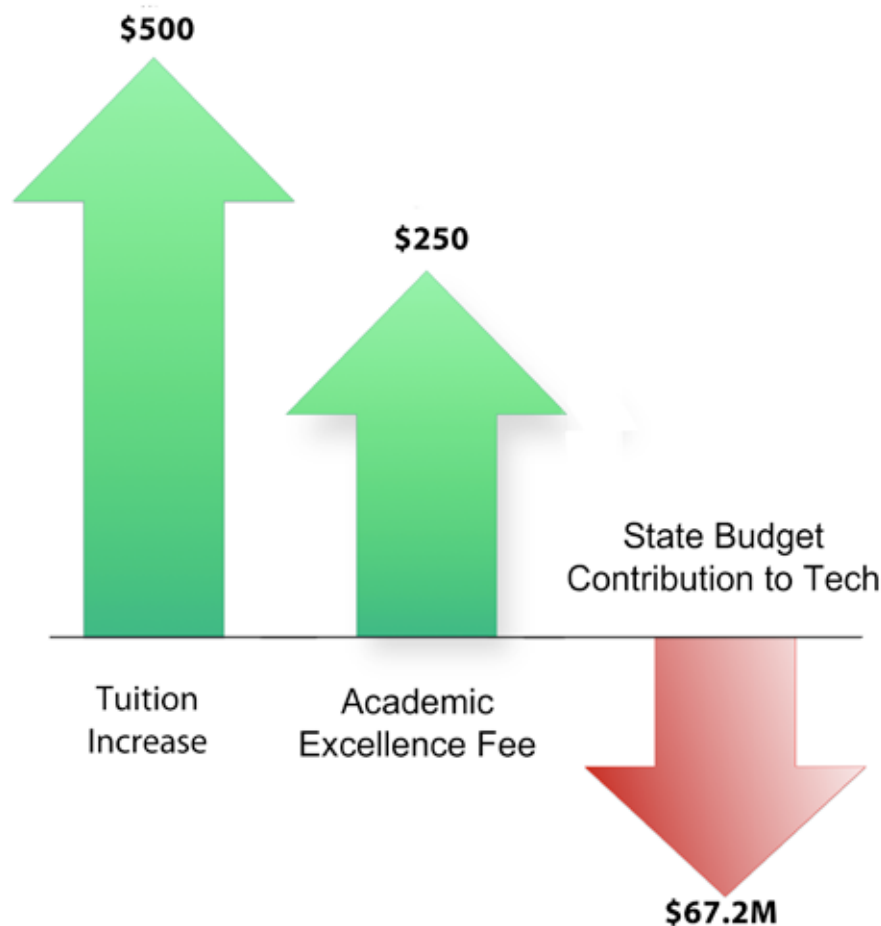
Of the top 10 public schools as ranked by *U.S. News and World Report*, Tech has the third-lowest tuition and mandatory fee rates for the most recent estimates. Currently, a student entering Tech will pay $8,716 per year (two semesters) as a resident of Georgia and $26,926 as a non-resident. The average cost of tuition and mandatory fees for schools ranked in the top 10 is $9,260 for residents and $30,344 for non-residents.

"From a student's perspective, I can say that I'm not necessarily clicking my heels that I'm paying tuition that is comparable to peer institutions. I think that Georgia Tech has always been a very unique institution, but I do recognize the fact that we are taking a global position ...I do understand what [President Peterson] means when he says we are coming in line with our peer institutions, which is true," Boone said.

The tuition hike comes after the implementation of furlough days for staff and faculty, the addition of an Academic Excellence Fee and staff and budget re-

$500

$250

State Budget Contribution to Tech

Tuition Increase

Academic Excellence Fee

$67.2M

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New mod. lang. degree approved

File photo by Ethan Trewhitt/ *Student Publications*

The Swann Building is home to the School of Modern Languages, which the Board of Regents recently approved for its first independent degree program.

