FIXED TUITION

• The George Washington University (GW) was one of the first universities to offer undergraduate fixed tuition, which was adopted during fiscal year 2005 (academic year 2004-05).

• Fixed tuition means that tuition is locked in for incoming undergraduates for up to five years, as long as they remain in good academic standing.
  
  o For example, undergraduate students in GW’s class of 2013 paid the same tuition in 2012-13 as they did in 2009-10, while students attending similar institutions experienced a tuition increase of 15 percent during the same time period.

• Currently, more than 60 percent of undergraduates receive GW aid.

• Fourteen percent of the GW undergraduate student body received a Pell Grant in 2013.

• According to an analysis of U.S. Department of Education data performed by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, in the 2012-13 academic school year about 320 colleges and universities offered fixed tuition.

• For seven consecutive years, the university has held increases in the overall cost of attendance (tuition, fees, room and board) to around 3 percent per year, placing GW’s percentage increase below those of most major private universities.

• Survey data shows that fixed tuition has had an influence on GW undergraduate students’ decision to enroll. Of the 1,163 students surveyed from the class of 2013:
  
  o Seventy-one percent of all undergraduate students who enrolled stated that fixed tuition was a factor, and nearly a quarter said it had a large influence on their decision to enroll.

  o Seventy-six percent of GW undergraduate students from families with parents who did not graduate from college said fixed tuition was a factor in their decision to attend GW. More than one-third of that group said it had a large influence on their decision to enroll.