

The background of the slide features a photograph of graduates in black caps and gowns. One graduate in the upper left is lifting their cap, and another in the lower right is holding a rolled-up diploma. The image is partially covered by a large blue rectangle on the right side.

# USHE Tuition and Affordability

Higher Education Appropriations Committee  
February 14, 2020



# Changes made in March 2019

- Discontinued uniform first-tier + institution second-tier tuition structure to an institution specific tuition rate approach
- Required additional detail from institutions including:
  - A detailed list of uses for tuition revenue
  - Demonstrated support from students and Trustees
  - Anticipated impact on student access, retention, and completion rates
  - Dollar and percentage adjustment being requested
- Institutions use of tuition dollars will be subject to spot audits



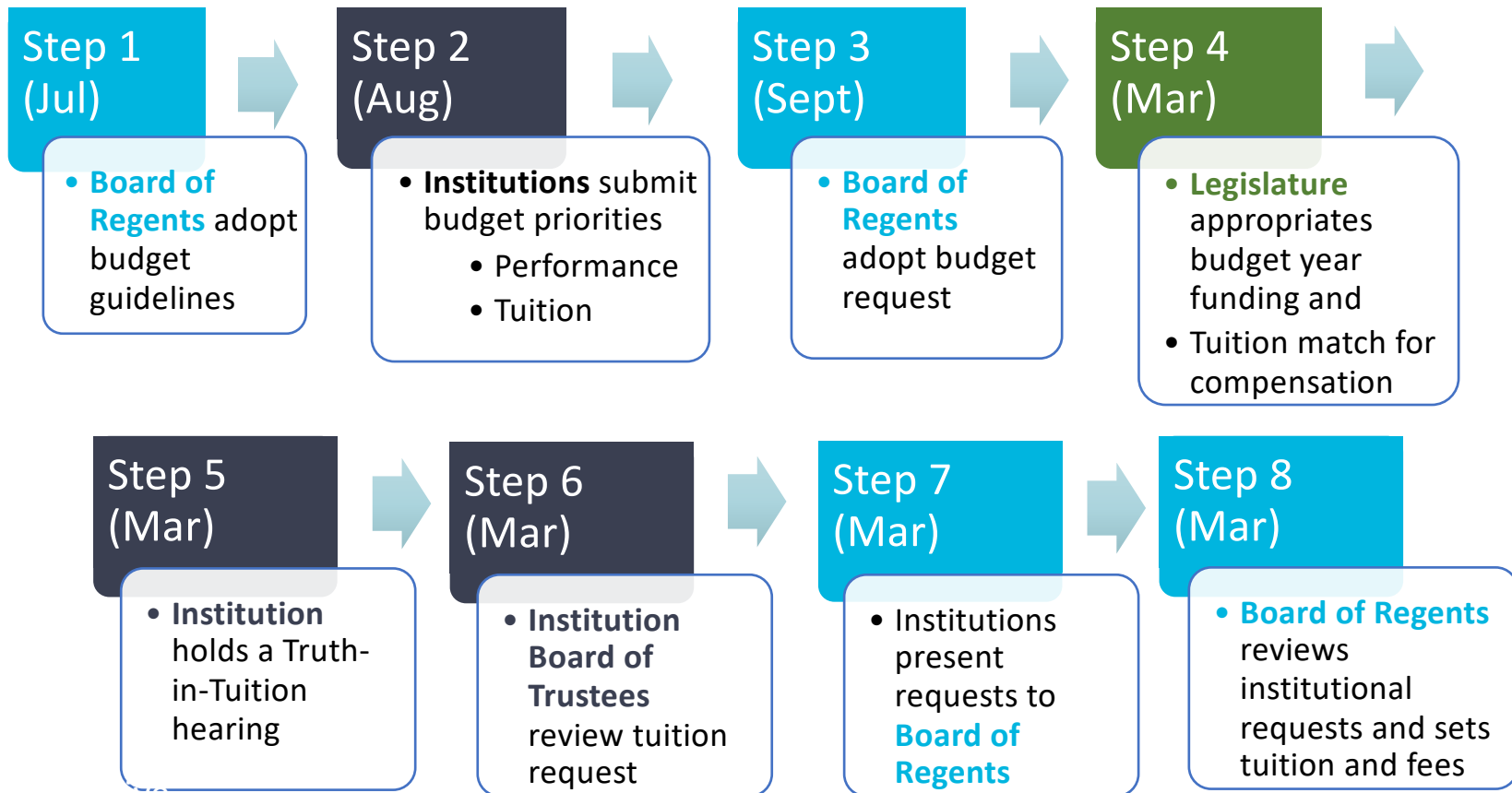
# FY 2021 Regent Budget Guidelines

“USHE Institutions shall submit institutional needs to be funded with performance funding and tuition increases.”

