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## **Governors State University freezes tuition**

### **GSU joins the ranks of four-year universities with the state's most affordable tuition and fees**

University Park, Ill., March 4, 2014 – With a vote of university trustees on Friday, Governors State University will not raise tuition and fees for the 2014-2015 academic year.

“This comes at an historic time for the university,” said President Elaine P. Maimon. “As we make the move from upper division to fully accredited four-year university, we have kept our focus firmly on delivering affordable academic excellence.”

Freezing tuition and fees as the university undergoes major expansion with its first freshman class is part of a broader strategic plan. “Our move to a four-year university is being done with a well thought-out academic and business plan. We are investing in the success of first year students. Success in college and in life is on the line for students in their first year,” added Maimon.

Experts applaud GSU planning

According to the Higher Learning Commission, the accrediting body for degree-granting post-secondary education institutions in the North Central region, the GSU strategy for expansion is setting benchmarks for other universities.

“The types of preparation made for this very significant change are being made in tandem with other significant changes in general education programming, assessment

processes, institutional research, faculty development and other key areas. Such deep and significant change with such a high level of quality control and in such a short timeframe is rare in higher education.”

Dr. Carol Geary Schneider, President of the Association of American Colleges and Universities agreed.

“Governors State has been a national leader in AAC&U’s LEAP initiative to ensure high quality learning for all college students. It is truly instructive to watch as Governors State now unveils a new and learning-centered approach to budgeting. By putting the learning students need centrally in view as the university sets budget priorities, Governors State is providing a much-needed model for colleges and universities across the country and for policy leaders as well.”

The deadline for freshmen applying to GSU is for fall semester is April 1, 2014. Governors State University, the only public university in the Chicago Southland region, serves more than 5,000 students in undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and certificate programs.

Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois.