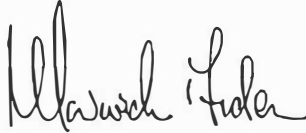## MEMORANDUM

TO: W. Randolph Woodson
Chancellor

FROM: Warwick A. Arden
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

Jess Errico
President, Student Body

SUBJECT: Report of the 2018-19 Tuition Review Advisory Committee Regarding Premium Tuition Proposal

DATE: October 19, 2018

The Tuition Review Advisory Committee (the Committee) submits the following premium tuition proposal for 2020-21. NC State is in the process of requesting approval for the following academic program. It requires we submit a premium but the request cannot be submitted to the Board of Governors until the request to establish program has been submitted. We plan to submit both items at the same time.

The Committee recognizes that final authority for recommending tuition premium proposals to the North Carolina Legislature rests with UNC System Office and the UNC Board of Governors. There were no specific instructions given regarding tuition premium proposals from the UNC System Office.

Two committee meetings were scheduled [September 19 and October 2]. These meetings were well attended, and members engaged in thoughtful discussions during each meeting. As charged, the Committee considered one premium tuition request.

At its October 2nd meeting members heard a presentation from Dr. George Rouskas, Professor and Director of Graduate Programs in Computer Science presenting a premium tuition proposal for the proposed Masters in Foundations of Data Science program. The Committee completed its work by voting and approving the premium tuition proposal. The Committee includes 11 *voting members* and 6 *non-voting members*; 10 out of 11 *voting members* cast votes.

2019-20 premium tuition recommendation to be effective Fall 2020
- A new tuition premium of $5,600 per year premium for the following proposed degree program:
  - Master in Foundations of Data Science

The Committee recognizes that the additional tuition will make attending NC State more expensive for students than in the past, and yet affirms that an NC State education is still an exceptional value. The Committee wishes to maintain and improve the quality of that education for the benefit of our students, the state and region, which we serve. Tuition Review Advisory Committee members voiced agreement that the recommended tuition premium request is necessary.

If you have questions or would like further information, please let us know.

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Impact statements regarding the premium tuition proposals include the following:

Master in Foundations of Data Science: The Masters of Foundations in Data Science (MSFDS) program is a proposed program being requested to be established and implemented for fall of 2020. Due to UNC System processes, we asked that this program concurrently make the request for any premium tuition they will require for the program. This program is requesting $5,600 per year in premium tuition for 2020-21 and 2021-22. The proposed cost of the program will be $ 14,695 for resident and $ 32,021 for nonresident based on proposed regular term tuition rates for 2019-20. This is an interdisciplinary program to be offered by the Departments of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Statistics that will train the next generation of professionals for careers in industry, government, and academia. The requested premium tuition is necessary to enable the three departments to serve a larger student population in the face of a mostly stagnant number of faculty. To make this possible, the proposed degree will be available both as a regular on-campus degree and as an online degree. Specifically, the availability of tuition premium will improve both accessibility and quality of instruction and scholarship by:

1. Providing needed support for the program director (course buyout and summer salary);
2. Hiring graduate program staff members to improve advising and support services;
3. Providing three Teaching Assistantships (one in each of CSC, Math and Stat) to facilitate teaching and advising;
4. Providing need-based financial assistance and recruiting incentives, especially for under-represented groups;
5. Providing buyouts for faculty to ensure the continuous and sustained development of the courses associated to the proposed program.

Summary of Tuition Premium Requests for Graduate Degree Programs

Title of Graduate Degree Program	Tuition Premium Requested for Year 2020-21	Resident / Non-resident 2020-21 Tuition Per Year (including premium) *
Proposed Master of Foundations in Data Science	$5,600	$14,695 / $32,021

- Based on proposed regular term tuition rates for 2019-20