“To continue to support student affordability efforts, tuition increases approved in the spring of 2020 will be kept at a minimum and will only be considered for institutional priorities and compensation matches not funded by the state legislature and deemed necessary for institutional operation.”

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# USHE Tuition Setting Process

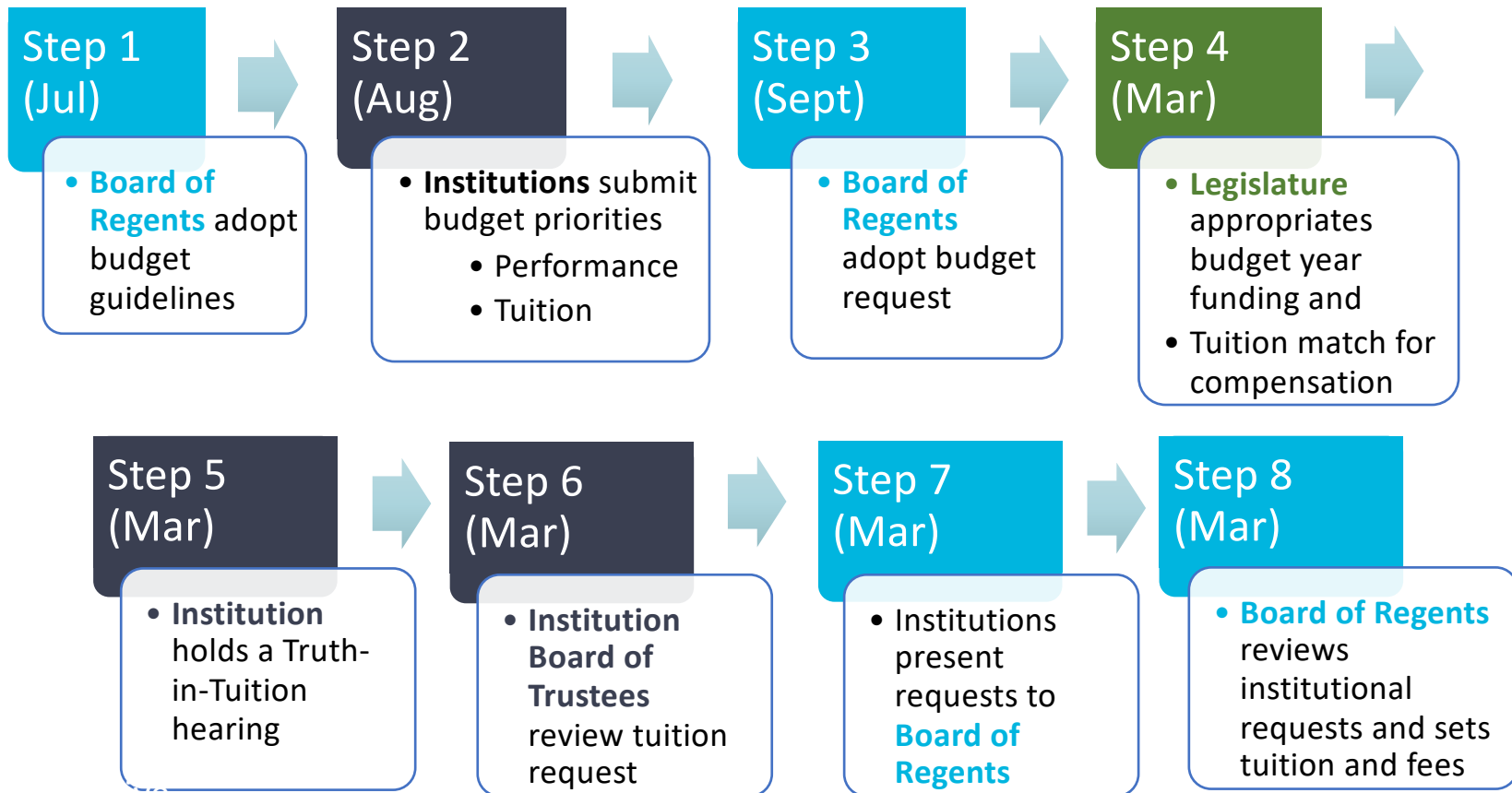


# Weber State University

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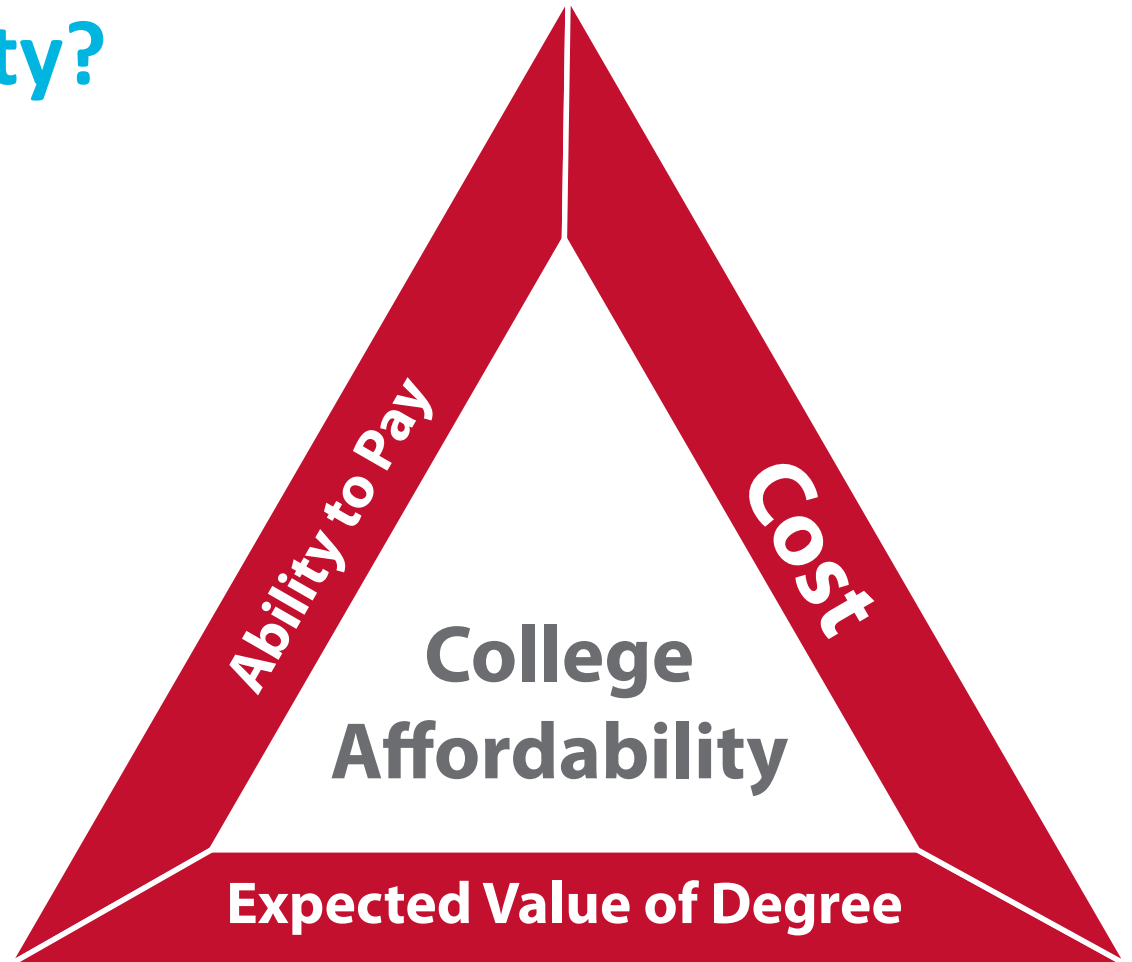


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# What is Affordability?

- A very INDIVIDUAL measure
- Regent Task Force



# Driving Institutional Costs

- Tuition and Fees are Directly Correlated to State Appropriations
  - Each year Institutions look internally to manage costs ([USHE Efficiencies](#))
  - Costs pressures include:
    - Legislative compensation match (75%/25%)
    - Faculty and staff salary (promotion and tenure)
    - Inflation of goods and services
    - Increased student services like safety and mental health
    - Student enrollment growth
    - Federal and State mandates (Title IX, etc.)
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75%

2.5% salary, 4.53%  
health, and ISF

25%

\$10,504,000  
1.19% Tuition Increase



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