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News Editor

After over 100 years of foreign languages at Tech, the Board of Regents approved the first foreign language degree for the Institute. The new degree will be a Bachelor of Science in Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies. The degree will differ from traditional foreign language degrees and will be offered in the coming fall semester.

"Our idea, and the need, was to design a new model for how foreign languages are delivered in the U.S.," said Chair of the School of Modern Languages Phil McKnight.

The degree will be a combination of foreign language studies, cultural studies and a cluster in an interdisciplinary field. The cluster requires 15 hours of study in a concentrated field, allowing students to complete a minor within the major or a combination of courses within another major discipline. Students will also have to complete at least 12 hours abroad.

"The program is designed so that the job opportunities are much broader

Provost search yields two names so far

By Hanhming Lee
Editor-in-Chief

After a search that started at the beginning of the year, the search committee for the new provost at Tech has announced two candidates. While the committee has come up with two names thus far, they have left open the possibility of more nominees being announced in the coming weeks.

The provost has several primary tasks. The position is considered the chief academic officer at the institute. Several vice provosts and all the deans of the colleges report to the provost directly. The provost also deals with the hiring and retention of faculty as well as the budgeting process.

The committee was formed in early January according to the current timeline released by the Office of the Provost. In the listing for the job, they stated that they were accepting applications for the position up to March 31. The search comittee hopes to announce at least one more name in the coming weeks with the candidate coming on to campus to make a public presentation. A final decision about the position should be decided by late June.

The current provost, Dr. Gary Schuster, announced that he was stepping down in Oct. 2009. He had been at the position since Aug. 2006. He is also currently a professor in the College of Science and will return to the faculty after his replacement is found and put in place.

The search committee is made up of various members of the Tech community. While it is primarily faculty and administrators who make up the group, it does include one student: Alina Staskevicius, B.S. ISyE '10. The committee chair is Steve Salbu, the current dean of the College of Management. There are 15 other members of

NEWS BRIEFS

Tech releases first public draft of Strategic Plan

On May 3, Tech released the first public draft of the new Strategic Plan that is designed to help guide the Institute toward its sesquicentenial in 2035. The administartion is looking for feedback from students, faculty, staff and people outside of campus about the draft through June 15. The strategic planning process has been going on for nearly a year, and the administration is hoping to release the finalized plan early in the fall.

"This draft represents the hard work and insight of thousands of individuals from the Georgia Tech community—students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, advisory groups, anfriends—collected over the past nine months," said Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson.

Tech employees suspended for suspected malfeasance

On Wednesday, May 26 Tech announced the suspension of Joy Laskar and Stephane Pinel, both employees at the Georgia Electronic Design Center. After an internal audit, the two were suspected of diverting Institute resources to the Sayana Wireless, LLC, a company which is co-owned by the two employees under investigation. Staff members Chris Evans and Amanda Scacchitti were also suspended.

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From the files of the GTPD...
Campus Crime

By Matt Hoffman
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Signs of theft

On May 15, on officer on patrol noticed two males walking north on Fowler Street toward Ferst Drive. The officer noticed that the two male subjects were carrying something in their arms. The officer believed the object to be a sign from an unknown place. Upon noticing the officer, the two male subjects began to run. One of the two ran toward Fourth Street, while the other made his way west on Ferst Drive toward Techwood Drive. The latter individual threw the sign to the side of the Delta Chi Fraternity house while trying to run away from the officers.

The officier then saw a third individual approaching him. He questioned the individual, who stated that he knew the two previous subjects, and that they had informed him that they had climbed over Gate 2 at Bobby Dodd Stadium and stolen the "T" off the signage in the south end-zone that read "Georgia Tech." The two indviduals were identified as students and were issued Student Code of Conduct Violations.

Can't find the exit

On May 19, an officer was called to Maulding residence hall on a report of damaged property. A Tech employee reported that three exit signs had been damaged on the third floor following the departure of the football team for the summer. The Tech employee stated that each exit sign cost approximately $100 and that the estimated total cost of the damaged property would be approximately $300.

