

**Re: October 4, 2021: Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and
Education Subcommittee on Higher Education**

Representatives,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in today's hearing and to speak with you about Temple University's commitment to access and affordability for all students, but especially those who are residents of the Commonwealth. Temple enrolls approximately 24,000 Pennsylvania residents, from 62 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

Working in partnership with the Commonwealth we are able to provide access to a world class education within reach for all citizens of Pennsylvania. Thanks in part to the annual operating appropriation we receive, Temple's in-state tuition is discounted approximately \$13,000, or 45% compared to out-of-state rates. Also, with the additional commitment of Temple's Board of Trustees, in-state tuition has been held flat with no increase in two of the past three academic years. In fact, annual tuition increases for Pennsylvania students have been held at or below 2.5% for six years running. And the upper-level tuition differential was eliminated in 2017.

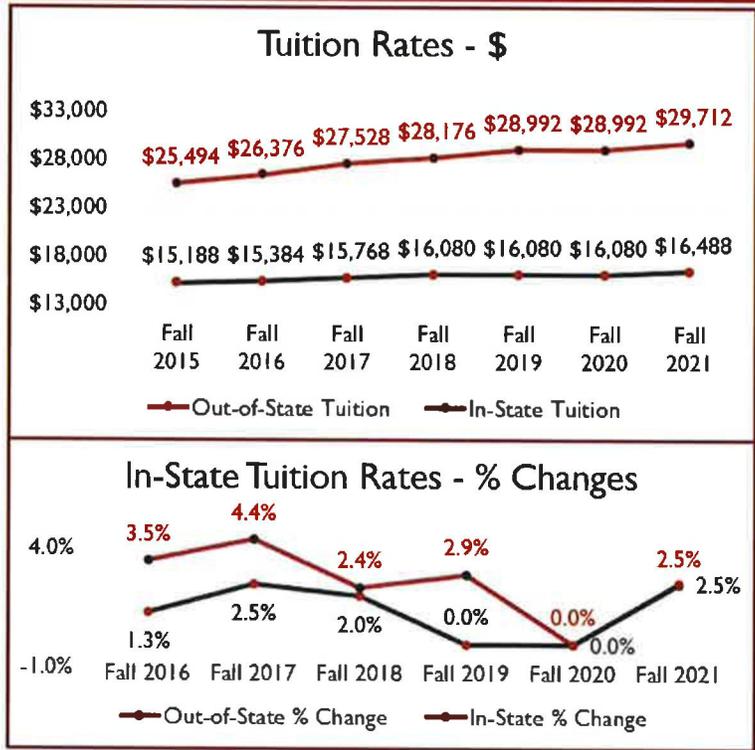
Another way Temple has been able to keep tuition more affordable is by operating efficiently and managing its cost structure. To better align our cost structure with the changing demographics, the University has proactively cut its operating budget in five of the past ten years, eliminating \$136.4 million from the annual operating budget. But how do we know we're efficient? Based on fiscal 2020 data from an independent higher education benchmarking consortium, Temple is the 4th most administratively efficient university out of its peer public institutions. Additionally, Temple's decentralized budget model implemented in 2015 rewards those schools and departments that are entrepreneurial and efficient.

At Temple, we are honored to be a state-related university and hope we can continue our long and successful partnership that has served the Commonwealth and its citizens so well over the past 56 years.

Sincerely,
David Marino
Interim Treasurer

TUITION RATES - TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

- PA Resident rate discounted at ~45% (~\$13,000) per year
- Approximately half of discount funded by the Commonwealth appropriation
- \$156M of appropriation translates into ~\$300M of tuition discounts to PA residents
- In-State tuition rates held flat 2 of the past 3 years
- Tuition rate increases for in-state-students at or below 2.5% over the past 6 years
- Tuition rates increased for in-state-students on average 1.37% per year over the past 6 years



FLY-IN-4

PROMOTING 4-YEAR GRADUATION / REDUCED STUDENT DEBT



How does Fly in 4 work?

- Incoming freshmen (and transfers) get the tools and incentives to graduate on time, including academic plans and advising to keep them on track and classes that are offered when students need them.

Temple's 4-year graduation rate has improved to 61% for the fall 2016 cohort

Since the launch in 2014:

- 35K+ students have opted into the program
- 88-94% of entering cohorts opt in
- Students who commit maintain higher GPAs and take more credits
- 4-yr grad rate improved 17% between fall 2010 cohort and fall 2016 cohort
- Reduced student debt of \$2.4M for 2016 cohort (compared to 2013 cohort graduation rate)
- Fall 2017 cohort graduation rate was 58% (17% better than non-fly-in-4 rate)