TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

2014–2015 Budget Presentation to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Temple University’s Commitment to the People of Pennsylvania

Appropriations Committee Testimony
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As a state-related university, Temple has an obligation to use public dollars wisely. Temple commits to:

- Keep tuition affordable and help students control debt
- Maintain quality while controlling costs
- Enhance Temple’s role as Philadelphia’s public university
- Develop research that improves the lives of Pennsylvanians
- Ensure that Temple’s student population reflects our region, our Commonwealth and our world
- Build an entrepreneurial spirit throughout the curriculum
Keep tuition affordable and help students control debt

- “Fly in 4”: Build incentives to promote graduating in four years so students can avoid damaging debt.
  - Guarantee students can complete their degrees on time or the university will pay for the remaining courses.
  - A total of 2,000 students with the highest financial need will receive $4,000 grants so they can focus more of their time on studying, not work.

- Limiting tuition increases: Over the last two years, Temple has kept base tuition increases to an average of less than 1.5 percent per year.

- Increasing scholarships: Donor support for student scholarships doubled to $16.5 million. Funding for Institutional scholarships has topped $90 million.
Maintain quality while controlling costs

- **A Temple degree means high quality at a good price:** We cannot compromise the excellence of a Temple education.

- **Institute decentralized budget model:** Gives schools and colleges incentives to strive for excellence in teaching, research and public service.

- **Smart students are drawn to quality education:** Average SAT score of freshman class was 1129 – 19 points higher than the year before.
  - 119 points higher than the national freshman average
  - 137 points higher than the most recent Pennsylvania average
Enhance Temple’s role as Philadelphia’s Public University

- **Temple is Philadelphia’s public university.** 1 in 7 college grads in Philly area is a Temple alum.
- **Remaining affordable:** Temple educates more low-income Pell grant recipients than all the other universities in Philadelphia combined.
- **Commitment to health care:** Temple Health serves more Medicaid patients than any other hospital in the Commonwealth.
  - Temple Hospital is among the largest nongovernmental providers of indigent health care in America.
  - TUH annually provides $62 million in unreimbursed or under reimbursed care.
  - Temple will not use tuition dollars to fund indigent health care.
Develop research that improves the lives of Pennsylvanians

- Temple has a growing research enterprise: When national research funding declined last year, Temple experienced a **double-digit increase** in research awards.

- **Trustee commitment**: Temple’s Board of Trustees has allocated **$50 million over five years** to new research initiatives, the largest-ever investment in Temple’s academic enterprise.

- **Engineering compact with other universities**: Ground-breaking effort in Pa. to develop research that will create new jobs.
Ensure that Temple’s student population reflects our region, our Commonwealth and our world

- **A history of commitment to diversity:** At Temple, diversity is not a program, but a way of life.
- More than 40 percent of all Temple students identify themselves as non-white.
- Over 70 percent of all Temple students are Pennsylvania residents.
- More than 2,500 international students from 110 countries studying at Temple.
  - Campuses in Tokyo and Rome ensure that the sun never sets on Temple University.
Build an entrepreneurial spirit throughout the curriculum

- Expand entrepreneurial and innovative thinking across all colleges and schools: Make students innovative problem solvers, capable of adapting to changing environments and opportunities.

- Ensure that students are ‘real-world ready’: Temple students need to feel empowered to take charge of their destinies.
  - Help students kick-start their careers before they leave campus.

- Students must adapt to constant change and find success in fields that have not yet been invented.
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