Hatchy break-in

On May 22, an officer responded to a call about break-in of a car at Peters Parking Deck. When the officer arrived, the victim showed him the car which had the window on the hatch broken. There was also an arm of a parking gate lying near the scene. There were no signs of forced entry into the vehicle, and the victim reported neither stolen items nor signs of intrusion.

POLL OF THE WEEK
How do you feel about split graduation?

13.6%
Haven't they always had split ceremonies?

20.7%
I miss my friends in other colleges

18.7%
I'm a grad student. I don't care

47.0%
Shorter graduation is better

Based on 155 responses

Next issue's question:
Are you interested in the new Modern Language degree?
Tell us at **nique.net**

Degree

than they would have been if it was your standard, traditional literature program…. We wanted something that really enhances a student's job profile," McKnight said.

The study abroad requirement can be met with current study abroad programs. McKnight said the program will encourage students to study abroad for an entire year, especially for students studying Japanese and Chinese.

The program will launch offering Spanish and Japanese this fall, adding other languages in the coming years.

"We chose Spanish and Japanese [to start the program]. I think Spanish will fill up fast, and I wanted an Asian language to let everybody know this not a European program; this is a broad program," McKnight said.

German, French and Chinese are the next languages to be added to the program, and the groundwork is already in place for those languages to be folded into the major.

"We are ready to go with all five languages. All we need is for the Provost's Office to sign off [on the other three languages]…. that's where some caution was exercised about the worries of having enough resources in place," McKnight said.

The department hopes that the financial climate will improve in such a way that will allow the other three languages to be added a year from now. The program has been in the works for almost four years and ready to be initiated for a year and a half, but the budget crisis postponed the launch.

Russian, Korean and Arabic are also planned to be offered through the program, but those languages need more resources to become a part of the major. McKnight said that each language needs at least three tenure-track faculty to be included in the program which none of the three languages currently have.
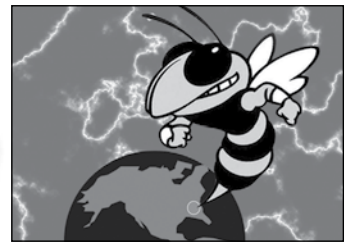
With over 5,000 students tak-

ing a modern language at Tech, according to McKnight the next logical step to enhancing the department was to add a modern language centered major.

"The message and the initiative [to create this degree] comes from the students, because students in all disciplines, whether it be engineering or internal affairs or management, have realized that they are probably going to be working in another country some point during their career, and they realize the impact if globalization," McKnight said.

McKnight hopes that the unique characteristics of this foreign language program will attract students from within the Institute and will bring students to Tech. He also believes that the program is a much needed progression for Tech.

"This degree program will help Georgia Tech significantly in its profile as an university. If you look at all the peer institutes of Georgia Tech they all have foreign language degrees," McKnight said.

Provost

the committee.

Dr. Gary May, the current chair of the School of ECE at Tech, was the first candidate to be announced by the institute and the first to give a public presentation on campus.

May graduated with a B.S. in electrical engineering in 1985 from Tech. He then earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degree from U. of California Berkeley in computer science and electrical engineering in 1988 and 1991, respectively. His focus was in semiconductors devices and integrated circuits.

After completing his Ph.D., he returned to Tech where he has worked since, spending all his career in academia. He has held a position at this school for nearly 20 years. Before serving as ECE school chair, he acted as Execu-

tive Assistant to the President for almost three years.

Dr. Susan Hackwood was the second candidate announced and also the second to give a public presentation. She is currently the Executive Director of the California Council on Science and Technology and a professor of Electrical Engineering at the U. of California, Riverside.

She received her Ph.D. in Solid State Ionics in 1979 from DeMontfort University in the United Kingdom.

