

ACTION ITEM #8

WSU Pullman, Proposed Compton Union Building Mandatory Student Fee Rate Change (Leslie Brunelli/Dave Cillay/Romando Nash/Sean Greene)

March 7, 2025

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Proposed Compton Union Building Mandatory Student Fee Rate Change

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents authorize an increase to the Compton Union Building mandatory student fee effective academic year 2025-2026.

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

**SUPPORTING
INFORMATION:**

The Compton Union Building (CUB) is an integrative educational, social, and physical environment that is central to student life on the WSU Pullman campus. It inspires personal and academic growth, intercultural engagement, and community activism among students and provides vital spaces for connection, study, well-being, leadership, and relaxation. It sees an average of 8,000 people each day during the academic year and provides essential services and support for thousands of events and meetings each semester, including signature events such as New Cougar Orientation, Experience WSU, multicultural student conferences and graduations, La Bienvenida, Showcase, and many more.

The CUB fee was established in 2008 at \$120 per semester, following approval by student referendum in 2005. Since then, the fee has increased only once, rising to \$130 per semester in academic year 2024-25. In the spring of 2024, the CUB Advisory Board recommended a fee increase, which was then reviewed by the S&A Fee Committee and submitted to the Board of Regents for approval.

The CUB Advisory Board is composed primarily of student representatives, including members from both ASWSU and GPSA. The board strongly supports ongoing fee increases for the CUB Fee due to the CUB's fixed revenue sources, its dependence on the student fee, and the recent decline in enrollment. On November 7, 2024, the CUB Advisory

Board unanimously voted in favor of a proposed \$15 per semester increase beginning academic year 2025-2026.

This proposal was presented to the Pullman S&A Fee Committee on February 6, 2025. The committee unanimously approved the increase with a 9-0 vote.

Please see the table below for the current annual rate and proposed change effective academic year 2025-2026:

Rate	Current	Proposed	Change	% Change
Compton Union Building (CUB)	\$260	\$290	\$30	11.5%

Please find additional supporting documentation here:

https://budget.wsu.edu/documents/2024/12/ay25-26-fee-change-supporting-documents_cub.pdf