

MINUTES
Board of Regents
May 5, 2023

The Board of Regents of Washington State University (WSU or University) met pursuant to call in Open Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023, at WSU Health Sciences Spokane campus, Nursing Building, Room 205, Spokane, Washington.

Present: Lisa Schauer, Acting Chair; Regents Brett Blankenship, Enrique Cerna, Reanne Chilton, Judi McDonald, Doug Picha, Lura Powell, Jenette Ramos, Heather Redman, John Schoettler, and President Kirk H. Schulz.

I. OPENING

A. Report from the Chair of the Board of Regents. Acting Chair Lisa Schauer called the meeting to order and welcomed audience members. Acting Chair Schauer reminded the audience that members of the public were invited to view the meeting via YouTube and that a link was available on the Board of Regents website.

Acting Chair Schauer reported the month of May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. A month we celebrate and honor the culture and contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Acting Chair Schauer recognized Special Assistant to the Provost for Inclusive Excellence Trymaine Gaither for his LinkedIn post suggesting ways to better understand, honor, and celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month.

Acting Chair Schauer reported that she and Regent Enrique Cerna recently attended the 2023 Association of Governing Boards Trusteeship meetings in San Diego, CA. She said it was a fantastic opportunity to network with other Higher Education board members and her fellow Board members to attend.

Acting Chair Schauer congratulated Regent Lura Powell for receiving the 2023 Tri-Cities Award. Acting Chair Schauer said this is a prestigious honor bestowed by the Tri-Cities Rotary and Kiwanis clubs to recognize outstanding service to the community. Regent Powell is widely known for her tireless efforts to enhance the quality of life in the Tri-Cities region, with a particular focus on science, technology, education, literacy, and combating human trafficking, and has earned a well-deserved reputation as a dedicated and passionate volunteer. Acting Chair Schauer said we are fortunate to have Regent Powell as one of our own.

Acting Chair Schauer reminded the audience that there would be a public comment period during the meeting to be held at the conclusion of the Board's regular business and stated that the period would last for up to 10 minutes. She noted that each speaker would be allowed two minutes, and preference would be given to speakers speaking to matters that are or will be before the Board.

B. Report from the President of the University. President Schulz welcomed the audience and provided the following updates:

Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine Pediatric Residency Program – President Schulz reported Providence and Washington State University are partnering to establish eastern Washington's first pediatric medical residency. The new residency is possible due to support from the Community Cancer Fund, Premera Blue Cross, Providence INWA Foundation donors, and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The program promises to improve the depth and breadth of overall children's healthcare in Spokane and foster aspiring physicians from the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine and other medical schools. President Schulz said launching Washington's first pediatric residency program east of the Cascades is a monumental step towards improving access to healthcare in our state and furthering WSU's land-grant mission of serving the public good. As nationwide healthcare demands continue to increase, providing residency training will develop a pipeline of physicians committed to ensuring care for communities on this side of the state and beyond.

Research Center in Everett - President Schulz reported WSU is partnering with Snohomish County to establish a \$6.5M research center dedicated to improving sustainable aviation fuels (SAF). President Schulz said it will be the world's first SAF repository committed to advancing SAF technologies and will be the only facility to collect, sample, and distribute SAF at a scale needed for use in the largest aircrafts. Dr. Joshua Heyne, a leading expert in SAF and current director of the WSU Tri-Cities Bioproducts Science and Engineering Laboratory, will lead the new center.

Center for Arts and Humanities Naming – President Schulz reported WSU alum, David Pollart, has recently invested more than \$1.5M in the Center for Arts and Humanities to support new educational programs, research, and creative activity that crosses traditional academic boundaries. His generous gift will also fund guest lectures, event series, and faculty fellowships to develop new exhibitions, performances, and other activities. In recognition of his support, the center will be named the David G. Pollart Center for Arts and Humanities. It will be one of four universities in the Pac-12 to have a named center for arts and humanities. President Schulz congratulated Mike Connell, Todd Butler, and the advancement team for aligning David's interest with this unique opportunity that will continue to advance arts and humanities at WSU.

WSU Athletics – President Schulz reported at the end of March Athletic Director Pat Chun was invited to testify before the United States House Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce regarding Name, Image, and Likeness. In his remarks and response to questions from the members of the House, Chun highlighted the need for Congress to set national standards to protect the student-athlete experience. He emphasized WSU's support for student-athletes to operate under transparent national guidelines and made note of the classes and support services WSU offers student-athletes. President Schulz said Pat did a terrific job of representing WSU on this national stage, and his invitation from Cathy McMorris Rodgers is indicative of the strong relationships we've built with members of our Congressional delegation.

State Capital and Operating Budgets – President Schulz reported the state legislature funded nearly all of WSU's budget requests in their capital budget agreement, including \$40M to address deferred maintenance, \$13M for minor renovation and equipment purchases, \$40M to match philanthropic funds for VCEA Student Success building, and \$10M to begin renovation of Knott Dairy Center in Pullman. He said he was also pleased with the support WSU received in their operating budget agreement, which fully funds WSU requests to support nursing salaries, establish new academic programs in social work and public health, and partially funds the university's request to provide cost of living adjustment. President

Schulz congratulated the Office of External Affairs and Government Relations team and thanked Interim Vice President for External Affairs and Government Relations Chris Mulick. He said this kind of support is phenomenal and a testament to the incredible working relationships the team helped build in Olympia.

C. Report from the WSU Health Sciences Spokane Chancellor. Executive Vice President and Chancellor Daryll DeWald and Executive Vice Chancellor for Research Celestina Barbosa-Leiker provided the Regents updates on WSU Health Sciences Spokane local, regional, and statewide partnerships, campus leadership, enrollment, the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine landmark pediatrics residency program, the College of Nursing, Native American Health Sciences program and SP3NW WSU's Life Sciences Incubator.

D. Commendation for Student Regent Reanne Chilton

Acting Chair Schauer read Board of Regents resolution #230505-682 commending Student Regent Reanne Chilton for her service to the Board of Regents and WSU.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt resolution #230505-682. Carried. *(A copy may be requested from the President's Office.)*

II. CONSENT AGENDA.

Acting Chair Schauer reported that there were three items on the Consent Agenda.

- A) Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2023, Board of Regents Meeting
- B) Establishment of Departments in the College of Nursing
- C) Discontinue the Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science

Acting Chair Schauer asked if any Regent wished to remove an item on the Consent Agenda to be considered separately. Hearing no requests, it was moved and seconded that the Consent Agenda be approved. *Carried.*

III. REPORTS FROM SHARED GOVERNANCE GROUPS. Representatives from each University Shared Governance Group—Foundation Board of Directors, Alumni Association, Faculty Senate, WSU Associated Students of Washington State University Tri-Cities, WSU Graduate and Professional Student Association, and the Administrative Professional Advisory Council—reviewed their reports as submitted. *(Exhibit A)*

IV. EXECUTIVE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. Acting Chair Schauer reported the Committee reviewed and discussed one Action Item and submitted the following for Board consideration:

Election of Officers

It was moved and seconded that Lisa Schauer be elected as Chair of the WSU Board of Regents for the year beginning July 1, 2023, and that Jenette Ramos be elected to serve as Vice Chair of the WSU Board of Regents for the year beginning July 1, 2023, with the understanding that she

shall act as Chair pro tempore in the absence of Chair, with the power to preside at the meetings and to sign all instruments required to be executed by the WSU Board of Regents. Carried. (Exhibit B)

V. STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE REPORT. Regent Schoettler reported that the Strategic and Operational Excellence Committee reviewed and discussed one Information Item: Provost's Office Last Year Reflections and Current Horizon presented by Executive Vice President and Provost and Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton. Regent Schoettler further reported that the Committee held focused discussions on the 2023 legislative session provided by Interim Vice President for External Affairs and Government Relations Chris Mulick and a report from the Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO Leslie Brunelli and Chief Compliance and Risk Officer Sharyl Kammerzell.

VI. ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT. Regent Cerna reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee reviewed two Future Action Items: Establish Departments in the College of Nursing presented by Executive Vice President and Provost and WSU Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton and Executive Vice President and WSU Health Sciences Spokane Chancellor Daryll DeWald and Discontinue the Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science Degree presented by Executive Vice President and Provost and WSU Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton. Following Board discussion, the Committee recommended both Future Actions be moved to the May 5, 2023, Consent Agenda for the Board's consideration.

VII. FINANCE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. Acting Chair Schauer reported that the Finance and Administration Committee reviewed and discussed three Information Items: Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Statement Audit Results, WSU Annual Financial Performance Report, and WSU System Budget Update presented by Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO Leslie Brunelli and Senior Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration and Deputy CFO Matt Skinner. Acting Chair Schauer further reported the committee reviewed and discussed nine Future Action Items: Fiscal Year 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Request presented by Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO Leslie Brunelli, Senior Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration and Deputy CFO Matt Skinner, Executive Vice President and Provost and WSU Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton, and Interim Vice President for External Affairs and Government Relations Chris Mulick; Proposed Revisions to WAS 504-45 (Public Records) presented by Executive Vice President Brunelli, Associate Vice President Skinner, and Executive Director for Policy and Governance Danielle Hess; WSU Pullman, College of Engineering & Architecture, Schweitzer Engineering Hall, Facility and Infrastructure Budget Approval presented by Executive Vice President Brunelli, Associate Vice President Skinner, Associate Vice President for Facility Services Olivia Yang, and Executive Vice President and Provost and WSU Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton; WSU Pullman, College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Knott Dairy Center Renovation, Project Budget Approval presented by Executive Vice President Brunelli, Associate Vice President Skinner, Associate Vice President for Facility Services Olivia Yang, and Executive Vice President and Provost and WSU Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton; WSU Spokane, Biomedical and Health Sciences Building Phase II, Design Phase and Site Preparation Approval presented by Executive Vice President Brunelli, Associate Vice President Skinner, Associate Vice President for Facility Services Olivia Yang, and Executive Vice President and WSU Health Sciences Spokane Chancellor Daryll DeWald; WSU Pullman, College of Veterinary Medicine, Bustad Hall Renovation (Simulation-Based Education Program) Project

Budget Approval presented by Executive Vice President Brunelli, Associate Vice President Skinner, Associate Vice President for Facility Services Olivia Yang, and Executive Vice President and Provost and WSU Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton; WSU Pullman, Taylor Sports Complex, Design Approval presented by Executive Vice President Brunelli, Associate Vice President Skinner, Associate Vice President for Facility Services Olivia Yang, and Athletic Director Pat Chun; WSU Pullman, Taylor Sports Complex, Project Budget Approval presented by Executive Vice President Brunelli, Associate Vice President Skinner, Associate Vice President for Facility Services Olivia Yang, and Athletic Director Pat Chun; and WSU Pullman, Taylor Sports Complex, Financing Plan Approval presented by Executive Vice President Brunelli, Associate Vice President Skinner, Associate Vice President for Facility Services Olivia Yang, and Athletic Director Pat Chun. Acting Chair Schauer further reported the Committee reviewed and discussed eight Action Items and submitted the following for Board consideration:

WSU Pullman, Taylor Sports Complex, Increase Design Phase Budget

Acting Chair Schauer noted for the record that it was decided that this item would be presented as an Action Item rather than a Future Action Item in accordance with the Board of Regents Bylaw II.12.B.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt resolution 230505-683 and approve an increase of \$6,000,000 in the design phase budget for the WSU Pullman, Taylor Sports Complex and further delegate authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete this phase of the project within the budgeted amount of \$8,400,000 as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit C*)

