



**To:** Utah Board of Higher Education

**From:** Christian Gardner  
Chair, University of Utah Board of Trustees

**Subject:** Proposed Tuition and Fee Increase

**Date:** March 15, 2024

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The University of Utah Board of Trustees supports the proposed 2024-2025 tuition and fee increases.

The proposed tuition and fee adjustment results in a 3.29% increase. When netting the student success fee transition, which moves the fee into tuition, the effective total increase is approximately 2.92%. At 3.29%, a full-time resident undergraduate student will pay roughly \$338 more per year.

The David Eccles School of Business submitted separate proposals to adjust their undergraduate differential tuition and their graduate tuition for their Executive, Professional, and Online MBA programs. We found their proposal reasonable and recommend approval.

The University of Utah general student fee advisory board, led by a student majority and chaired by ASUU student body president, Jack O'Leary, had strong support in increasing four of the fourteen fees. Their proposed recommendation is to increase the general student fee by \$19.50 per year or 1.65%. President O'Leary provides a robust letter of support for the general student fee adjustment, which is enclosed along with our recommendation.

The Board of Trustees acknowledge the University of Utah's efforts to maintain affordability by keeping tuition low compared to peers and increasing scholarships to students, while balancing the growing financial needs of our academic mission. We look forward to positive results from the University's continued work in identifying internal efficiencies that assist in mitigating rising costs that will enable the University to temporarily absorb funding shortfalls to keep tuition low for students.

**To:** President Taylor Randall;  
University of Utah Board of Trustees;  
Utah Board of Higher Education

**From:** Jack O'Leary, President  
Associated Students of the University of Utah

**Subject:** Support for Proposed Tuition and Fee Increase

**Date:** March 12, 2024

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The General Student Fee Advisory Board is recommending a 1.6% increase to the general student fees for fiscal year 2024-2205. This means that fees will increase \$9.75 per semester for a full time in-state undergraduate student taking 15 credit hours. Total student fees with this increase would be \$601.64 per semester. After thorough discussion, consideration, and collaboration with my fellow students and university administration, I am supportive of this proposal to increase student fees and wish to share my perspective with you all.

This proposal, which specifically includes increases to the student mental health fee, campus connect fee, fine arts fee, and health fee, are ones that I can fully endorse as a representative of of the student body. This decision was comprehensive, inclusive, and extremely well informed. The Student Fee Committee is composed of nine members, five students and four staff members, Chaired by the ASUU Student Body President. This student lead committee oversees the process to establish, revise, maintain, or repeal general student fees and make a recommendation to the University of Utah Board of Trustees. This committee reviewed all 14 existing fees, with no new fees being requested, and the committee moved to approve all four requested increases as mentioned above.

In my time as Student Body President at the University of Utah, I've participated in many conversations and worked with countless students on issues that have demanded the attention of our student government, of the University at large, and of the State of Utah, but by far the most ubiquitous issue I've encountered were related to mental, physical, and emotional health and related to an overall feeling of belonging to a campus community. All issues that were at the forefront of students' minds and key to the approved fee increases.

Focusing on overall student health, especially mental health, I want to provide some brief insight and data to provide a crucial lens to the background around this issue. According to a survey conducted in 2022 by the National College Health Assessment at the University of Utah found that over 80% of students agree that health and well-being are a priority. Nationwide, college students identify the critical place that mental health has in their academic journey, and they recognize experiencing different daily emotions. A recent survey from Gallup shows that during the Spring 2023 Semester, 66% of U.S.

college students felt stress and 51% worry. According to another Fall 2023 study from the American Psychological Association, adults ages 18 to 34 still reported the highest rate of mental illnesses at 50% in 2023 and over 66% of adults reporting that they have been told by a health care provider that they have a chronic illness. As the University of Utah continues to grow, for current and new students, the college experience could feel overwhelming with being alone in a different city, being pressured to perform well in classes and finding new friends. This puts all sorts of stress and pressures that encompass both mental, emotional, and physical strain.

Throughout the past year in the presidency, I have met with hundreds of students across campus to hear and see what they felt could provide the most meaningful improvement to their student experience. There were countless times that I heard students say they felt entirely unsupported in their battles with mental health issues, that they do not know what resources to utilize or that when they did try to seek institutional support, they were met with long wait times for a counseling session or didn't have the crisis support that was needed for them. While much has been done and is being done, as a community, we are only just realizing the full impact of mental health challenges and the importance of meeting students where they are, with early and sustained support.

Aside from positive impacts on student happiness and well-being, additional funding for mental health may improve student graduation rates and GPA. As the U continues to work with campus partners, the business community, and organizations from across the state, we are working hard to change these narratives, which was extremely evident from the information shared at the inaugural State of Wellness & Mental Health Townhall, which is in alignment with the Adapting to Student Needs strategic plan initiative of optimizing health and wellness access. However, we know that we need to do more, and students are not only asking for more, but they want to see direct action.

I believe that a student fee is an entirely appropriate measure through which to provide this funding. It would contribute more immediately to the growth in the University's capacity to address mental health issues than would centrally funding or legislative funding, and we have found it to be strongly supported by the student body. It has been supported unanimously by both the Student Senate and Assembly, the ASUU Executive Branch, and I feel that the entire student body has an interest in supporting the psychological wellbeing of our students. This belief is also based on the positive impact it would have on individual students as well as assessment-driven goals of the University and statutory obligations of USHE, like improving graduation rates, promoting student retention, and increasing accessibility to affordable, on campus mental health services.

I strongly believe that this student fee would be extremely beneficial to the University and that expeditiousness in providing funding for mental health counseling and resources is vital to the success of our student body. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jack O'Leary  
ASUU Student Body President  
University of Utah

8 March 2024

**ITEM FOR ACTION**

**RE: Proposal to Modify Student Fees**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

All general student fees are subject to Utah Board of Higher Education approval in conjunction with the annual approval of tuition rates. The University has five different areas that assess general student fees. The President's recommendation for each area is described below.

**Logan Campus:** Proposed increase per semester

\$3.37 Aggie Recreation Center building fee  
\$2.00 Athletics fee  
\$1.02 Aggie Shuttle fee  
\$6.39

This results in a 1.4% overall increase.

**Statewide Campuses:** No proposed increase

**USU Eastern Campus:** No proposed increase

**Blanding Campus:** No proposed increase

**Technical Education :** No proposed increase

**RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the above proposals, the President recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the implementation of student fee changes effective Summer Semester 2024.

**RESOLUTION  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, All general student fees are subject to Utah Board of Higher Education approval in conjunction with annual approval of tuition rates; and

WHEREAS, The Logan Campus Student Fee Board has approved increases of \$3.37 for the Aggie Recreation Center building fee, \$2.00 for the Athletics fee, and \$1.02 for the Aggie Shuttle fee; and

WHEREAS, No increases are proposed for Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern Campus, Blanding Campus, or Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, The proposal has the approval of the President of Utah State University:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the USU Board of Trustees hereby recommend the implementation of student fee changes effective Summer Semester 2024 and that this approval be forwarded to the Utah Board of Higher Education for its approval.

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RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 8, 2024

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8 March 2024

## **ITEM FOR ACTION**

**RE: Proposal for Tuition Rate Increases**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Each institutional President, in consultation with the institutional Board of Trustees, may recommend a tuition rate increase to the Utah Board of Higher Education. The increase may be used to fund legislative match requirements or to meet other specific institutional needs. Additionally, the President may recommend tuition and program fee adjustments for the Technical Education programs at the Blanding, Moab, and USU Eastern campuses.

The university, after consultation with student leaders, is proposing the following tuition rate increase:

**Logan and Statewide Campuses:** 3.4% increase

**Technical Education:** no increase

The President and student leadership held a public meeting to provide an explanation of the reasons for the proposed increase, an explanation of how the revenue generated by the increase will be used, and an opportunity for public comment from students.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the above proposals and approvals as indicated, the President and Vice President for Finance & Administrative Services recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed increases.

RESOLUTION  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Each institutional President, in consultation with the institutional Board of Trustees, may recommend a tuition rate increase to meet specific institutional needs and meet legislative match requirements; and

WHEREAS, Utah State University is proposing a 3.4% tuition rate increase for students at Logan and Statewide campuses; and

WHEREAS, The President consulted with student leaders and held a public meeting to provide an opportunity for public comment from students; and

WHEREAS, The proposal has the approval of the President and Vice President for Finance & Administrative Services of Utah State University:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the USU Board of Trustees hereby support the proposed tuition rate increases effective Summer Semester 2024 and that this approval be forwarded to the Utah Board of Higher Education for its approval.

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RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 8, 2024

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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 13th, 2024 | 4:00 PM | TSC 336

- CALL TO ORDER
- Approval of minutes: Director Bennett: **Moved** / Director Packer: **Second** / EC: **Passed**
  - Amend house rules to allow USUSA officers at the table (passes)
- PUBLIC FORUM
  - President Rodriguez: First there will be a quick presentation, and then we will allow President Cantwell to discuss everything with us.
  - Suzy Deaver: How many of you have heard of Aggie-thon or Miracle Club before? Our goal is to fundraise for Childrens Hospital in Salt Lake City, our campus is such a good culture that it is a great place to be involved and fundraise and we hope to see it expand in the future.
  - Cassie Ivies: When my brother was 3 years old and he had a skull fracture, he was put in the Children's Hospital, and it was life-saving for him. The kids cannot wait for us students to get involved and fundraise, their lives depend on it. Also, this is a great cause to be involved, and it looks good on a resume. This is a national organization and we are the only Utah campus that participates under the umbrella organization.
  - Suzy Deaver: It also helps with bonding for your team, when Cassie went a few years ago it was a really good bonding team, we have a great director and it pulls at our heart strings, it's the kids. The cause is what makes it matter.
  - Cassie Ivie: Our main event is in march and will be huge, and free. Who doesn't like free stuff? It will involve the community as well and pretty unique to our campus. Our goal is to meet 40k for the kids. Whatever organization you are a part of, you can sign onto. I know GRC is signed on a team, as well as student events. We need your help, any committee that you already have is great and we will help you sign up on donor. It is March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm-midnight in the fieldhouse and there will be so much fun, if you



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have any questions, I am Cassie Ivie and I would love to help and connect in any way that we can.

- President Rodriguez: Thank you so much. I want to give a warm welcome to president Cantwell who is with us today, as well as Dr. Olsen and VP Cowell. We want to welcome you all here, and thank you for being in our Executive Council.
- President Cantwell: This is a legislatively mandated part of truth in tuition, leading up to the public session on March 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, I can't remember when it is, we have already met to discuss as a group and I will now go over the proposed tuition increase and use you as, more than anything, a way to level set the discussion. When we go into public session there will be two components, we have historically done it one as one component. However, fees and tuition are different revenue streams, and I don't want the public to see them as the same thought process in their heads because they are very different. Tuition funds can be used for anything, whereas the student fees are not moved because they are very specific and associated with your student fee process to discuss and vote on, so fees are not up to us. It will largely be related to the student fee board process. When I do the presentation, the timeline is pretty long, and will not affect all of you all right now. Right now, the legislative session is still in session so when you look at the gray box the current increased compensation for state employees is 2.9%. So, when you see under the potential range, that is the consequence of the 2.9 shifting up or down to more, I think it is pretty unlikely and when we do the public session we will know, but that number (2.9) could be smaller or larger. How many of you were here for the process last year? Okay, not many of you. I guess we have a lot of new faces. Last year was the biggest compensation increase we have seen in decades, and we did not see a tuition increase, which is very rare. We didn't go to the cap on compensation increase, but that is not the situation this year. You will see a pretty normal year besides last year for this one. If you look at presentations from prior you will see these four categories and other ones added, however at this point, we are not a believer in an imposition of student fees unless students bring it to us and want us to add something, if it is not appropriate for student fees. If anyone has seen something brought into tuition that is not covered by fees, anyone is more than welcome to share.
- Linda, Point of Clarification: As many of you know, there is a 200,00 dollar amount every year from facilities enhancement so that comes from tuition fees.
- VP Packer: Is this something you all typically see requests for?
- President Cantwell: It is not every year; we didn't get any requests like this for this year. The legislature authorizes a compensation increase every year and they only give us 75% of the funding and we fund the other 25%, I tried to represent this in pie chart and resident nonresident and fulltime and parttime, I don't know if that is helpful or not. The mandated amount is the same, this is almost 100% associated with an increase in our share of the insurance pool. They only fund us at a 75% level. Faculty is varied from year to year depending on which professors will go from associate to full and full to professor, so that is based on those who achieve tenure. Maintaining scholarship just means those that are paid from the financial center will need more from the center to provide the same



- number of people with the same percentage of support so we historically wrote this in to support, so that total stands at 3.3%. In the world of public institutions and I looked at other universities and I am seeing anything from flat to 5% and flat is typically in states that don't have this interesting situation where they are only given a portion of the total compensation and that 2.9% can change, go up or down, and that could change the increase accordingly. I would love to entertain questions or any questions, about anything from this to about how the public presentation will go.
- President Rodriguez: Any questions? I know some of you all sat in the committee meetings, if not is there anything else?
  - President Cantwell: Abe knows this, but going forward as we look at our revenue streams, we are very dependent on the state because we have only two pools, a tuition pool and whatever the state gives us and we are strongly dependent on that. We do receive research funding, but that is for very specific things and normally do not even include funding to pay for student employees. Even philanthropy is very streamlined, and in comparison, to other universities or our size, our universities' revenue streams are very small, so one thing we need to do, if you attended any of our interviews, is we need to look at other potential revenues so that we can keep tuition as low as possible. There are two ways that are obvious, we have a big geographic footprint and a lot of land, and many people who want to keep the moneyland, we can create a revenue stream and we have to think about that. Another thing is looking at online education as a separate value proposition for those who won't or can't attend online. We have a lot of students who cannot attend in person at any of our campuses, and once you have built some online content it is valid for 2-4 years, and our costs cut to that and our revenue would go up. Those are two things that we have not worked heavily on, but there are ways to make it so we are not only dependent on the state and in years were there was very little legislative help, for example 12% increase or no increase, that is not a place that we want to go so we want to hold it to this 3-3.5%. That is a little bit of a trust move since none of you will be here unless you are doing grad school or something, and I just want to acknowledge that this –as in being dependent on the state legislature- is not what we want to do in the long run.
  - VP Packer: I have two questions about the revenue, so real estate and online content is risky venues of revenue. How do you plan to mitigate that risk for the university and students?
  - President Cantwell: Real estate is actually not as risky as you think. If the contractors carry 75% of risk and we carry 25%, that is how I would factor in the risk since we only have 25% of that risk overall. Online education is no less risky than in person education, in the data we are currently seeing the average college, working, in-person student is going to start to drop, and we will all see dropping enrollment. When you can see those things coming down the pipeline you can prepare and calculate risk so that there are plans in place. As we start to see that happening, do we start seeking more out of state students or do we focus on Utah students? These are questions we will have to start focusing on and answering. We do not want to eliminate programs, research, or clubs or anything. We



want to have revenue streams to support the students we do have, that is part of the derisking approach and planning for the future.

- VP Packer: Sorry, I have so many questions. If somehow our real estate or online education tanks, does the loss we are seeing affect tuition?
- President Cantwell: We will never take a risk that if we drop a little per year we would end up as a university where we are not able to balance the risks. Again, this has been done by businesses for years, just not by universities, and we did do it where I came from in Arizona. But we would not do that, if we needed to cut funding, we would not build a building or reduce the number of times the trash is taken out or do something else. That is not something that we make up and decide on our own. So many universities come from needing multiple revenue streams. The state of Utah funds us to 30% of our annual need, and that is one of the highest in the country. Most get between 6-10%, my university in Arizona got 6-7% so their tuition is a lot higher than ours. In the land grant world, they created restaurant and entertainment venues and then some land deals so that to many of us it doesn't even look like a university, but if your mandate is to educate students for years in advance, you need to figure out ways to sustain the university for years to come. Don't ever apologize for asking a question, you do not need to.
- President Rodriguez: Seeing no more questions, we thank you for your time and dedication to coming by and explaining the upcoming tuition changes and increase. Also, we want to thank you in being so gracious of helping us to be able to do breakfast together as a team, we got bottomless hot chocolate since it was a cold morning and it was delicious. Anything else, does anyone else have questions for President Cantwell?
- VP Packer: Not a question, just a comment. I will see you at Aggie Ice Cream Day! We are super excited to have you there and take so many students.
- President Cantwell: Oh, I forgot I invented my own ice cream for the Investiture, it is cranberry, almond, chocolate, and vanilla. They might want to put it in the rotation so after we try it, we are going to have figure out a name for it, so if anyone has ideas let me know.
- President Rodriguez: I see no other questions, but I want to thank you for letting us be a part of the investiture.
- President Cantwell: Thank you, it will be a lot of pomp and quite fancy, but it will also be fun.
- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
  - President Cantwell: I have two things for you, since I was able to express gratitude to President Cantwell to have a fun breakfast, and I am grateful to see you all. The president's forum last week went really well with governor cox and Irshan Imanii and I know they are going to do another forum in Salt Lake City, but I do not have the exact date for that yet. It was really neat to see them, and thank you for coming to the luncheon and it was nice of them to allow us the opportunity to be there. Thirdly, a reminder about the Utah Student board members and the deadline is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, you can scroll back I



posted it not too long ago, so please look at your committees if you see someone who would be great on the state level encourage them to apply.

- VP Packer, Point of Information: Is that for the voting member on the USHE board, the student regent?
- President Rodriguez: Yes, but they rebranded it and now it is called the USHE student board member.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ARC Board Policy, Executive Director Bennett: Reads the bill aloud.
  - Executive Director Bennett: Motion to amend this first page to change it to ECB2022-05. Motion to amend this history to add major between without and alteration. Motion to amend the 2<sup>nd</sup> line to remove the phrase “comprising of 18 members”. Under the purpose motion to amend the word resolution and fourth line to bill. Motion to amend 2<sup>nd</sup> line of purpose at end to remove from 18-10 members. Motion to amend the pros to be above the cons.
  - Executive Director Bennett: So ECB 2013-02 is the bill that established the arc policy, and that bill change the number of people from 18 to something else so that is why we removed that information because it is irrelevant, that is why we added the word major there as well.
  - President Rodriguez: Do the advisors have anything to add?
  - Linda, Point of Information: You mentioned the nonvoting members as the program coordinator, currently Kevin sits on that and he is not a program coordinator, he is a staff member.
  - Executive Director Bennett: Motion to amend to say a staff member from SILC instead of program coordinator.
  - ECB 2024-02 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading is approved unanimously
- NEW BUSINESS
  - President Rodriguez: New business and I would like to amend the agenda to say VP Cinq-Mars will go over the amendments for the USUSA Proposed constitution.
  - Executive Director Garces: Can we move to amend house rules so that I can read the bill off my Ipad?
  - Passes unanimously
  - Point of Clarification, Chief Eguko: I was told to send the changes in a list to Director Garces and the constitution that has ECB on it and a list of the amendments.
  - President Rodriguez: It gets old reading 27 pages, let's not waste another second. At least we will give your vocal chords a break so that you don't have to read it all. Executive Director Garces, the time is yours.

\*Bill is read aloud\*

- VP Cinq-Mars: I found some additional grammar and font things that we should fix.
- Director Ottley: I did too, but can we start with the changes ELB made?
- Point of Clarification: I sent the list of changes to Alex in a written form.
- VP Cinq-Mars: I don't mind, I can just read them from my bills.
- VP Cinq-Mars: Goes through the changes that were approved by ELB to add as amendments as well to ECB.
- Amendments to all formatting and grammar from the ELB changes are approved



unanimously

- Director Ottley: I have a couple other formatting and grammar line 2, so remove the comma after outdated and add an and” Line 53, 56, and 59 to remove the double periods. Line 48 positions should not be capitalized. Line 64 Delete the space before be, line 108, graduates need an “s” line 119 needs students to be members and add an “s”. Line 160 the word probation is listed twice, can we delete one. I think in Line 170 I am confused with what it is saying?
  - Director Garces: I think it says that because originally in the constitution that there would be multiple elections bylaws so we are changing it to only one bylaw so we are making changes that now affect the whole statewide campus. I do not have much information; I think Kevin would have more information.
  - Director Ottley: Oh, okay. Also place instead of placed in b2 as an amendment as well. Also, why does it use the word concert in line 68, can we put work in conjunction? Under history it is not indented. The same in the pros and cons in that executive summary. Also, in past legislation pros and cons have been separate lines if we want to separate that out.
  - VP Packer, Point of Information: If we want to put them in, they have to be voted on to change it because Director Ottley is not a voting member. Also, are the extra periods there elipsies? Is it directly from the constitution?
  - VP Cinq-Mars: Yes, I think so. But it is not really relevant since the rest of the constitution is not listed.
  - VP Smilanich: Can I approve these cumulatively?
  - Bennett: Bak to line 2, I think what director Ottley brought up was not addressed. What if we put a period after outdated. And remove the comma after outdate, and add unify practices.
  - President Rodriguez: I rely on director Ottley for all grammatical errors. This recommendation could work. What do you think?
  - Director Ottley: Well, that leaves a fragmented sentence at the beginning. Could we put a semicolon instead and make it one sentence?
  - Motion to change the sentence to say: Whereas the USUSA Constitution is outdated; changes need to be made to improve clarity, and update current procedures, and unify practices.
  - Director Garces: I have to leave, right now
  - VP Cinq-Mars: Can you wait like 5 minutes? We have one more thing to bring up really quick.
  - Executive Director Garces: Sure, but I really need to leave soon for Aux Battles.
  - VP Cinq-Mars: ELB voted unanimously to remove Article 3 Section 4H we thought it politicized elections at a college campus, we have talked a lot about this and we don’t really see how it is enforceable from this office, especially since it just says that the elections bylaws will decide how it is enforced and we do not want to force all candidates to report on their grandma giving them money for their campaign, and there is no way to force them to report. You can also read the ELB minutes to know the further discussion we had.
  - Proposed by Executive Director Bennett, approved with 3 votes to strike the amendment, one abstains (Executive Director Garces).
- COUNCIL UPDATES



- Executive Director Garces: Y/Y, I have nothing.
- Executive Director Bennett: Y/Y, the only thing is this past week, stew Morrill, was honored at the basketball game this last week which was a huge thing for the campus and community.
- VP Cinq-Mars: Y/Y, no fee board meeting tomorrow at 7:30, please don't come. I won't be here.
- President Rodriguez: Y/Y, I yield.
- VP Packer: Y/Y, Aggie ice cream day will have an email sent out soon to all of you, if you say you are coming and if you don't come and fill out that sheet, we will ask you to pay for that lunch.
- Executive Director Packer: Y/Y, thank you for the help with viva las logan, I saw almost all of you there and I appreciated your help with that. Thank you so much for all being there, also we are having karaoke night Thursday night so please come.
- Director Ottley: Y/Y, I have no updates.
- VP Smilanich: Y/Y, I have no updates.
- ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
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- ADJOURNMENT
  - VP Smilanich: **Moved** / Executive Director Packer: **Second** / EC: **Passed**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Abe Rodriguez, Linda Zimmerman, Kevin Webb, Jess Ulrich, Executive Director Bennett, VP Cinq-Mars, VP Packer, Executive Director Packer, Director Ottley, VP Smilanich, Executive Director Garces



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January 25, 2024

President Elizabeth Cantwell  
Utah State University  
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Dear President Cantwell,

The Logan Campus Student Fee Board met January 17, 2024 to hear presentations from three fee receiving areas regarding potential increases, and one fee receiving area requesting a new student fee. The board made a final decision on these proposed increases on January 24, 2024. These are the recommendations:

**Logan Main Campus:**

**ARC Building Fee:** Proposed \$3.37 increase, board recommends a \$3.37 increase

Campus Recreation proposed a \$3.37 increase in fees to cover deficit in funds for their overall operating budget. This deficit is a result of inflating utilities costs, an increase in student wages paid, and decreased overall enrollment. The board appreciated the thorough explanation of how the proposed fee would be used. It was voted unanimously to recommend the \$3.37 increase.

**Bus Fee:** Proposed \$1.02 increase, board recommends a \$1.02 increase

Parking and Transportation proposed a \$1.02 increase in fees to purchase two new shuttle busses for the aging Aggie Shuttle fleet. A feature of the new busses is easier access for individuals in wheelchairs and others with mobility challenges. The board again appreciated the explanation of why a certain brand of bus was purchased and the long-term plan that was laid out. It was voted unanimously to recommend the \$1.02 increase.

**Athletics Fee:** Proposed \$5.00 increase, later lowered to \$3.00, board recommends a \$2.00 increase

Athletics proposed a \$5.00 increase. After discussion between the Fee Board and various University Administrators, athletics changed their proposal to a \$3.00 increase. This increase will be used to enhance mental health support for student-athletes, provide enhanced nutritional requirements for student-athletes, and to invest in growing the game-day experience of all students attending athletic events. After lengthy discussion, it was voted to not recommend the \$3.00 increase. The primary point of contention was that there were members of the board who challenged that some students choose not to attend athletic events and don't see the value in

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athletics. Further discussion followed, leading to a vote to recommend a \$2.00 increase instead. This vote was 14-7 in favor of recommending a \$2.00 increase.

Career Design Center: Proposed \$22.00 new fee, board does not recommend accepting the proposal

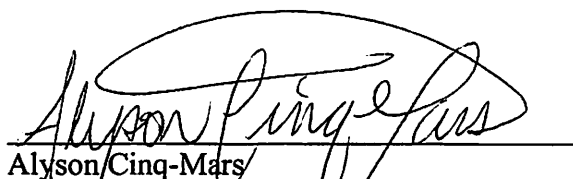
The Career Design Center proposed a new fee of \$22.00 for all students including statewide and online, regardless of number of registered credits. The Career Design Center's purpose of the ask is to increase its current staff from 9 to 21, and the bulk of the \$22.00 fee (\$1,095,000) would go to pay the salaries of the new employees. Consistent with the 2019 State of Utah Audit, the USU Student Fee Board Policy states that, "Student fees should not generally be used for programs or services that can be supported by state or auxiliary funds." This includes employee salaries. It was the opinion of the board that while generally supportive of the mission and purpose of the Career Design Center, this new fee would not be a proper use of student fee income. The vote was 14-7 in opposition of recommending this new student fee.

**Statewide Campuses:**

This year, the Statewide Campus Student Fee Board met on January 12th. During the meeting it was determined that no changes should be made to the current Regional Campus Student Fee amounts. USU Eastern had a small reallocation of fees, resulting in a \$10.00 decrease in the Activity student fee and a corresponding \$10.00 increase in the Athletics fee. This was approved unanimously by the USU-Eastern Region Student Fee Committee.

Both the Logan Campus and Statewide Campuses Student Fee Boards appreciate the opportunity to receive and provide input regarding the use of student fees. Thank you for your consideration of the above recommendations. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Alyson Cinq-Mars, Chair of both the Logan Campus and Statewide Campuses Student Fee Boards.

Sincerely,



Alyson Cinq-Mars  
USUSA Executive Vice President  
Logan Campus Student Fee Board Chairman  
Statewide Campuses Student Fee Board Chairman

Cc: Eric Olsen, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs  
Linda Zimmerman, Executive Director of Student Involvement and Leadership





**WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY**

Student Access & Success

February 26, 2024

Geoffrey Landward  
Utah Interim Commissioner of Higher Education  
Board of Regents Building  
60 S. 400 W.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1284

Dear Commissioner Landward:

In compliance with Utah Board of Higher Education Policy, I am writing to express my support for Weber State University's proposed 2-3.5% student fee increase for 2024-2025.

As is the case every year, students at Weber State University play a key role in our student fee allocation process. This year was no different. I can say with confidence that our students support these increases.

Sincerely,

Ashley Potokar  
Student Body President

cc: Dr. Brad Mortensen, President  
Dr. Jessica Oyler, Vice President for Student Access and Success

(WSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED MARCH 19, 2024)



## 2024-25 Tuition and General Fee Adjustments Board of Trustees Written Recommendations

The Weber State University Board of Trustees submits this written report and recommendation to the Utah Board of Higher Education to recommend the following tuition and general fee adjustments at Weber State University for 2024-25:

- Increasing general tuition rates by **2.75%** for all undergraduate and graduate tuition tables, including resident and non-resident rates.
- Establishing a differential tuition, flat-rate amount of **\$95** per credit hour for selected general education courses offered at Davis and Ogden-Weber Technical Colleges.
- Setting a differential tuition surcharge of **\$154.36** per credit hour for the Master of Science in Systems Engineering and the Master of Science in Data Science programs in the College of Engineering, Applied Science, & Technology (EAST).
- Increasing general fees by **1.75%**.

### *Justification*

- **General tuition increase** – Uses are for the following:
  - Legislative funding match – a 1.93% increase to fund 25% of the legislature’s adopted increases of 3% for salaries, 7.2% for health insurance, 0.9% for dental insurance, and internal service fund increases (mostly property and risk insurance) which total \$1,562,750.
  - Specific institutional needs – a 0.82% increase to fund mandated and unavoidable operating budget cost increases, including fuel and power rate increases of \$500,000 and necessary cybersecurity IT software support of \$206,275, which total \$706,275.
- **Tech college general education differential** – Saves technical college students up to \$1,595 when completing three WSU general education courses on their technical college campus by charging the same \$95 per credit hour tuition rate used for technical college courses.
- **EAST master's degree differentials** – Supports instructional quality for two high-demand master's degree programs, the Master of Science in Data Science and Master of Science in Systems Engineering. This will set the tuition for these programs on par with other master’s degree programs in the College of Engineering, Applied Science, and Technology

February 29th, 2024

Utah System of Higher Education  
Two Gateway  
60 South 400 West  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1284

Dear Members of the Utah System of Higher Education Board of Regents,

My name is Miguel Mayorga and I am the current Student Body President at Snow College. I am writing to express my support for the proposed tuition increase at Snow College, as well as an increase in student fees. I believe that these adjustments are essential to ensuring the continued success and well-being of Snow College students.

Snow College has consistently demonstrated a commitment to providing high-quality education and providing an enriching academic environment. However, maintaining and enhancing the educational experience comes with its associated costs. I understand that the decision to increase tuition and student fees is a challenging one, but I firmly believe that it is necessary for the success of the institution and the students. I am pleased to convey that meeting with Snow College students and student leaders, they are also in support of these proposed adjustments. With a clear explanation of what these changes would bring, their understanding of the importance of investing in the institution for the benefit of current and future students is appreciated.

In conclusion, I urge the Utah System of Higher Education Board of Regents to carefully consider and approve the proposed tuition increase and student fee adjustments for Snow College. By doing so, we can collectively contribute to the sustained success and growth of this esteemed institution. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I appreciate the dedication of the Board of Regents to the improvement of higher education in our state.

Sincerely,

Miguel Mayorga  
Student Body President 2023-2024



(EAST).

- **General Fees** – Provides funding for a 3% salary and wage increase, 7.2% health insurance increase, and 0.9% dental insurance increase for the staff funded by student fees, as well as covers the 2.75% tuition increase for student scholarships paid by student fees.

### ***Alternative Funding***

- The university has identified reallocated funds to fund faculty tenure and promotion increases and the highest priority investments in the student success playbook.
- Almost \$1.9 million in Weber State Amplified strategic plan priorities will be unfunded.
- WSU's strong track record of making internal reallocations to fund priorities in the past, which totaled over \$4.6 million in 2022-23, will play a pivotal role in moving forward unfunded strategic plan priorities.
- If a tuition freeze were to be implemented, it would be necessary to reduce between an additional 8 and 12 faculty and staff positions across the institution to meet budgetary needs. This would be challenging and also have negative effects on student access, retention, and completion because it would lower the availability of courses, direct student support services, and reduce the ability to maintain physical and IT infrastructure.

### ***Affordability Impact***

- WSU's cost of four-year attendance is within available financial aid and the rule of 10 as calculated by USHE staff.
- The average WSU tuition and fees increase over the last ten years of 2.5% is less than the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) average increase nationally of 2.8% and the average CPI-U increase of 3.3% for the West region.
- WSU tuition and fees are \$1,900 to \$2,550 less per year compared to Rocky Mountain, Western Interstate Cooperative for Higher Education (WICHE), and national peer institutions as identified by USHE.
- Compared to its 11 USHE-identified peer institutions, WSU tuition and fees are within \$100 of its two lowest peers (Utah Valley University and University of North Florida), and 46% to 60% of the total charged by its five most expensive peers.
- WSU students pay less than the USHE average (35.8% compared to 37.9%) of their share of the total appropriated budget of the university.
- To support affordability through scholarships and financial aid, WSU provided \$88.1 million to 12,241 students in 2022-23.
- WSU's return on investment (ROI) has been cited by the Georgetown University Center for Education & the Workforce and Georgetown University and the Utah Foundation for having the best return on investment for its graduates.

### ***Compliance with Policy***



Weber State University Student Association Senate

*Senate Resolution*

WSUSA Senate: 2023-2024 Session

**SR: 240226-01**

**Sponsor:** Kimberly Baker, LGBTQ+ Senator

**Co-Sponsor:** Senator William Taintor, College of Science

**A Resolution Pertaining to the Truth in Tuition Hearing**

WHEREAS: The Weber State University Administration presented the Truth in Tuition plan for the 2024-2025 academic year to the Weber State University Student Association Senate on February 26, 2024.

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE THAT:**

Section 1: Upon the passing of this resolution the Weber State University Student Association Senate acknowledges their receipt of information regarding the changes in tuition for the 2024-2025 academic year, their full understanding of these changes, and their approval thereof.



Weber State University Student Association Senate

*Senate Resolution*

WSUSA Senate: 2023-2024 Session

**ACTIONS**

Date: 2/26/2024

Yea: \_\_\_17\_\_\_

Nay: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

Result: **Pass** / Fail

*Isaac Staszkew*

02/27/2024

Isaac Staszkow

Date

*WSUSA Executive Vice President*

**Student Body President Action**

Veto: Yes / **No**

*Ashley Potokar*

02/27/2024

Ashley Potokar

Date

*WSUSA Student Body President*



**TELLERS' REPORT**

**Vote was conducted by:** (Viva Voce/Show of Hands/Rising Vote/Ballot/Roll Call)

**Senator Lin:** Yes

**Senator Houser:** Yes

**Senator Marker:** Yes

**Senator Baird:**

**Senator James:**

**Senator Mousavi:** Yes

**Senator Hunt:** Yes

**Senator Vejar:** Yes

**Senator Bisamaza:** Yes

**Senator Trips:** Yes

**Senator Dueñaz Lopez:**

**Senator Imoliga:** Yes

**Senator Rabensteiner:** Yes

**Senator Barros Cordeiro:** Yes

**Senator Egli:** Yes

**Senator McKnight:** Yes

**Senator Maharaj:** Yes

**Senator Sorenson:** Yes

**Senator Taintor:** Yes

**Senator Baker:** Yes





March 8, 2024

Amanda Covington, Chair  
Utah Board of Higher Education  
60 South 400 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Dear Chair Covington and Board Members:

On behalf of the Southern Utah University Board of Trustees, I am writing in support of the proposed 2024-2025 3% tuition increase and 1.6% fee increase. The Board of Trustees had a thorough discussion regarding this proposal during our March 7, 2024 meeting, where it was approved unanimously. The Trustees, President Benson and her Cabinet, as well as Student Body President Carson Brown worked together to ensure a transparent and collaborative process that also included the Truth in Tuition hearing on March 5, 2024.

The Trustees appreciate the administration's efforts to keep tuition affordable while balancing the financial needs of the institution. SUU has not increased tuition in five years while also experiencing significant growth in enrollment over the same time period. This growth, coupled with the need to retain talented faculty and staff necessitates responsible financial measures.

This modest 3% increase (\$180/year for an undergraduate resident) will enable SUU to continue providing its students a high-quality educational experience. It reflects a conservative approach that acknowledges the needs of the university while maintaining our commitment to access and affordability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodi Hart Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodi Hart Wilson, Chair  
SUU Board of Trustees





March 8, 2024

Amanda Covington, Chair  
Utah Board of Higher Education  
60 South 400 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Dear Chair Covington and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the SUU Student Association, I am writing to express our support of the proposed 3% tuition increase and 1.6% student fee increase. I served as the chair of the General Student Fee Advisory Board which carefully reviewed each student fee and determined them to directly benefit all students. A fee increase of \$6.25 per semester will positively impact student success inside and outside of the classroom.

Throughout the process leading to the consideration of this tuition increase, student leaders like myself have been actively engaged. We have diligently worked alongside the university administration to ensure that student perspectives were heard and considered at every stage. It is important to emphasize that students, while understandably cautious about increases in tuition, prefer this modest incremental adjustment rather than sudden, substantial increase.

Our commitment to transparency and collaboration was demonstrated through a Truth in Tuition hearing held on March 5, 2024, where students had the opportunity to voice their concerns and contribute to the dialogue surrounding tuition and fee increases. The proposed 3% tuition increase will help us retain faculty and staff and contribute to maintaining the high quality education and personalized experience offered at SUU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carson Brown'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'C' and 'B'.

Carson Brown  
Student Body President  
Southern Utah University

- WSU has confirmed to the Board of Trustees that the university has demonstrated compliance with the policies R510, *Tuition*, and R511, *Tuition Disclosures and Consultation*, and R516, *General Student Fees*.
- The chair of the WSU Board of Trustees and WSU Trustee and WSU Student Association (WSUSA) president attended the truth-in-tuition hearing before the WSUSA Student Senate on February 26, 2024.
- The WSUSA Student Senate adopted a resolution acknowledging receipt, understanding, and approval of the proposed tuition and fee changes.
- The WSUSA president submitted a letter supporting a 2% to 3.5% student fee increase and affirming the role of students in the process.