



WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY

Recommended Fee Changes for Academic Year 2025-2026



Board of Regents

Finance & Administration Committee

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Agenda

- Academic Year 2025-2026 Housing and Dining Rates
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- WSU Pullman Student Fees
 - Chinook Fee (Undergraduate Only)
 - Cougar Health Services (CHS) Fee
 - Compton Union Building (CUB) Fee
 - Student Recreation Center (SRC) Fee



Housing & Dining Rates



AY 2025-26 Housing & Dining Rates

Residence Halls

- Proposed: 6.7% increase, lowest price residence hall
7.5% increase, highest price residence hall
- Base rates range from \$8,119 - \$11,675 annually
- Rates vary depending upon amenities, type of unit, and occupancy (single v. double)

Apartments

- Proposed: 4.6% increase, lowest price apartments
4.2% increase, highest price apartments
- Base rates range from \$567-\$739/month per occupant for single student apartments; \$862-\$1,129/month per unit for family/graduate apartments



AY 2025-26 Housing & Dining Rates

Dining Plans include a base fee plus flexible dining dollars to purchase food, beverages, and snacks at dining operations.

- AY 2025-26 Proposal
 - \$60 per semester increase in base cost
 - Increase from \$935 to \$995 (6.5%)
 - 3.1% increase in dining plan dollars
 - Plan Levels range from \$1,155 - \$1,850 per semester



Mandatory Fees



Mandatory Fees

Mandatory Fees by Campus (2024-2025 Rates)						
	Pullman	Tri-Cities	Spokane	Vancouver	Everett	Global
Services & Activities Fee	\$ 596	\$ 526	\$ 582	\$ 592	\$ 548	\$ 373
Transit Fee	\$ 76					
Stadium fee*	\$ 50					
Student Union		\$ 300				
CUB	\$ 260					
Student Recreation Center	\$ 350					
Chinook Fee *	\$ 206					
Media Fee	\$ 10					
Technology Fee ^	\$ 40			\$ 40		
Health Fee	\$ 488		\$ 210			
Safety & Transportation Fee		\$ 130				
Food Pantry Fee	\$ 10					
Total	\$ 2,086	\$ 956	\$ 792	\$ 632	\$ 548	\$ 373

* Paid by Undergraduates Only

^ Paid by undergraduates only in Pullman & both undergraduate and graduates in Vancouver





AY 2025-26 Mandatory Fees

- Overview of Mandatory Fees by Campus
- Fee changes for AY 2025-26
 - Pullman Student Recreation Center Fee
 - Health Fee – Pullman & Spokane
 - Transit Fee – Pullman Only (does not require BoR Approval)
 - Student Recreation Center (SRC) Fee – Pullman Only
 - Chinook Fee – Pullman Only (Undergraduates)
 - Compton Union Building (CUB) Fee – Pullman Only

Mandatory Fees – Current vs. Proposed

Fee	Pullman		Tri-Cities		Spokane		Vancouver		Everett		Global	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Services & Activities Fee	\$ 596	TBD	\$ 526	TBD	\$ 582	TBD	\$ 592	TBD	\$ 548	TBD	\$ 373	TBD
Transit Fee	\$ 76	\$ 80										
Stadium fee*	\$ 50	\$ 50										
Student Union			\$ 300	\$ 300								
CUB	\$ 260	\$ 290										
Student Recreation Center	\$ 350	\$ 382										
Chinook Fee *	\$ 206	\$ 216										
Media Fee	\$ 10	\$ 10										
Technology Fee ^	\$ 40	\$ 40					\$ 40	\$ 40				
Health Fee	\$ 488	\$ 512			\$ 210	TBD						
Safety & Transportation Fee			\$ 130	\$ 130								
Food Pantry Fee	\$ 10	\$ 10										
Total	\$ 2,086	\$ 1,590	\$ 956	\$ 430	\$ 792	\$ -	\$ 632	\$ 40	\$ 548	\$ -	\$ 373	\$ -

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Services and Activities (S&A) Fee



Services and Activities Fee Defined

RCW 28B.15.014:

The term "services and activities fees" or "S&A fees" is defined to mean fees, other than tuition fees, charged to all students registering at a WSU campus. S&A fees support non-academic student activities, programs, and projects. This fee enriches the student experience through funding for student government, entertainment, student organizations, speakers, facilities, and recreation.