WSU Pullman, College of Veterinary Medicine Abelson, Eastlick, and Bustad Building Renovation Project Budget Approval

Acting Chair Schauer noted for the record that it was decided that this item would be presented as an Action Item rather than a Future Action Item in accordance with the Board of Regents Bylaw II.12.B.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt resolution 230505-681 and approve the WSU Pullman, Abelson, Eastlick, and Bustad building renovation with a total project budget not to exceed \$22,000,000 and authorize the project to proceed using the Design-Build (DB) process pursuant to RCW 39.10, and further delegate authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the budget as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit D*)

Tuition Rate Setting

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents set tuition rates for academic year 2023-2024 and establish a new tuition rate for the professional Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program effective for academic year 2024-2025 as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit E*)

WSU Pullman, Academic Year 2023-2024 Housing and Dining Rates

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve housing and dining rates for academic year 2023-2024 as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit F*)

WSU Pullman, Student Recreation Center Fee Increase

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve an increase in the WSU Pullman, Student Recreation Center fee beginning academic year 2023-24 as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit G*)

Academic Year 2023-2024 Services and Activities Fee Rate Change

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve rate changes in campus Services and Activities fees for the academic year 2023-2024 as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit H*)

Academic Year 2023-2024 and Summer 2023 Services and Activities Fee Committee Allocations

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the allocation of Services and Activities fees for academic year 2023-2024 and summer 2023, as recommended by the student-led Services and Academic Fee Committees representing each of the WSU campuses as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit I*)

WSU Pullman, Fiscal Year 2024 Undergraduate Student Technology Fee Committee Allocations

It was moved and seconded that the WSU Board of Regents approve the allocations as recommended by the Pullman Undergraduate Student Technology Fee Committee for the 2024 fiscal year as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit J*)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS. Acting Chair Schauer reported the Regents met in Executive Session on Thursday, May 4, 2023, with legal counsel to discuss pending litigation involving the university. Acting Chair Schauer said the Board would not be taking action as a result of those discussions.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. WSU student Gil Rezin commented to the Board requesting WSU divest from fossil fuels.

X. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held on September 15, 2023.

Signed Copies Available in the Office of the System President

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Foundation Board of Regents Report

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Connell, Vice President of Advancement & CEO, WSU Foundation

The Washington State University Foundation is pleased to report the following:

- As of April 21, 2023, generous alumni and friends have contributed \$87,018,438 in total philanthropic activity to benefit Washington State University faculty, students, research, and outreach system-wide during Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023). In addition, the endowment market value was \$646,310,203 as of February 28, 2023.
- On March 28, Providence and WSU announced a partnership to establish eastern Washington's first pediatric medical residency. The new residency is made possible thanks to support from the Community Cancer Fund, Premera Blue Cross, Providence INWA Foundation donors and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The program promises not only to improve the depth and breadth of overall children's healthcare in Spokane, but also to foster aspiring physicians from the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine and other medical schools. Recruitment for the inaugural class will begin later this year with the first residents expected to begin their training in summer 2024.
- WSU Tri-Cities unveiled a new Cougar Pride statue on April 3, commissioned and funded by WSU alumnus and Crimson Laureate Gary Schneidmiller. The installation is a smaller replica of the Cougar Pride statue commissioned by Gary and installed on the northeast plaza outside Gesa Field at Martin Stadium in 2008. Recognizing an opportunity to further unify the unique Cougar spirit for faculty, staff, students, and alumni statewide, Gary commissioned four installations of Cougar Pride to also be installed on WSU campuses in Everett, Spokane, the Tri-Cities and Vancouver. WSU Tri-Cities is the first to receive this installation, which is located at the amphitheater outside of Collaboration Hall. Gary was joined at the ribbon-cutting by WSU President Kirk Schultz, WSU Tri-Cities Chancellor Sandra Haynes, statue artists Mike and Chester Fields, and ASWSUTC President Isaac Marroquin.
- WSU donors made 1,419 gifts—totaling \$468,584—during #CougsGive on April 12. Donations spanned 97 unique funding areas of the WSU system, with every campus and college receiving donor support on the day. The #CougsGive platform allows alumni and friends to sign up as “Cougar Ambassadors” to promote the day through peer advocacy. A record 486 constituents registered as ambassadors for this year's day of giving and, through social media posts, peer-to-peer sharing, and personal outreach, referred 322 individual gifts during the campaign—also a record total.
- The next meeting of the WSU Foundation Board of Directors will be held in conjunction with the WSU Foundation's Spring Meeting, May 18-19, 2023, at WSU Vancouver.

May 5, 2023

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Alumni Association Report

SUBMITTED BY: Lester Barbero, WSUAA President-Elect 2022-2023
Mariah Maki, WSUAA Executive Director

2023 Top Ten Seniors

The Top Ten Seniors Awards program dates back to the early 1900s. Student Alumni Ambassadors and the WSU Alumni Association recognize the top ten students in five categories across the WSU system for exemplary achievements. There was a 64% increase in nominations this year. Recipients include:

Academics: Madison Neyland and Thomas Ballinger
Athletics: Jacob McKeon and Margaret "Meg" Montgomery
Campus Involvement: Gisselle Salazar and Madelynn Zadzora
Community Service: Elena Cervantes and Dylan Harbo
Visual and Performing Arts: Jake Berreth and Chloe Nealon

Cougs are Very Giving

The WSUAA raised \$38,725 from 100 gifts during this year's 24-hour CougsGive event. Highlights included generous matches from Jack '66 and Joy '67 Glover and Mark '95 and Janet '95 Schuster, who matched gifts up to \$10,000 and donated an additional \$10,000 after 50 gifts. Additionally, over 40 gifts to our 4 multicultural chapters supported engagement efforts. Many alum volunteers across the country helped amplify the messages through social channels as CougsGive Ambassadors.

We're Predicting a Fall to Remember—Mark Your Calendar with Some Important Dates

This year we are partnering with ASWSU, IFC/Panhellenic (Greek Life), and the Student Entertainment Board to bring you a reimagined Homecoming on October 13 and 14. The signature event for festivities surrounding the football game is a Pep Rally at the Lewis Alumni Centre, complete with fan interaction, local celebrities, a stage for live bands, and so much more.

We are thrilled to offer two PreGames this season. These are epic events before select away football games. This year we would love to have you join us on October 28 at Arizona State and November 11 at Cal. Connect with Cougs, enjoy great food and music, and hear from WSU leadership before heading to the game.

If you are in Pullman for select home football games, you should join us for The Feast. Each dinner features the incredible wines of a Cougar-connected winery, along with a four-course dinner prepared by Executive Chef LJ Klinkenberg and a team of talented students. Prior to the dinner, guests enjoy a reception at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, which includes an art gallery tour, wine, and appetizers. This year, Feast will be held on September 8 with Five Star (Cougar X), September 22 with Piolet Vintners, and November 3 with Tsillan Cellars.

If you enjoy fantastic Cougar-connected wine that supports WSUAA scholarships and other important initiatives, then you'll love the Cougar X Release Party. Five Star created this superb red blend, and the first time the public can purchase it is August 25 and 26 at Five Star in Walla Walla. Wine-By-Cougars Wine Club members are guaranteed a bottle (and can even add more to their order) in the September shipment.

WSUAA Member Benefits

WSUAA's **Member Appreciation Month** is in full swing. A few member offerings include: Cougar-themed Wordle, a Washington wine education seminar featuring our Wine-By-Cougars intern Katie Carstens, DJ Maki live for a fantastic music mix, exclusive access to past editions of the Cougar Collectors' Series wines, a financial education series hosted by BECU, and members-only shopping events at Adidas, Columbia, and Nike. If you have not yet joined the 45,000 members of our Alumni Association, this is the perfect time. For more information on Membership Appreciation Month, visit alumni.wsu.edu/MemberMonth.

Date *May 5, 2023*

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Update

SUBMITTED BY: Christine Horne, Faculty Senate Chair

The Faculty Senate is pleased to report the following:

Zoe Higheagle Strong, Vice Provost for Native American Relations and Programs and Tribal Liaison to the president spoke to us. President Schulz spoke to us in our final senate meeting of the year. We appreciate the open lines of communication between faculty senate and leadership, and the letters President Schulz has sent out regarding WSU's financial health, athletics, and our national rankings.

This year we had three priorities: faculty well-being, the academic mission, and communication. Because issues related to institutional functioning came up frequently, that was a focus as well. Below are examples of some of what we worked on:

Faculty well-being: Approval of formation of an ad hoc committee to study step salary structures; improvements in Career Track faculty contracts; change from percent to flat amount salary increases.

Academic mission: Reviewed and approved new and revised courses and programs, and two new undergraduate degrees in cybersecurity and pharmacy; supported a robust faculty seed grant program.

Communication: Instituted a biweekly email; maintained constituent forum and senate blog; continued regularly scheduled meetings between the faculty senate executive committee, the president's office and the provost's office to address important issues in faculty affairs, academic affairs, budgets, enrollment, legislative priorities, and other institutional activities.

Institutional: Adopted a process for selecting future faculty regents nominees; advocated for purchase of US News membership to better understand their algorithm and how WSU can improve; added questions suggested by campus representatives to the HRS employee engagement survey; approved the university syllabus; continued to refine implementation of a new system for selecting senate committee members; elected the first-ever non-Pullman based chair elect; supported efforts to streamline the Graduate School Handbook.

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: ASWSUHS Accomplishments & Goals

SUBMITTED BY: Anna Schmidt

Welcome

Anna Schmidt introduction

Campus Development

We're identifying the best space for the Veterans Student Service Area.

We had a lot of success utilizing our newest ASWSUHS Executive position Director of Diversity and Inclusion by hosting training for professional staff and students.

Updating the Gender Inclusive restrooms signs upgrading them with an all-inclusive symbol.

Yakima

Identify funds and utilize donations to open a Camps Panty on the Yakima Campus in January. It's a service that 30% of WSU Yakima students utilize. It's also been a location to promote our student leadership.

Our Director of Yakima Relations collected a Student Satisfaction Survey that was completed by 20% of the students.

Health Service

We recently hosted our Community Health Fair at Frances Scott Elementary focusing on providing health education and information by WSU Health Science RSO's and community partners.

Students have voiced a need for contraceptive access. We met with both MultiCare and SRHD discussing recourses our students can benefit from.

Goals

This next year, we want to make sure our students know who we are, where we are located, and what we offer for our students. Exciting "Getting to Know You" activity.

Rebranding and structuring our Campus Committees with the effort to improve the development of student life on the WSU Health Science campus.

Thank You

Any Questions?

May 5, 2023

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association Report

SUBMITTED BY: Samantha Jaurequi Edgerton, Outgoing President and Executive Board Chair, Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association

The Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) is pleased to report the following:

- GPSA held their general elections and a follow-up open application period. All College Representative positions have been filled for the 2023/2024 academic year. All but fourteen Senator seats have been filled. This is an extraordinary election turnout for this time of year, especially for the Senators.
- GPSA's Programming Committee hosted numerous events this spring on campus and in the community. We hosted several Writing Retreats, which were well attended, especially earlier in the semester. Many graduate students writing dissertations and theses appreciated having these set periods that included pizza and community. We also hosted two sold-out Spring Pottery Workshops, which provided graduate students with a needed break and allowed us to give funds to a local small business intentionally. Other highlights were our East Coast Swing Dance Night, which included beginner lessons followed by a social dance, and a special screening of *Paris is Burning* in partnership with the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre in Moscow.
- In addition to working on food insecurity, the Community Affairs Committee hosted a clothing donation drive and an Earth Day clean-up at Sunnyside Park in Pullman.
- Cougar Day at the Capitol happened on January 23. 61 WSU students, including nine graduate students, visited Olympia and met with several legislators. The bills we advocated for include:
 - **HB1399:** Tuition waivers for Indigenous students.
 - **HB1069:** Implementing mental health counselor compact.
 - **HB1156:** Extending the terms of eligibility for the Washington College Grant.
 - **HB1559:** Student basic need bill, which includes affordable housing, food security, and childcare.
- The WSU Graduate School and GPSA hosted a ceremony on April 11, welcoming over 150 attendees. Thanks to the generous contributions of benefactors, the two organizations awarded \$71,400 to outstanding graduate students and academic advisors.
- Challenges:
 - We met with mixed results in our continuing efforts to bring awareness to the issue of Graduate and Professional student food insecurity. We held a referendum to increase graduate student fees by \$5 per semester to contribute to the Cougar Food Pantry fund, but it failed due to not meeting the minimum threshold of voters. However, we have budgeted enough to cover a similar amount for next

year, and we will hold another referendum for the graduate student fee increase at the next general election.

- We will continue to place a spotlight on the issue of food security. We want to give a special shout-out to the Graduate School and the College of Arts and Sciences for their donations and Alumni Engagement for being willing to help us with a potential fundraising effort.



May 5, 2023

TO: All Members of the Board of Regents
SUBJECT: APAC Report
SUBMITTED BY: Angela Senter, APAC Chair

APAC is pleased to report the following:

- Our March meeting focused on the Employee Tuition Waiver Program.
- For our April meeting we hosted Ann Monroe, HRS Benefits Services Director and she discussed the Employee Assistance Program.
- April was AP Appreciation Week. We hosted system wide events on mental toughness, resiliency, and chair yoga, as well as the AP Appreciation Awards program.
- Congratulations to the winners of the APAC Appreciation Awards:
 - **Chris Cordodor**, Director of University Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Communications & Strategy; WSU Pullman
 - **Jennifer Ellsworth**, Cougar Health Services Executive Director, WSU Pullman
 - **LaRonda Zupp**, Student Services Coordinator / Advisor 1, WSU Vancouver
 - **Richard Miller**, Student Services Manager, WSU Pullman
 - **Derek Brown**, Research Support & Operations Manager, WSU Pullman
 - **Chris Sogge**, Director of the Center for Student Excellence, WSU Spokane

ACTION ITEM #1

Election of Officers

(Lisa Schauer)

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Election of Officers

PROPOSED: That Lisa Schauer be elected as Chair of the WSU Board of Regents for the year beginning July 1, 2023, and that Jenette Ramos be elected to serve as Vice Chair of the WSU Board of Regents for the year beginning July 1, 2023, with the understanding that she shall act as Chair pro tempore in the absence of the Chair, with the power to preside at the meetings and to sign all instruments required to be executed by the WSU Board of Regents.

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Schauer, Acting Chair, Board of Regents

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: Excerpt from the Board of Regents bylaws, Article I, Section 3 (Election and Appointment Process):

Election and Appointment Process. At its regular meeting held after the first Wednesday in April of each year, the Board shall hold elections to fill the offices of Chair and Vice Chair. The Board shall elect a Vice Chair, as nominated by the Executive Committee, based upon the advice of the Board and in consultation with the President of the University. The Vice Chair shall then automatically succeed as Chair of the Board after one (1) year, commencing on July 1. The Board may elect to extend the term of the Chair or Vice Chair by a maximum of one (1) additional year with no further extensions. The student Regent and the faculty Regent are not eligible to hold the position of Chair or Vice Chair but are eligible to vote in elections under this paragraph.

ACTION ITEM #1

**WSU Pullman, Taylor Sports Complex
Increase Design Phase Budget
(Leslie Brunelli/Matt Skinner/Olivia Yang/Pat Chun)**

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Taylor Sports Complex, Increase Design Phase Budget

PROPOSED: That the WSU Board of Regents approve an increase of \$6,000,000 in the design phase budget for the WSU Pullman, Taylor Sports Complex and further delegate authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete this phase of the project within the budgeted amount of \$8,400,000.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration/CFO

**SUPPORTING
INFORMATION:**

As part of the Athletic Department's long-range plan, WSU identified the renovation of the existing Indoor Practice Facility, which was built in 2002, as a priority. The Taylor Sports Complex will replace the existing air supported structure with a new facility. This improved facility will allow all WSU athletic programs an indoor practice location in inclement weather. This facility is considered critical to allow WSU to continue to compete at the highest level with peer programs. Over the last several years, WSU Athletics has successfully secured pledges and cash donations for this project. As of April of 2023, there are \$21.8 million in gross cash contributions received, with an additional \$5.7 million in gross pledges outstanding over the next 5 years (both shown before fees, expenses, and allowances). To date, Athletics has received 79% of the total fundraising effort in cash. Gross cash contributions are projected to reach \$23.6 million by December 2023, and \$25.3 million by the end of December 2024. See attachment B.

The project team is projecting significant materials cost escalation on the structural components of this type of facility over the next six months. In order to maximize the funds available for the Taylor Sports Complex, the team would like to have the ability to lock in material pricing, delivery

dates, and on-site infrastructure preparation work at the appropriate time to avoid cost increases and schedule delays.

In November 2022, the Regents approved the Taylor Sports Complex Design Phase with a total budget of \$2.4 million. We are requesting an increase in the design phase budget of \$6 million, with a new total design phase budget of \$8.4 million.

Project Schedule:

September 2022	Regents Future Action for Design Phase
November 2022	Regents Approval of Design Phase
December 2022 – February 2023	Design Builder Procurement
Spring 2023	Design Begins
May 2023	Regents Action for Project Design Phase Budget Increase Regents Future Action for Budget, Financing, and Design Approval
September 2023	Regents Action for Project Budget, Financing, and Design Approval
Fall 2023	Construction Begins

Design Phase Budget:

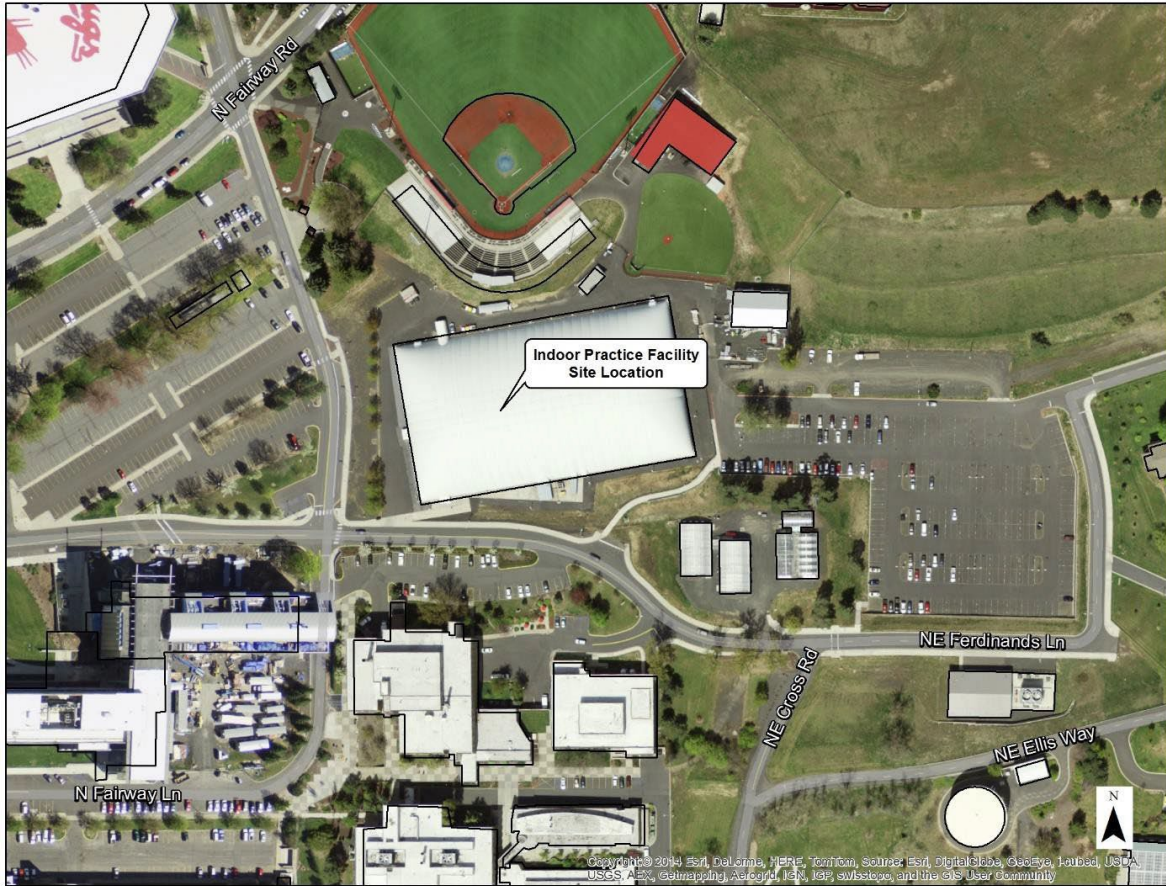
Design and Preconstruction Services	\$2,200,000
Early Material Procurement	\$6,000,000
Project Administration	\$100,000
Other	\$100,000
Total Design Phase Budget	\$8,400,000

Source of Funds:

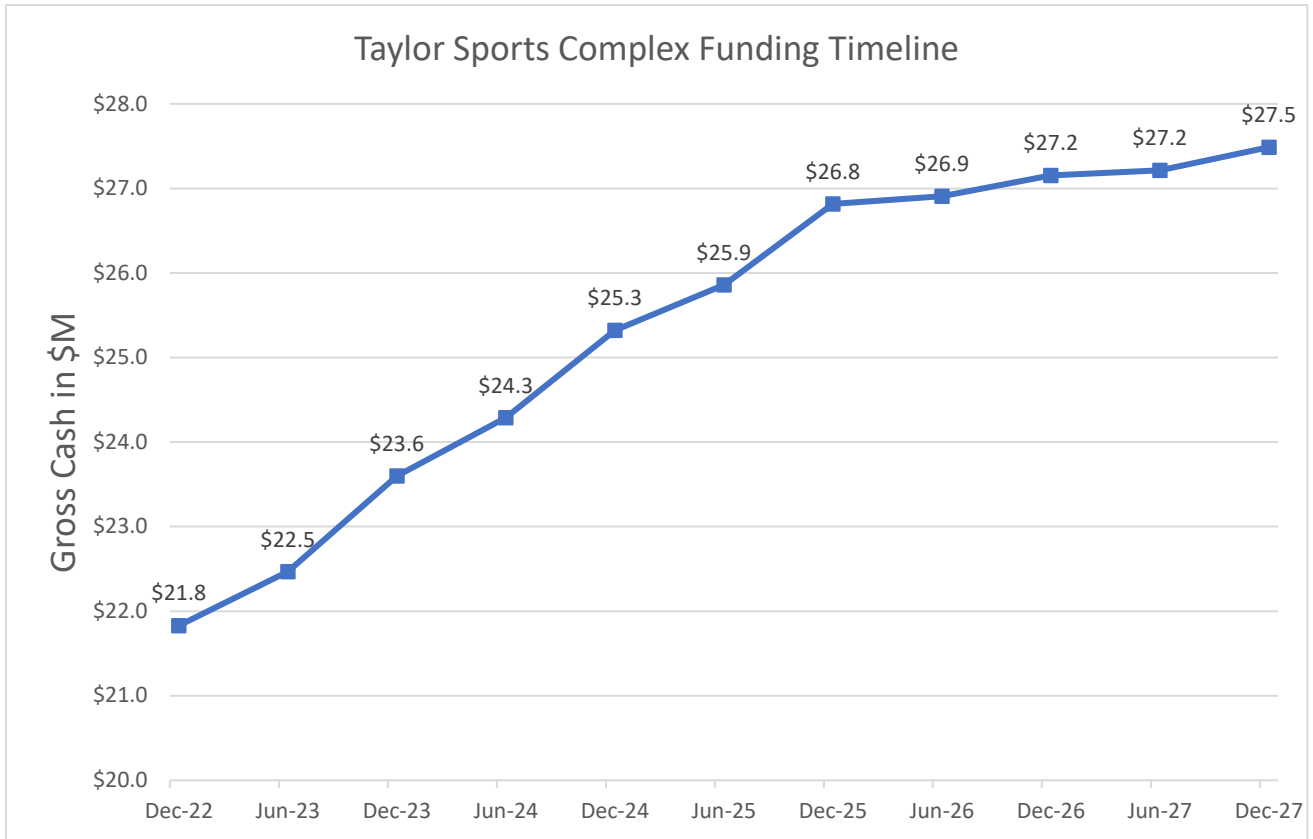
Donations	\$8,400,000
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ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A - Aerial Site
Attachment B - Taylor Sports Complex Pledge Schedule

Attachment A - Aerial Site



Attachment B – Taylor Sports Complex Pledge Schedule



* Gross cash contributions and pledges before expenses, fees, and allowances

BOARD OF REGENTS
WSU Pullman, Taylor Sports Complex
Approval of Increase in Design Phase Budget

Resolution #230505-683

WHEREAS, RCW 28B.30.095, RCW 28B.30.100, and RCW 28B.30.150 vest the governance and management of Washington State University (WSU) in the Board of Regents of WSU (Board); and

WHEREAS, the Board, by virtue of RCW 28B.10.528, has the authority to delegate by resolution to the President of WSU, or their designee, any of the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the Board by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has delegated broad authority to the President or designee to act in matters relating to the general business and financial affairs of WSU; and

WHEREAS, at the Board's November 2022 meeting, the Board approved the design phase for the Taylor Sports Complex, with a total cost not to exceed \$2,400,000; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant escalation in materials cost, there is now a need to lock in materials pricing to avoid cost increases and project delays;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board approves an increase in the design phase budget for the WSU Pullman, Taylor Sports Complex, and delegates authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the design phase of the project, including taking action to lock in materials pricing, within the new budgeted amount of \$8,400,000.

Signed the 5th day of May, 2023.

Chair, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents

ACTION ITEM #2

WSU Pullman, College of Veterinary Medicine
Abelson, Eastlick, and Bustad Building Renovation
Project Budget Approval
(Leslie Brunelli/Matt Skinner/Elizabeth Chilton/Olivia Yang)

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, College of Veterinary Medicine, Abelson, Eastlick, and Bustad Building Renovation Project Budget Approval

PROPOSED: That the WSU Board of Regents approve the WSU Pullman, Abelson, Eastlick, and Bustad building renovation with a total project budget not to exceed \$22,000,000 and authorize the project to proceed using the Design-Build (DB) process pursuant to RCW 39.10, and further delegate authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the budget.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: The predesign phase for the new Pullman Sciences Building in the heart of the Pullman campus has been completed. A long-term plan has been developed that includes enabling projects that will improve classroom and lab spaces in existing buildings, in order to empty Heald Hall in preparation for the new building. Per the long-term plan developed in the predesign phase, the enabling projects include renovations within Eastlick Hall, Abelson Hall, and Bustad Hall in the 2023-2025 biennium. Renovation of the selected spaces in these facilities will improve space utilization, provide improved research and teaching space, and meet growing student demand in high-needs areas. In addition, these renovations are necessary to complete the migration of research and teaching activities out of Heald Hall, which is slated for demolition. Completion of this project is necessary for the construction of a new Pullman Sciences Building on the site of Heald Hall.

Project Schedule:

May 2023	Regents Action for Design and Construction Approval
July 2023	Design Begins
September 2023	Regents Future Action for Design Approval
November 2023	Regents Action for Design Approval
April 2024 – June 2025	Construction

Project Budget:

Design	\$2,000,000
Construction (incl. contingency & sales tax)	\$19,000,000
Project Administration / Other	\$1,000,000

Total Project Budget **\$22,000,000**

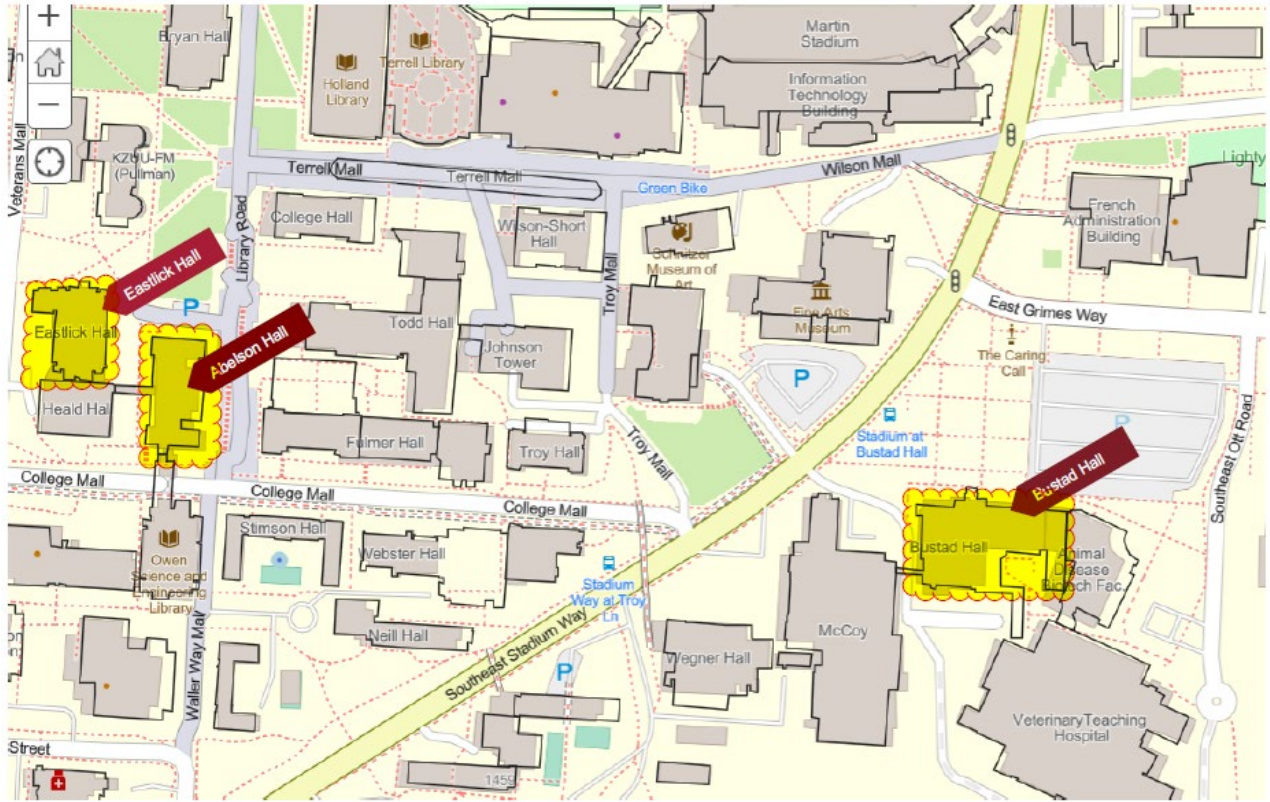
Source of Funds:

FY2023-25 State Funds \$22,000,000

Total Source of Funds **\$22,000,000**

ATTACHMENT: Attachment A – Aerial Site

Attachment A – Aerial Site



BOARD OF REGENTS
WSU Pullman, College of Veterinary Medicine
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WHEREAS, the Board has delegated broad authority to the President or designee to act in matters relating to the general business and financial affairs of WSU;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board:

1. Approves the project budget for the WSU Pullman, College of Veterinary Medicine, Abelson, Eastlick, and Bustad building renovation and authorizes the project to proceed using the design-build process pursuant to RCW 39.10; and
2. Delegates authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the budgeted amount of \$22,000,000.

Signed the 5th day of May, 2023.

Chair, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents

ACTION ITEM #3

Tuition Rate Setting (Leslie Brunelli/Matt Skinner)

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Tuition rate setting for (a) academic year 2023-2024, and (b) academic year 2024-25 for the recently established professional Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program

PROPOSED: That the WSU Board of Regents set tuition rates for academic year 2023-2024 and establish a new tuition rate for the professional Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program effective for academic year 2024-25.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: Current legislation allows resident undergraduate tuition to increase by no more than the average annual percentage growth rate in the median hourly wage for Washington for the previous fourteen years (see RCW 28B.15.067). This index has been between 2.2% -2.8% over the last five years. The maximum increase for AY2023-2024 as determined by the Office of Financial Management is expected to be 2.5% or greater.

The WSU Board of Regents has authority to establish tuition rates for all student categories except resident undergraduates without limit.

A maximum tuition increase of 2.5% is proposed for the 2023-2024 academic year for resident and non-resident undergraduate and graduate students. OFM is expected to announce the undergraduate resident rate cap within days of the Regents' meeting. If the maximum rate as determined by OFM is less than 2.5 percent, the lower rate increase will be applied for resident and non-resident undergraduates and graduates.

Tuition rate changes for the 2023-24 academic year are also proposed for professional programs in Nursing, Pharmacy, and Medicine.

The current full-time annual tuition rates for 2022-2023 are shown in the following table along with proposed changes for academic year 2023-2024.

Tuition Rates	Current	Proposed	Change	%Change
Undergraduate Resident	\$10,708	\$10,976	\$268	2.5%
Undergraduate Non-Resident	\$26,392	\$27,052	\$660	2.5%
Undergraduate Resident Global Campus	\$10,708	\$10,976	\$268	2.5%
Undergraduate Non-Resident Global Campus	\$11,980	\$12,280	\$300	2.5%
Graduate Resident	\$12,366	\$12,675	\$309	2.5%
Graduate Non-Resident	\$27,163	\$27,842	\$679	2.5%
Graduate Resident Global Campus	\$12,366	\$12,675	\$309	2.5%
Graduate Non-Resident Global Campus	\$12,366	\$12,675	\$309	2.5%
Master of Nursing Resident	\$17,234	\$17,752	\$518	3.0%
Master of Nursing Non-Resident	\$32,256	\$33,224	\$968	3.0%
PharmD Resident	\$24,878	\$24,878	\$0	0.0%
PharmD Non-Resident	\$42,148	\$30,104	(\$12,044)	-28.5%
DVM Resident	\$26,774	\$26,774	\$0	0.0%
DVM Non-Resident	\$62,378	\$62,378	\$0	0.0%
DVM 4th Year Resident	\$38,376	\$38,376	\$0	0.0%
DVM 4th Year Non-Resident	\$73,980	\$73,980	\$0	0.0%
ESF College of Medicine Resident	\$39,508	\$40,891	\$1,383	3.5%
Masters in Athletic Training – Resident	\$13,074	\$13,074	\$0	0.0%
Masters in Athletic Training – Non-Resident	\$26,506	\$26,506	\$0	0.0%

The MBA program is a self-sustaining program and as such charges a per credit hour tuition rate. The current per credit rates for 2022-2023 are shown below, along with the proposed 2.5 percent rate increases for academic year 2023-2024.

Tuition Rates	Current	Proposed	Change	%Change
OMBA	\$876	\$898	\$22	2.5%
OMBA Military Rate	\$769	\$788	\$19	2.5%
EMBA	\$1,328	\$1,361	\$33	2.5%
EMBA Military Rate	\$1,169	\$1,198	\$29	2.5%

In March, the Board of Regents approved the re-designation of the

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from a graduate degree to a professional degree. To align with the re-designation and follow standard practice in schools of nursing, a unique tuition rate will be established for the professional DNP program. Current students in the graduate DNP program will be grandfathered in at the current graduate nursing rates through the completion of their programs. A new professional DNP tuition rate effective for academic year 2024-25 is proposed for adoption now so it can be clearly communicated to students when the admission cycle for Fall 2024 begins later this summer.

The following rates will apply to new students admitted to the professional DNP program starting in Fall 2024.

Tuition Rates	Current	Proposed	Change	%Change
Professional Doctor of Nurse Practice Resident	N/A	\$23,760	N/A	N/A
Professional Doctor of Nurse Practice Non-Resident	N/A	\$39,232	N/A	N/A

We are requesting that the Board approve the tuition rates as set forth above. This action item was presented to the Regents as a future action item at the March 2023 meeting.



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Academic Year 2023-2024 Tuition Rate Setting

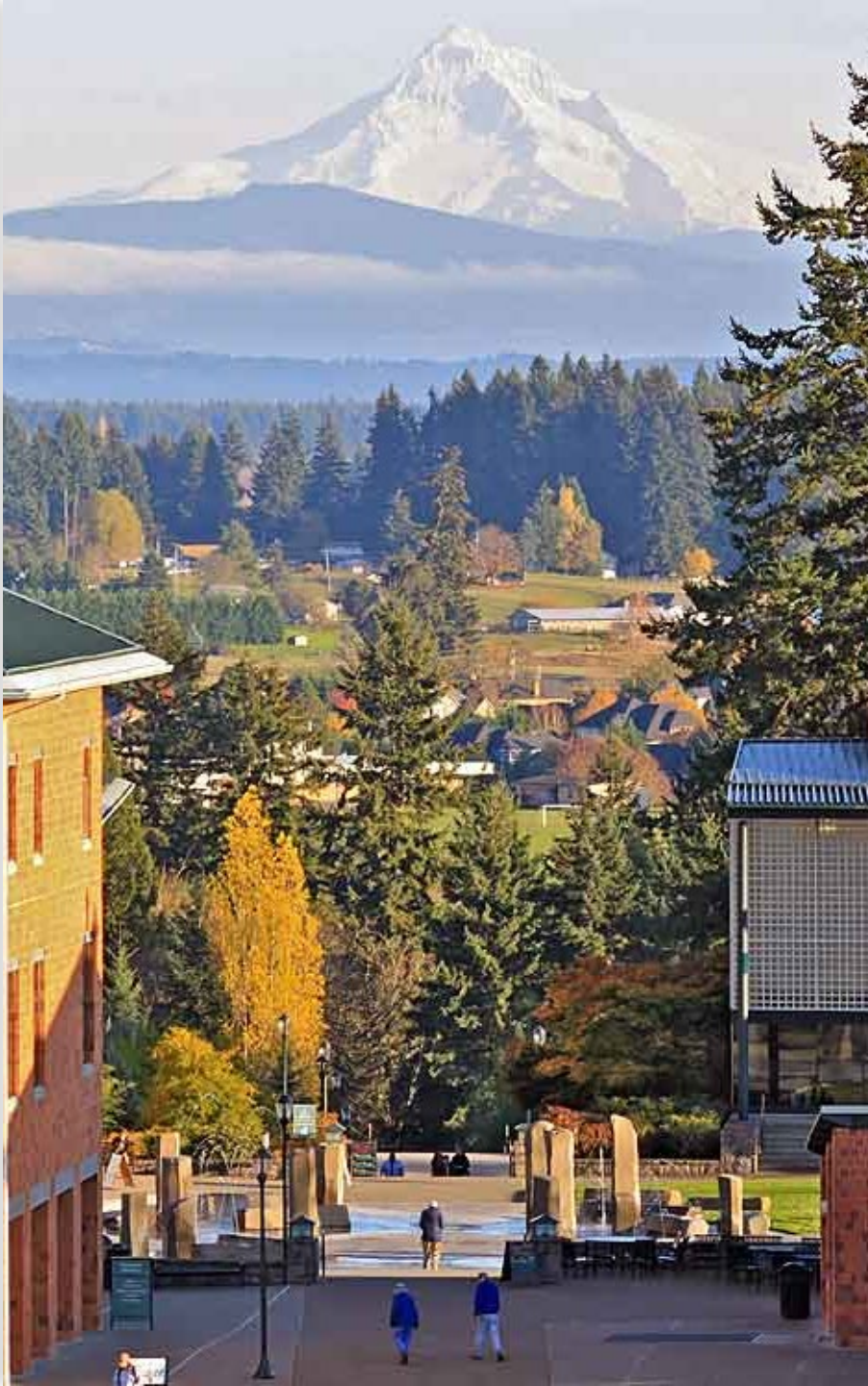




AY 2023-2024 Tuition Rates



- Recap March Regent's Discussion & Considerations
- Higher Education Price Index vs. WSU Tuition Increases
- Summary of Proposed Tuition Actions
- Feedback from Student Groups



Board Discussion and Considerations

- Balance Student Expectations with Institutional Strategic Initiatives and Inflationary Demands
 - Student Experience
 - Affordability
 - Predictability
- Financial Sustainability



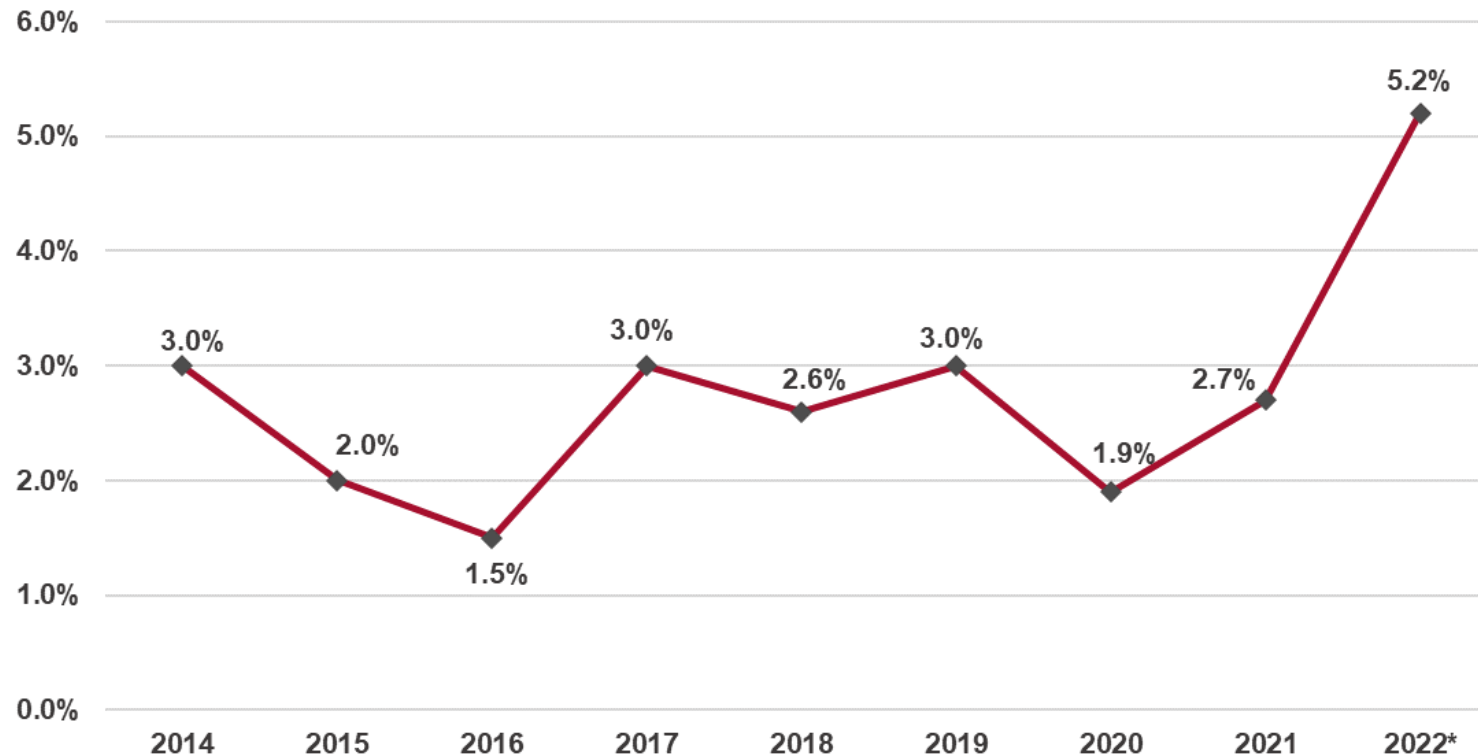
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Higher Education Price Index



Higher Education Price Index (HEPI)

CommonFund measures the HEPI based on average relative level of prices in a fixed basket of goods and services purchased by colleges and universities each year, therefore more accurate than the CPI for the higher education industry.



*2022 data is an estimate

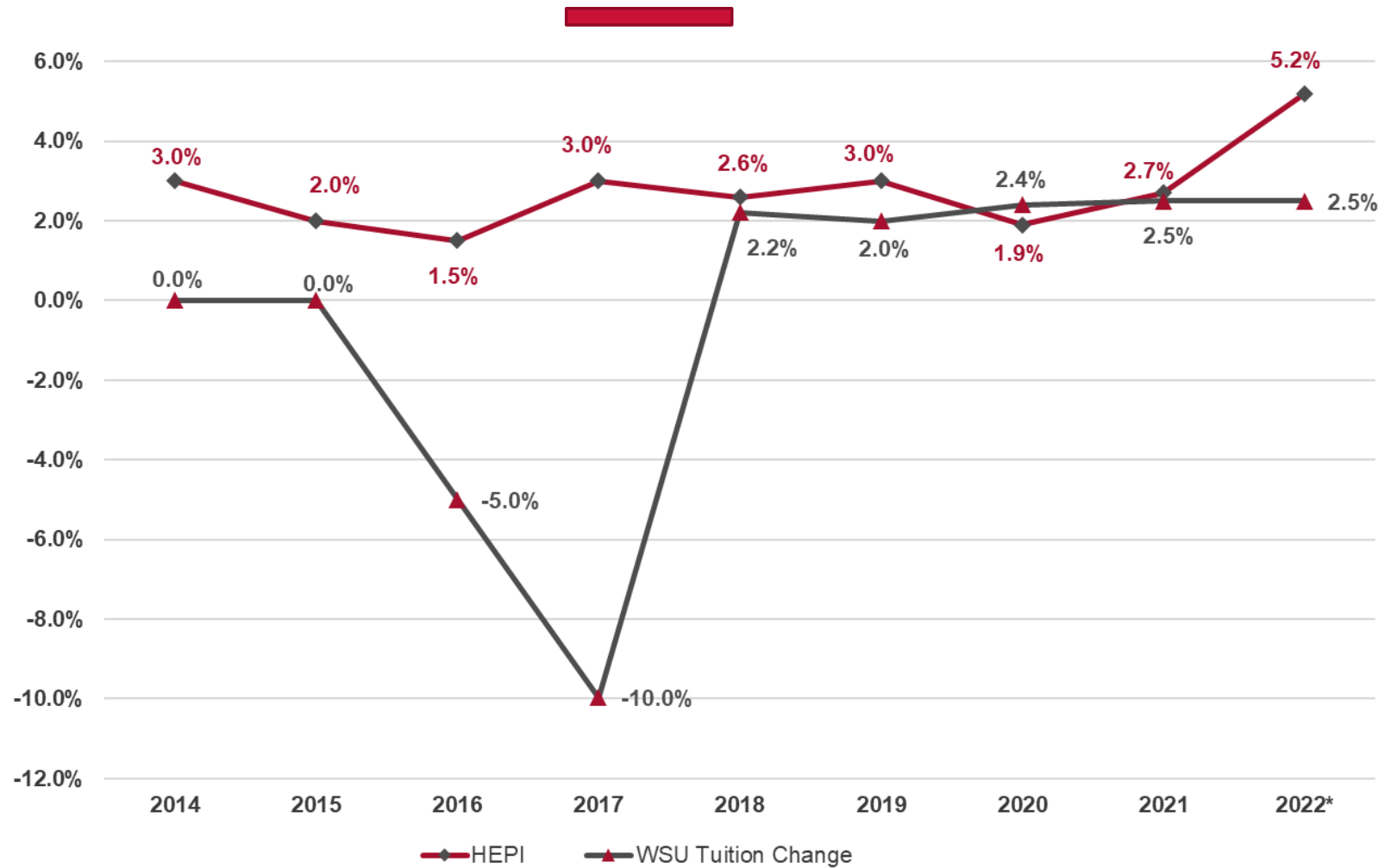
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The factors that impact HEPI include:

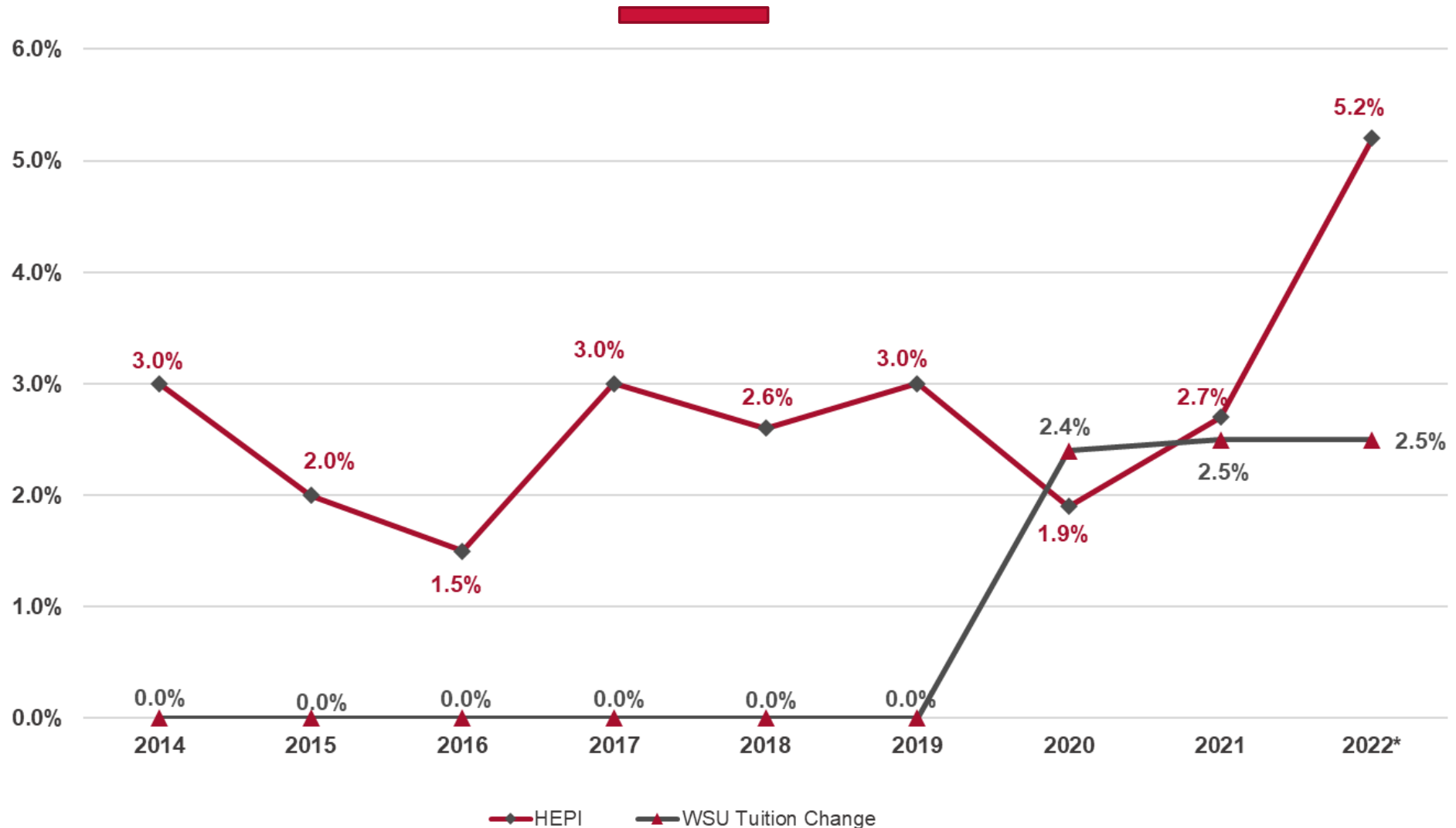
Salaries for faculty, administration, and other employees | Fringe benefits | Utilities | Supplies and materials | Miscellaneous services



HEPI vs. Resident Undergraduate Tuition Change

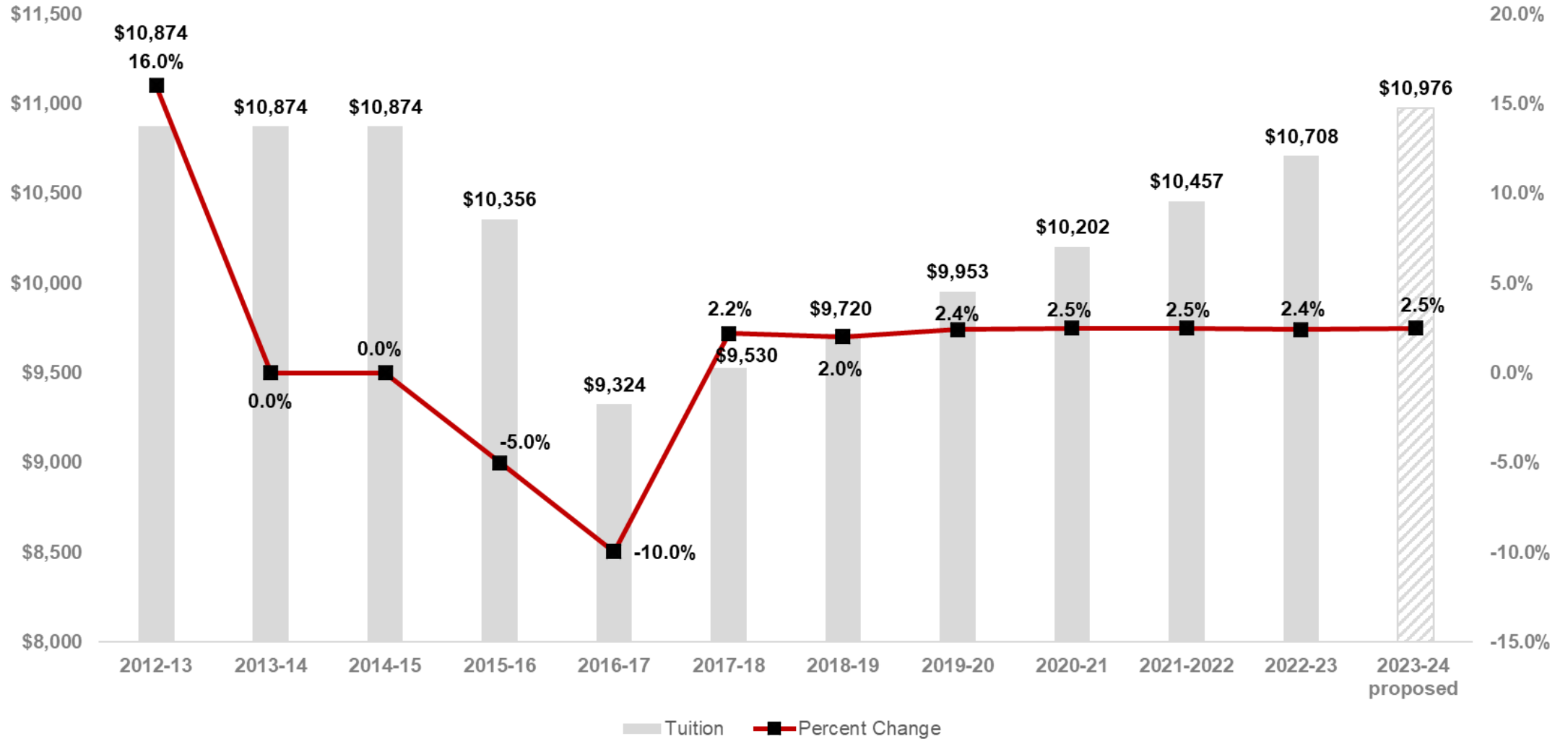


HEPI vs. Non-Resident UG & Res/Non-Res Graduate Tuition Change





Resident Undergraduate Rates Academic Years 2012-13 – 2023-24 (Proposed)



Proposed Tuition Actions

- Undergraduate & Graduate Tuition Increase
- Master of Nursing Tuition Increase
- College of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences -
Non-Resident Tuition Decrease
- Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine Tuition Increase
- Masters in Business Administration Tuition Increase
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Tuition Rate Proposal



Current Tuition Rates and Proposed Changes

Annual Tuition Rates	Current	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
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Student Feedback

Types of Student Feedback Conducted – Academic Year 2023-24 tuition proposals were presented to the WSU Student Government Council (SGC) on April 21st. SGC is comprised of elected representatives of the undergraduate and graduate-professional students of Washington State University and is the official representative voice of the students attending all Washington State University campuses.

The SGC Steering Committee is preparing a memo to summarize feedback from this session to be shared with the Board of Regents.



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Student Feedback - Masters of Nursing

Students were notified of the proposed increase via email and offered an opportunity to respond via Qualtrics survey from March 28 – April 4, 2023. 80 individual students responded to the survey of a graduate student population of 264; 30% response rate.

Survey Q: What perceived impacts do you most identify as a result of the proposed tuition increase?

- 66% Response – Increased student stress and additional financial aid requirements
- 29% Response – Positive impacts; increased clinical opportunities and decreased faculty: student ratios.

Additional comments:

- Tuition increases are never desirable; however, students understand and find it reasonable and/or necessary.
- Students appreciate that WSU's nursing program is affordable as compared to other programs.

The last increase in Masters of Nursing Tuition was Fall 2012



Student Feedback - Pharm D Non-Res Decrease

- Doctor of Pharmacy application pools nationally are declining. By reducing the non-resident rate the college expects to increase enrollment of out-of-state students.
- Lowering non-resident rates has been utilized by other schools with success, and WSU's new rate will make it competitive with resident rates in neighboring states.
- The proposed tuition decrease has not been communicated broadly to students prior to its approval. College leadership are confident that a rate reduction will be well received.



Student Feedback ESFCOM

- Students were notified of the proposed AY2023-24 increase via the college portal and offered an opportunity to respond via Qualtrics survey from April 14 –April 25, 2023. 11 individual students responded to the survey (4.5%) from our current classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026 (240 students).
- Positive responses:
 - Tuition increase will support critical aspects to include Anatomy lab and professors, Case Base Learning (CBL), Art & Practice of Medicine (Clinical skills), Virtual Clinical Center, research facilities and library
 - 3.5 % increase is competitive with other medical schools
- Negative response:
 - Concerns surrounding increased loan and living costs during away/cross-campus rotations during the 4th year
 - Students asked for breakdown of where tuition dollars are spent
- Follow-on action:
 - Review scholarship criteria and examine if scholarships awards can be increased to offset tuition costs
 - Transparency with students to show where tuition increases were spent
 - Earlier notification of tuition increases to students

Planned 3% tuition increases were not implemented over the last two academic years due to affordability concerns and impacts of the pandemic.



Self-Sustaining MBA Programs Per Credit Hour Tuition Rates for AY 23-24



Current Tuition Rates and Proposed Changes

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Student Feedback - Self-Sustaining MBA Programs

An email was sent to all enrolled (922) Online MBA/Exec MBA students seeking comments about proposed increases. Student feedback and college responses are summarized below.

Student Feedback: 21 responses (2.3%)

- Feedback opposed to the increase cited concern about cost of living, the potential loss of company tuition reimbursement opportunities, or the program not meeting expectations. (18 total opposed)

The total increase for the complete OMBA/EMBA program is around \$1,000. Only new students beginning the program of fall 2023 will recognize the full impact of the increase over the course of their program. Current students will be less impacted over their final months in the program.

- This is only the 6th increase since the program's inception in 2008.





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Proposed New Professional DNP Rate Effective Fall 2024 (AY24-25)

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Professional Doctor of Nurse Practice Resident	N/A	\$23,760	N/A	N/A
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- If approved, this tuition increase will only impact new students admitted fall of 2024.
- Current and continuing DNP students will be able to complete their program at Graduate Nursing Rates.





Discussion

ACTION ITEM #4

WSU Pullman, Academic Year 2023-2024
Housing and Dining Rates

(Leslie Brunelli/Matt Skinner/Elizabeth Chilton/Ellen Taylor/Linda McDermott)

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Academic Year 2023-2024 Housing and Dining Rates

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve housing and dining rates for academic year 2023-2024.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration/CFO

**BACKGROUND
INFORMATION:**

The Pullman Housing and Dining System (H&D System) is a self-sustaining auxiliary unit that is required to establish room and board rates sufficient to cover all operational costs, bond covenants, and to support University strategic goals and objectives. Rates are recommended annually to the Board of Regents based on forecasted operational costs and review by the Pullman Campus Housing and Dining Advisory Board (Advisory Board). The Advisory Board, comprised of student representatives from the Residence Hall Association, Associated Students of Washington State University, Graduate and Professional Students Association, at-large students, and Student Affairs staff representatives, began meeting in fall of 2022 to review and discuss operational changes anticipated for the ensuing year and to address the future stability of the H&D System.

Last year, the H&D System retained a consultant to review and provide recommendations for the future stability of the H&D System. The consultant's analysis addressed existing conditions, peer benchmarking, and key on-and-off campus trends. The study recommendations are addressed in the recommended residence hall pricing structure. The new structure assigns each residence hall to a price level tier (1 – 4), and each room by type, available amenities, and perceived demand. The majority of the system's residence hall inventory is priced in tier 4. A similar model is proposed for university owned apartments. Under the new structure, housing revenue for FY2024 is projected to increase by approximately \$3.6 million, and dining revenue is projected to increase by approximately \$.8 million. Total H&D System revenue is projected at \$69.5 million. As

noted in Attachment A, the percent change in the 2023-2024 recommended rates depends on the assigned pricing tier and type of room (*e.g.*, 7.1% decrease for a double room with community bath in tier 4, to an increase of 7.4% for a suite style room with a shared bath in tier 2). The recommended changes for university owned apartments also depend on the assigned pricing tier and type of apartment unit. For example, the increase for a two-bedroom unfurnished apartment in price level tier 3 is 3.3%; a similar unit in price level tier 1 is 7.3%. Finally, the range of increase for dining plans is 4.4% – 4.5%.

The occupancy of the H&D System for academic year 2023-2024 is estimated at 4,400 in the residence halls and 1,600 in university owned apartments. The new housing model and adjustments to existing dining rates address estimated increases in operational costs (*e.g.*, personnel, food, utilities, and general inflation). The proposed changes were approved by majority vote of the student representatives on the Housing and Dining Advisory Board in their meeting on February 1, 2023. The rate adjustments for residence halls, dining plans, and University owned apartments are recommended for academic year 2023-2024.

We are requesting that the Board approve these rates. This action item was presented to the Regents as a future action item at the March 2023 meeting.

ATTACHMENT: Attachment A – Housing & Dining System Rates

Attachment A – Housing & Dining System Rates

Housing & Dining System Residence Hall Pricing Structure Academic Year 2023-2024				
Pricing Level	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Base Cost	\$10,078	\$8,667	\$7,659	\$7,055
Base Cost %	100%	86%	76%	70%
Hall Characteristics	Location, demand, amenities, age of construction or refurbishment	Room size/room type, location, demand, age of refurbishment	Semi-private bath, single, minifridge and external entrance	Room size, age of facility, lack of amenities, size, minimal refurbishment
Tier Assignments	Community Duncan Dunn, Global Scholars Hall, Northside, Olympia	Honors, McCroskey, Stimson	McEachern	Coman, Gannon Goldsworthy, Orton, Regents, Rogers, Scott, Stephenson, Stevens, Streit/Perham, Waller, Wilmer Davis
Price Adjustments by Room Type and Amenities				
Room Type	Room	Private Bath	Shared Bath	Community Bath
Single	\$600	\$600	\$500	\$ -
Double	\$ -	\$475	\$425	\$ -
Suite Double	\$50	\$475	\$425	\$ -
Suite Single	\$650	\$600	\$500	\$ -

Housing & Dining System Rates Academic Year 2023-2024

Academic Year 2023-2024 Residence Hall Rates				
	Room Type	Private Bath	Shared Bath	Community Bath
Pricing Tier 1	Single	\$ 11,278	\$ 11,178	\$ 10,678
	Double	10,553	10,503	10,078
	Suite Double	10,603	10,553	10,128
	Suite Single	11,328	11,228	10,728
Pricing Tier 2	Single	9,867	9,767	9,267
	Double	9,142	9,092	8,667
	Suite Double	9,192	9,142	8,717
	Suite Single	9,917	9,817	9,317
Pricing Tier 3 *	Single	8,859	8,759	8,259
	Double	8,134	8,084	7,659
	Suite Double	8,184	8,134	7,709
	Suite Single	8,909	8,809	8,309
Pricing Tier 4	Single	8,255	8,155	7,655
	Double	7,530	7,480	7,055
	Suite Double	7,580	7,530	7,105
	Suite Single	8,305	8,205	7,705

* Single room, shared bath available

Sample Residence Hall Rate Comparisons				
	2022-2023	2023-2024	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
Tier 1 Double, CB	\$ 9,778	\$ 10,078	\$ 300	3.1%
Tier 2 Suite D, SB	8,512	9,142	630	7.4%
Tier 3 Single, SB	8,306	8,759	453	5.5%
Tier 4 Double, CB	6,912	7,055	143	2.1%
Tier 4 **	7,592	7,055	-537	-7.1%

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Dining Plan Rates Academic Years 2023-24 and 2022-2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Base Cost	\$ 935	\$ 935	\$ 935
Residential Dining Account (RDA)	1,080	1,390	1,645
Total, Semester	2,015	2,325	2,580
Total, Academic Year, 2023-2024	4,030	4,650	5,160
Total Academic Year, 2022-2023	3,860	4,450	\$4,940
Dollar Increase	\$ 170	\$ 200	\$ 220
Percent Increase	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%

Housing & Dining System			
Single Student Apartment Pricing Structure			
Academic Year 2023-2024			
	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Single Student Apartments (SSA) – Price per Occupant	Chief Joe	Nez Perce Chinook - Remodeled	Chinook Columbia
Base Cost	\$ 685	\$ 582	\$ 514
Base Cost Percent	100%	85%	75%
Furniture (Furnished)	50	45	40
Three Bedrooms	-70	-70	-70
Four Bedrooms	-140	-140	-140
Size Adjustment (Sq feet)	20	20	20

Single Student Apartment Rates			
Pricing Tier 1	Furnished	Unfurnished	Size Adjustment
2 Bedroom	735	685	
3 Bedroom	665	615	
4 Bedroom	595	545	
Pricing Tier 2			
2 Bedroom	627	582	
3 Bedroom	557	512	
4 Bedroom	487	442	
Pricing Tier 3			
2 Bedroom	554	514	
3 Bedroom	484	444	
4 Bedroom	414	374	

Apartment Pricing Structure and Rates				
Family / Graduate Apartments				
	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Family / Graduate Apartments (Fam/Grad) – Price Per Unit	Yakama	Valley Crest	Steptoe	Kamiak Terrace
Base Cost, per unit	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,030	\$ 957	\$ 811
Base Cost Percent	100%	99%	92%	78%
Studio	730	N/A	712	566
1 Bedroom, Flat & Townhouse	835	825	752	631
2 Bedroom, Flat & Townhouse	940	930	857	711
3 Bedroom, Flat & Townhouse	1,040	1,030	957	811

Sample Apartment Rate Comparisons				
	2022-2023	2023-2024	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
SSA, Tier 1, 2 Bedroom, Furnished	\$ 685	\$ 735	\$ 50	7.3%
SSA, Tier 3, 2 Bedroom, Unfurnished	430	444	14	3.3%
Fam/Grad, Tier 1, 2 Bedroom	895	940	45	5.0%
Fam/Grad, Tier 4, 3 Bedroom	775	811	36	4.6%

ACTION ITEM #5

WSU Pullman, Student Recreation Center Fee Increase
(Leslie Brunelli/Matt Skinner/Elizabeth Chilton/Ellen Taylor/Linda McDermott)

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Student Recreation Center Fee Increase

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve an increase in the WSU Pullman, Student Recreation Center fee beginning academic year 2023-24.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

SUPPORTING

INFORMATION: In accordance with RCW 28.B.15.100, the Board of Regents may determine and establish fees to meet institutional needs. The WSU Pullman student body passed a referendum in 1997 to create a mandatory student fee for the purpose of constructing and operating a recreation center on the Pullman campus. The mandatory fee is dedicated exclusively to the operation and maintenance of the recreation center. The referendum also established an advisory board to ensure the facility meets established priorities and continues to be dedicated to student recreation, and that all funds remain within the center.

The Student Recreation Center (SRC) is a hub of student activity. More than 550,000 students and other patrons access the facility annually. The facility is a vital asset that fosters active and healthy lifestyles and promotes personal growth and development. The SRC aims to remain an inspiring, inviting, contemporary, and well-maintained facility that offers a wide range of programs to meet the needs of the entire campus community.

