

# **ACTION ITEM #1**

## **Academic Year 2025-2026 Tuition Rates (Leslie Brunelli/Chris Jones/Saichi Oba)**

November 15, 2024

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** Academic Year 2025-26 Tuition Rates

**PROPOSED:** That the WSU Board of Regents set tuition rates for academic year 2025-26

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

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:** State law authorizes the governing boards of the four-year higher education institutions to establish tuition rates. However, resident undergraduate rates are capped and may increase by no more than the average annual percentage growth rate in the median hourly wage for Washington for the previous fourteen years (RCW 28B.15.067 (2)). The maximum increase allowed for AY 2025-26 is 3.3 percent. Tuition rates for all student categories except resident undergraduates may increase or decrease without limit.

WSU proposes a tuition increase of 3.3 percent for the 2025-26 academic year for resident and non-resident undergraduate and graduate students. This increase is equal to the maximum percent tuition increase allowable by state law as communicated by OFM on October 1, 2024. For reference, a history of the maximum allowable rate increase compared to what was approved by the WSU Board of Regents is provided in the table below. Approved rates in the gray highlighted rows were lower than the maximum allowable rate increase. The proposed rate increase for academic year 2025-26 is highlighted in yellow.

Academic Year	Maximum Rate Increase Allowed by RCW 28B.15.067	WSU Increase Approved by Board of Regents
2017-18	2.2%	2.2%
2018-19	2.2%	2.0%
2019-20	2.4%	2.4%
2020-21	2.5%	2.5%
2021-22	2.8%	2.5%
2022-23	2.4%	2.4%
2023-24	3.0%	2.5%
2024-25	3.0%	3.0%
2025-26	3.3%	3.3%

University leadership presented the proposals to the Student Government Council (SGC) in October 2024 to gain student feedback on the recommended rates. The SGC provided the attached letter in response to the proposed increases in undergraduate and graduate rates (Attachment X).

The current full-time annual tuition rates for 2024-25 are shown in the following table along with proposed changes for academic year 2025-2026.

Tuition Rates	Current	Proposed	Change	%Change
Undergraduate Resident	\$11,305	\$11,678	\$373	3.3%
Undergraduate Non-Resident	\$27,864	\$28,784	\$920	3.3%
Undergraduate Resident Global Campus	\$11,305	\$11,678	\$373	3.3%
Undergraduate Non-Resident Global Campus	\$12,648	\$13,065	\$417	3.3%
Graduate Resident	\$13,055	\$13,486	\$431	3.3%
Graduate Non-Resident	\$28,677	\$29,623	\$946	3.3%
Graduate Resident Global Campus	\$13,055	\$13,486	\$431	3.3%
Graduate Non-Resident Global Campus	\$13,055	\$13,486	\$431	3.3%

Proposed changes for tuition for professional and self-sustaining programs will be presented as a future action item at the November 2024 Board of Regents with final action at the January 2025 meeting. This allows programs to gather student feedback on proposed rates.