She has held various jobs in industry as well as academia. She took a job at Bell Labs right after receiving her Ph.D.

In 1984, she became a professor of ECE at U. of California, Santa Barbara. In 1990, she became the founding dean of the College of Engineering at Riverside. She began her current job in 1995.

Tuition

ductions across the Institute. The Board has not yet said if the number of furlough days will increase in the coming year.

During their May meeting, the Board also approved a $5 increase to the Student Activity Fee that will also take effect this coming fall semester. The Mandatory Student Activity Fee Committee suggested the increase because of greater demand from student organizations for money.

"Hopefully with the five dollar increase, we can help organizations that need the money that will impact the student experience, but I hope that our representations [in SGA] have no intention of using that five dollar increase as a way to rubber stamp everything that comes before them," Boone said.

Space shuttle Atlantis lands for last time

Space Shuttle *Atlantis* landed for at Kennedy Space Center for what is intended to be the last time on Wednesday, May 26. The shuttle saw nearly 25 years of service by NASA and made 32 during its time. There is still the possibility that NASA may need the shuttle to resupply the the International Space Station and that the shuttle will fly again. Space Shuttles *Discovery* and *Endeavour* are still planned to each make one more flight before the entire Shuttle Progam is completly retired.

Oil still spewing into the Gulf of Mexico

After over a month of oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico, British Petroleum (BP) believes that their "Top Kill" method will stop the leak caused by an oil rig explosion on April 20 that left 11 rig workers dead. The leak is nearly a mile under the sea at the ocean floor. Millions of gallons of oil have spewed into the Gulf as a result of the leak, and many gulf coast states have faced steep decreases in tourist income from fears of the oil contaminating beaches along the coast.

The White House has been putting increased pressure on BP and has threatened government intervention if the oil company does not remedy the situation quickly. The president has also announced the formation of a bipartisan commission to study the causes of the incident and to suggest action to prevent such an action from occuring the future.

The President has recievd critism from both sides of the aisle for his lack of response to the oil crisis. Democratic political stratigist James Carville, a native of Louisiana, and his wife, Republican strategist Mary Matalin have both been critical of the President Obama for not being tougher, for not fixing the leak more quickly and has called for coming down on BP severely for the incident happening in the first place.

Facebook remain under fire for privacy issues

Facebook has announced a new privacy system that they believe will alleviate user privacy concerns that have risen from changes made to the social networking website. Many users have complained that some of the new setting have made it difficult for people to decide what personal information they want people to see. The new system breaks down options into three catagories: friends, friends of friends and everybody.

sliver

mal pal, you're my fave.
I have the best GF ever!
When I get into grad school I'm totally going to be a Sheldon to all you undergrads :)
is course critique dead?
best of tech
T.P., I'm in love with you.
Due to dead week policies, the week before dead weak shall be deemed Hell Week
Central campus needs some more fences, that will add to the general "fence" asthetic.
Maybe I should just walk around with a fence so whenver I feel the need to be alone I'll just set up a fence like they do it at that Yellow Jacket "Park".
Girls, yes, get rid of the granny gym shorts, they make your butt look asymmetric and y'all honestly need every thing to go for you. Try Spandex.
SPIFFFAAYYYY!!
DOUBLE DOWN BABY!!
Sebash, you're killing me. I just hope we can be friends again soon.
We're going to have to act if we want to live in a better world.
if you don't know what you're talking about DON'T Talk!
they'd love to see you crash and burn, so smile and hold your head high. don't give them that satisfaction
test 1: 56%, test 2: 61%. I have an A in the class.
bring on the summer sunshines
thank you for starting my morning off with a good laugh
What do I want to be when I grow up? >> the sliver editor of course! ;)
thanks to my girls for supporting and trusting me :)
how bout them cowgirls
here's to more than 2 sliver boxes in the technique this week
Sebash, you're killing me. I just hope we can be friends again soon.
i just studied for my finals - just kidding