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Dear Cooper Union Students & Families,

Around this time each year, colleges and universities across the country share letters like this with students and families to provide updates about tuition for the next academic year. In nearly every case, those letters contain news of tuition increases for the coming year, which is what makes this letter from The Cooper Union remarkable.

For the fifth consecutive year, The Cooper Union's Board of Trustees approved holding the line on tuition costs so that tuition will again remain unchanged for all undergraduates in the 2023/2024 academic year. This comes in the wake of the financial challenges we experienced during the pandemic and amid growing inflationary pressures. It is possible because of our careful, prudent financial management and the generosity of those who give financially to The Cooper Union.

The decision to again hold tuition flat is part of our deeply held conviction to not only make higher education affordable but to work toward restoring Cooper's legacy of being tuition free for all undergraduates. That goal has the potential to be realized by 2028, but we know and understand that, as current Cooper students and families, what's important to you is how your experience and financial needs are being supported now. In addition to another 0% tuition increase, here's how we're doing that:

- Every undergraduate receives a scholarship that covers 50% of tuition.
- Additional scholarship levels are provided for students based on demonstrated financial need; more than 45% of Cooper undergraduates receive scholarships that cover 100% of tuition.
- Our plan to return to full-tuition scholarships provides for incremental scholarship increases in the years leading up to 2028. For the 2023/24 academic year, the average amount of tuition covered by scholarships for undergraduates will increase to roughly 80%.
- We will make modest changes to housing and other fees, holding those increases at or near 3%.

We also continue to invest in your academic programs and spaces including the expanded Center for Writing and Learning; revitalized Library space and programming; the Albert Nerken School of Engineering's new center for student success; the IDC Foundation Art, Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (AACE) Lab now in its second full year of in-person use; the Benjamin Menschel Civic Projects Lab for cross-disciplinary collaborations in the public interest; a new photo lab in the School of Art; new humanities and social sciences minors integrated into every school; new minors including bioengineering and computer science in the School of Engineering; and continued expansion of exciting



institutional collaborations and relationships like The Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture's model-making program with the Museum of Modern Art.

We are pleased to share this news with you today. We can assure you that our commitment to accessibility and affordability is resolute for both the short and long terms.

We are glad that you are part of The Cooper Union.

Sincerely,

Mark Campbell
Vice President for Enrollment