S&A Fee Allocation Process

- Student led committees on each campus are in the process of reviewing funding requests from a variety of university groups for allocation of S&A fees.
- Allocation recommendations from the campus committees will be forwarded to each campus Chancellor and President Schulz for review prior to seeking Board of Regents action at the March 2025 meeting.



Services and Activities Fees Rate Setting

- **S&A Fee rate increase is capped at 4% per RCW 28B.15.069 (2)** *The governing boards of each institution of higher education shall charge to and collect from each student a services and activities fee. A governing board may increase the existing fee annually, consistent with budgeting procedures set forth in **RCW 28B.15.045**, by amounts that shall not exceed four percent per year, judged reasonable and necessary by the services and activities fee committee and the governing board.*
- Fees may decrease by any amount and each campus sets its own rate and retains its own fees.

Services & Activities (S&A) Fee

10 Year History of S&A Fees Rates						
	Pullman	Spokane	Vancouver	Tri-Cities	Global	Everett
2015-2016	\$ 560	\$ 559	\$ 527	\$ 512	\$ 512	\$ 512
2016-2017	\$ 560	\$ 559	\$ 559	\$ 512	\$ 512	\$ 512
2017-2018	\$ 548	\$ 571	\$ 559	\$ 512	\$ 461	\$ 512
2018-2019	\$ 537	\$ 582	\$ 559	\$ 512	\$ 415	\$ 512
2019-2020	\$ 558	\$ 582	\$ 559	\$ 512	\$ 415	\$ 527
2020-2021	\$ 558	\$ 582	\$ 559	\$ 512	\$ 415	\$ 527
2021-2022	\$ 540	\$ 582	\$ 559	\$ 512	\$ 373	\$ 527
2022-2023	\$ 559	\$ 582	\$ 559	\$ 526	\$ 373	\$ 527
2023-2024	\$ 579	\$ 582	\$ 581	\$ 526	\$ 373	\$ 527
2024-2025	\$ 596	\$ 582	\$ 592	\$ 526	\$ 373	\$ 548
2025-2026	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

10 Year History of S&A Fee Rate Changes						
	Pullman	Spokane	Vancouver	Tri-Cities	Global	Everett
2015-2016	2.9%	7.1%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	n/a
2016-2017	0.0%	0.0%	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2017-2018	-2.1%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-10.0%	0.0%
2018-2019	-2.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	-10.0%	0.0%
2019-2020	3.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%
2020-2021	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2021-2022	-3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-10.0%	0.0%
2022-2023	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%
2023-2024	3.5%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2024-2025	3%	0%	2%	0%	0%	4%
2025-2026	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD



Services & Activities (S&A) Fee

5-Year History of S&A Allocations						
	Pullman	Spokane	Vancouver	Tri-Cities	Global	Everett
2020-2021 Initial	\$ 9,469,993	\$ 1,298,305	\$ 2,280,031	\$ 807,610	\$ 1,485,306	\$ 138,454
2020-2021 Revised *	\$ 8,991,826	\$ 1,150,315	n/a	\$ 687,325	n/a	n/a
2021-2022	\$ 9,276,522	\$ 1,084,509	\$ 2,198,821	\$ 792,496	\$ 2,212,436	\$ 58,025
2022-2023	\$ 9,844,955	\$ 1,108,538	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 736,584	\$ 1,648,940	\$ 174,611
2023-2024	\$ 8,706,628	\$ 1,057,215	\$ 1,826,843	\$ 657,505	\$ 1,420,561	\$ 137,476
2024-2025	\$ 9,209,175	\$ 976,359	\$ 1,838,506	\$ 793,612	\$ 1,563,568	\$ 115,678
2025-2026	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

* allocation adjustments resulting from AY 2020-21 fee adjustments





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Chinook



Chinook Fee

- Established in 2017 via student referendum passed in 2015.
- Referendum passed in 2024 to support a 5% fee increase to keep pace with inflation.
- Fee supports annual bond payment, all operating costs to include salaries & wages, and good and services.
- Fee recommended by CUB Advisory Board and then submitted to S&A Committee for its approval and recommendation to be submitted to the Board of Regents via the President.
 - UREC Advisory board includes 16 members, 11 of whom of students: GPSA executive officer, ASWSU executive officer, first year student, graduate student, and 7 students at large.



