

Resolution Number: RC200-2026

Title: Amendment to Current Statements of Position or Policy F-1 Tuition Increase Control

Reference Committee Assignment: Education

Sponsor(s): 2025-26 Council on Advocacy

Financial Impact: None

Board of Trustees Comments: The Board acknowledges and appreciates the Council on Advocacy's efforts to address hidden fees in dental school tuition. The Board recognizes the necessity of transparency and the annual review of all costs associated with attendance to ensure informed decision-making by students. Therefore, the Board recommends a yes vote.

Board Vote: Unanimous

Summary of Board Vote: Nothing to report as the vote was unanimous.

Reference Committee Comments: The Reference Committee appreciates the delegate's testimony and agrees with the recommendations and therefore recommends the following RC substitute.

Reference Committee Vote: Unanimous

Summary of Reference Committee Vote: Nothing to report as the vote was unanimous.

Background: For dental students to appropriately budget for their education program, all costs must be clearly communicated to current and prospective dental students; therefore, be it

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Current Statements of Position or Policy F-1 Tuition Increase Control be amended as follows:

The American Student Dental Association encourages the administrations of all U.S. CODA-accredited dental schools to develop, **and utilize, and distribute** an estimated costs increase statement for incoming and existing students. In the event that an unresolved dispute over tuition arises involving a dental school and its students, the association will request the school to substantiate the tuition increase.

All U.S. CODA-accredited dental schools should annually review and update its estimated cost of attendance to ensure it accurately reflects actual cost of attendance in a timely manner to optimize students' ability to secure appropriate funding. This figure should include cost of living expenses, all mandatory clinical equipment, and required program fees.

47 **Action:** The Chair moves RC200-2026 in lieu of 200-2026 with a recommendation of a yes vote.