

Department of Visualization Report on the Uses of Differential Tuition in the 2011-2012 Academic Year

In the 2011-2012 academic year the Department of Visualization generated \$60,202.70 through differential tuition. Those funds were spent during the year increasing course offerings for the Bachelor of Science in Visualization students.

Differential tuition for the College of Architecture was approved by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents in May 2011 and went into effect in the Fall 2011 semester. Each student majoring in an undergraduate program administered by academic departments in the college is charged \$204 dollars per semester on top of the university's standard tuition.

For the students in the Bachelor of Science in Visualization program the differential tuition funds:

1. Contributed to our ability to offer four more courses (78) during the Fall 2011-Spring 2012 semesters than were offered during the previous Fall-Spring long semesters (74).
2. Were primarily responsible for our ability to offer 50% more courses in summer 2012 (9) relative to what we were able to offer in summer 2011 (6).

These additional course offerings, particularly the capacity to offer more required and directed elective courses, are allowing our students to move through the curriculum faster with what we expect will be a quicker time to graduation than would have been possible without differential tuition funding.

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