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To: Board of Trustees, The Cooper Union.

The full-time faculty of the School of Art urges the Board of Trustees to initiate an in-depth analysis of the impact of tuition on maintaining the school's reputation for academic quality. The faculty, in its continued advocacy of 100% tuition scholarship for all, urges the Board to reconsider parts of the Free Education Committee's Recommended Plan. In particular, the faculty expresses its serious reservations with regard to two items: 1) The 10-year timeline to return to a 100% tuition scholarship; and 2) the increase in the dorm rate as a way to generate additional revenue. Beyond the datable points of admission offers, rates and yields, SAT scores and GPAs, we advise the Board to consider the immaterial as well as the material impact of tuition on students and alumni. We request that the Board delay voting on the Recommended Plan until these concerns are given due consideration.