The current University Recreation Advisory Board, consisting of 14 voting seats, 10 of which are students, including representatives from both ASWSU and GPSA, oversees operational decisions, including budgets, programming priorities, and master planning for both the SRC and the Chinook Student Center. After careful review of operations, including significant minimum wage increases, rising utility costs, maintenance, and inflation, the Advisory Board, at their meeting on February 28, 2023, approved a 2.44% fee increase for academic year 2023-24. The motion to

approve the fee increase carried, Yes (9), No (2), Abstain (1). The majority representation and approval by the students on the Advisory Board reflects strong support from WSU Pullman students to sustain the quality operations of the SRC.

As noted in the table below, the fee will be \$168 per semester, up from \$164 per semester in 2022-2023. The summer fee will increase from \$96 to \$98 beginning summer 2024. The summer fee is prorated for students taking less than three credits.

Term	Current	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Fall & Spring	\$ 164.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 4.00	2.44%
Summer –				
1 credit	\$ 32.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 1.00	3.12%
2 credits	\$ 64.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 2.00	3.12%
3 or more credits	\$ 96.00	\$ 98.00	\$ 2.00	2.08%
The fee is assessed on undergraduate and graduate students at the Pullman campus who are enrolled in seven (7) or more credits during fall and spring semesters. The summer fee is prorated for students taking less than 3 credits.				

We are requesting that the Board approve this increase. This action item was presented to the Regents as a future action item at the March 2023 meeting.

ATTACHMENT: Attachment A – Summary Information Regarding SRC Fee Increase

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Fee name:	WSU Pullman, Student Recreation Center Mandatory Student Fee
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	Resident	Non-Resident
Current Rate (Annual)	\$328	\$328
Proposed Rate (Annual)	336	336
\$ Increase	\$8.00	\$8.00
% Increase	2.44%	2.44%

Description of who pays the fee:
The fee is assessed to undergraduate and graduate students at the Pullman campus who are enrolled in seven (7) or more credits during fall and spring semesters. The current summer fee is \$96 for students enrolled in 3 or more credits. The summer fee is prorated for students taking less than 3 credits. The proposed fee beginning summer semester 2024 is \$98, prorated for students taking less than 3 credits.

Justification for the increase/consequence for not increasing:
In fiscal year 2022-2023, the Student Recreation Center experienced increased costs associated with wages (7.2%), salaries and benefits (2.50-3.25%), and general inflation (6-7%). While the SRC fee was increased 4.46% this fiscal year to address rising operating costs, the fee was not increased for five (5) years prior. In addition to the increases in operating expenses, declining enrollment over the past four (4) years has resulted in \$842,000 less fee revenue. The consequences of not increasing the fee would be reduced services for students, including significant reduction of SRC building hours, deferral of vital maintenance projects, and deferred equipment replacement that could reduce offerings and potentially compromise safety standards.

What will the increased tuition/fee revenue support?
Student fees and memberships provide the revenue necessary to operate the SRC. The increase in the SRC mandatory student fee will assist in covering the \$2.48 million annual bond payment (expiring in 2032) and support continuing operations and standards. Even with a fee increase, the SRC is still facing significant budgetary challenges associated with lower enrollment, the inflationary impacts on operational costs, as well as deferred maintenance projects including replacement of the SRC roof, chiller, pool disinfection system, and flooring.

Decision Support information: (when was the last increase, 5-year rate history, peer comparisons, etc.)

SRC Fee Year	Academic Fee	Summer Fee	Percentage Increase	Dollar Increase
2018-2019	\$157.00	\$93.00	0.00%	\$0.00
2019-2020	\$157.00	\$93.00	0.00%	\$0.00
2020-2021	\$157.00	\$93.00	0.00%	\$0.00
2021-2022	\$157.00	\$93.00	0.00%	\$0.00
2022-2023	\$164.00	\$96.00	4.46%	\$7.00
2023-2024 Recommended	\$168.00	\$98.00	2.44%	\$4.00

Until 2022-2023, the SRC Mandatory Student Fee had not been increased since 2017. The SRC and Stephenson Fitness Centers are an important part of student life on the WSU Pullman campus, serving more than 77% of WSU students in 2022. WSU Students have expressed that the SRC and Stephenson fitness centers are important for helping them improve both physical and mental health and research shows that recreation centers positively impact recruitment, retention, and academic success. Additionally, University Recreation provides employment opportunities for approximately 350 students each year that allow them to improve financial wellbeing as well as develop professional skills such as inclusion, professionalism, customer service, problem solving, working with others, leadership, and wellbeing.

Alternatives Considered:

Reductions in services to reduce expenses (elimination of hours of operation) along with deferred maintenance and equipment replacement have been ongoing for the past several years. Continued cuts will have impacts on availability of services to students in the facility in addition to the role that the facility plays in the overall success of the Pullman campus. UREC currently employs an average of 350 students annually and reductions in services would decrease the number of learning outcome driven opportunities.

How have (or will) you communicate impacts of the rate increase to students? What was the feedback received?

The Student Recreation Center Advisory Board includes majority representation from students. The board includes representatives from both ASWSU and GPSA and serves as the voice of students regarding University Recreation on the WSU Pullman campus. There is support for the increase that is based on the documented needs to maintain the quality services and condition of the student recreation facility, including the impact of declining enrollment on revenue generation. The motion to approve the fee increase was approved by majority vote of student representatives of the Advisory Board on February 28, 2023.

ACTION ITEM #6

Academic Year 2023-24 Services and Activities Fee Rate Changes (Leslie Brunelli/Matt Skinner)

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Academic Year 2023-2024 Services and Activities (S&A) Fee Rate Changes

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve rate changes in campus S&A fees for the academic year 2023-2024.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: S&A fees are paid by students for the express purpose of funding student services and programs, including indebtedness for facilities.

Under RCW 28B.15.045, campus S&A fee committees are responsible for evaluating existing and proposed programs and submitting budget recommendations and rate changes to the University administration and the Board. RCW 28B.15.069(2) allows the Board to increase S&A fees annually by amounts not to exceed four percent. S&A fees may decrease by any amount. S&A fee rates vary for each campus, and each campus retains 100% of its own S&A fees.

Process:

All WSU campuses have student-led S&A fee committees that have completed their deliberations for AY 2023-24. Each committee has independently recommended S&A fee rates for their campus. Committee rate recommendations have been reviewed by each campus chancellor and President Schulz before being brought as a recommendation to the Board of Regents for final approval.

The academic year 2023-24 S&A rate recommendations by campus are listed below. The table illustrates the annual amount paid by a full-time student. Fees are pro-rated for part-time students and summer session.

Campus	Current	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Everett	\$527	\$527	-	0%
Global Campus	\$373	\$373	-	0%
Pullman	\$559	\$579	\$20	3.5%
Spokane	\$582	\$582	-	0%
Tri-Cities	\$526	\$526	-	0%
Vancouver	\$559	\$581	\$22	4%

Memos documenting committee recommendations and leadership review are found here: <https://budget.wsu.edu/documents/2023/04/wsu-system-sa-allocation-details.pdf>

We are requesting that the Board approve the above rates. This action item was presented to the Regents as a future action item at the March 2023 meeting.

ACTION ITEM #7

Academic Year 2023-24 and Summer 2023 Services and Activities Fee Committee Allocations (Leslie Brunelli /Matt Skinner)

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Services and Activities (S&A) Fee Committee Allocations for Academic Year 2023-2024 and Summer 2023

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve the allocation of S&A fees for academic year 2023-2024 and summer 2023, as recommended by the student led S&A fee committees representing each of the WSU campuses.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: Services and Activities (S&A) fees are used to fund student activities and programs, including indebtedness for buildings and facilities. S&A fees are charged to all students registering at any WSU campus.

Process:

The S&A fee committee on each campus is student led, with a majority of votes assigned to students. Each campus committee conducts a hearing and deliberation process resulting in recommendations for the allocation of S&A fees. The recommendations are developed following guidelines governing the establishment and funding of student programs set forth in RCW 28B.15.045.

The following allocation totals as recommended by each campus committee have been reviewed by each campus chancellor and President Schulz before being brought as a recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval.

Campus	Allocation
Everett	\$137,476
Global Campus	\$1,420,561
Pullman	\$8,691,836
Spokane	\$1,057,215
Tri-Cities	\$657,505
Vancouver	\$1,826,843

Memos documenting detailed committee allocation recommendations and leadership review are found here:

<https://budget.wsu.edu/documents/2023/04/wsu-system-sa-allocation-details.pdf>

We are requesting that the Board approve these allocations. This action item was presented to the Regents as a future action item at the March 2023 meeting.

ACTION ITEM #8

WSU Pullman, Fiscal Year 2024 Undergraduate Student Technology Fee Committee Allocations (Leslie Brunelli/Matt Skinner/Elizabeth Chilton)

May 5, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Fiscal Year 2024 Undergraduate Student Technology Fee Committee Allocations

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve the allocations as recommended by the Pullman Undergraduate Student Technology Fee Committee for the 2024 fiscal year.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: In FY2015, the ASWSU-Pullman Senate approved a student technology fee for undergraduate students, effective fall semester 2015. The \$20 fee is charged to undergraduate students in the fall and spring semesters, as well as summer session. This fee is authorized by RCW 28B.15.051, which states that the revenue generated by the technology fee "shall be used exclusively for technology resources for general student use."

The Process:

The Pullman Undergraduate Student Technology Fee Committee is student led with a majority of votes assigned to students. The committee conducted hearings to review funding requests from a variety of university groups for technology projects that will benefit WSU Pullman students. Allocation recommendations from the committee were forwarded to ASWSU for consideration and have been endorsed by that body.

The following allocations as recommended by the Pullman Undergraduate Student Technology Fee Committee and endorsed by ASWSU have been reviewed by Chancellor Chilton and President Schulz and are recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

PROJECT SPONSOR	REQUEST TITLE	Recommended Allocation
Academic Outreach and Innovation	Creative Corridor	\$117,491
Academic Success and Career Center	ASCC & Labor Market Insights Tool	\$10,870
Access Center	Access Center WiFi Improvement	\$36,923
CAHNRS	Cattle Lab Wireless Technology	\$31,604
CAHNRS	Troy G7 Projector System	\$14,053
Center for Civic Engagement	Community Engagement Software	\$8,000
College of Arts and Sciences	Allegro Classroom Upgrade Proposal	\$40,735
College of Arts and Sciences	Neill Hall 5W Upgrade	\$10,201
CougPrints	CougPrints Self Service Program	\$135,000
CUB	Radio Replacement	\$34,971
School of the Environment	WSU Virtual Ecology	\$19,203
Student Affairs	Student Digital Access Screens	\$15,625
VCEA	Palouse Aerospace	\$8,650
VCEA	IEEE - Electronics Equipment	\$2,433
VCEA	Expanding Crimson Robotics	\$36,383
VCEA	Sloan 249 CAD Lab Computer Replacement	\$45,000
VCEA	Digital Student Showcase & Collaboration Resource	\$10,400
VCEA	ASCE Student Chapter Room Technology Improvements	\$12,118
VCEA	Expanding Fiz Technology for Undergraduate Support	\$42,350
VCEA	Cougar Car Club Tool Fund	\$14,711
VetMed	Competitive Upgrade to Undergraduate Neuroscience	\$14,000
WSU Esports	Chinook Esports Lounge	\$58,801
	TOTAL	\$719,522

Memos documenting committee recommendations and leadership review are found here: <https://budget.wsu.edu/documents/2023/04/wsu-pullman-ugstf-documents.pdf>.

We are requesting that the Board approve these allocations. This action item was presented to the Regents as a future action item at the March 2023 meeting.