Chinook Fee

Chinook Fee History		
	Rate	% incr
2017-2018	\$ 196	
2018-2019	\$ 196	0.0%
2019-2020	\$ 196	0.0%
2020-2021	\$ 196	0.0%
2021-2022	\$ 196	0.0%
2022-2023	\$ 196	0.0%
2023-2024	\$ 196	0.0%
2024-2025	\$ 206	5.1%
2025-2026	\$ 216	4.9%



Compton Union Building (CUB) Fee



CUB Fee

- Established in 2008 via student referendum passed in 2005.
- Fee used to support the CUB renovation which was completed in 2008.
- Fee supports annual bond payment (\$5.7M), operations, maintenance, and student jobs.
- Fee recommended by CUB Advisory Board and then submitted to S&A Committee for its approval and recommendation to be submitted to the Board of Regents via the President.
 - CUB Advisory board is led by students.

Compton Union Building (CUB) Fee

10 Year History of CUB Fee		
	Rate	% incr
2015-2016	\$ 240	0.0%
2016-2017	\$ 240	0.0%
2017-2018	\$ 240	0.0%
2018-2019	\$ 240	0.0%
2019-2020	\$ 240	0.0%
2020-2021	\$ 240	0.0%
2021-2022	\$ 240	0.0%
2022-2023	\$ 240	0.0%
2023-2024	\$ 240	0.0%
2024-2025	\$ 260	8.3%
2025-2026	\$ 290	11.5%



Pullman Student Recreation Center (SRC) Fee





Student Recreation Center (SRC) Fee

- Established through a student referendum in March 1997.
- Funds used to construct and operate a new recreation center on the Pullman campus.
- Referendum language dictated that the fee is dedicated to operation and maintenance of the recreation center.
- University Recreation (UREC) Advisory Board considers fee increases to be recommended to the Board of Regents through President Schulz.
 - UREC Advisory board includes 16 members, 11 of whom of students: GPSA executive officer, ASWSU executive officer, first year student, graduate student, and 7 students at large.

Student Recreation Center (SRC) Fee

10 Year History of SRC Fee		
	Rate	% incr
2015-2016	\$ 306	0.0%
2016-2017	\$ 306	0.0%
2017-2018	\$ 314	2.6%
2018-2019	\$ 314	0.0%
2019-2020	\$ 314	0.0%
2020-2021	\$ 314	0.0%
2021-2022	\$ 314	0.0%
2022-2023	\$ 328	4.5%
2023-2024	\$ 336	2.4%
2024-2025	\$ 350	4.2%
2025-2026	\$ 382	9.1%



WSU Pullman and WSU Spokane AY 2025-2026 Health Fee





Student Health Fee

- Tied to medical inflationary index.
- Fee increase recommended by student-led committees.
- Fee used to support mental and basic healthcare.

Student Health Fee

5 Year Health Fee History		
	Pullman	Spokane
2020-2021	\$ 488	\$ 200
2021-2022	\$ 488	\$ 200
2022-2023	\$ 488	\$ 200
2023-2024	\$ 488	\$ 200
2024-2025	\$ 488	\$ 200
2025 - 2026	\$ 512	TBD



WSU Pullman and WSU Vancouver AY 2025-2026 Technology Fee Allocations





Student Technology Fee Defined

RCW 28B.15.051:

- *The governing board of each of the state universities...upon the written agreement of its respective student government association, may establish and charge each enrolled student a technology fee, separate from tuition fees.*
- *Revenue from this fee shall be used exclusively for technology resources for general student use.*
- *Charged to students to recover the costs of providing and maintaining services to students that includes, but is not limited to, computer/multimedia workstations and computer software.*



Student Technology Fee Allocation Process

- Student led committees on the Pullman and Vancouver campuses are in the process of reviewing funding requests from a variety of university groups for allocation of tech fees.
 - Only undergraduates pay the student tech fee on the Pullman campus.
- Allocation recommendations from the campus committees will be forwarded to campus Chancellors and President Schulz for review prior to seeking Board of Regents action at the March 2025 meeting.

Student Technology Fee

5 Year Tecnology Fee Allocation History		
	Pullman	Vancouver
2020-2021	\$ 729,851	\$ 84,263
2021-2022	\$ 562,262	\$ 102,727
2022-2023	\$ 657,696	\$ 122,037
2023-2024	\$ 719,522	\$ 128,298
2024-2025	\$ 607,395	\$ 135,571
2025 - 2026	TBD	TBD

WSU Pullman Tech Fee Rate since inception in AY 2015-16: \$40 annually

WSU Vancouver Tech Fee Rate since inception in AY 2017-18: \$40 annually



Approval of Allocation Plans





Approval of Mandatory Fees

Student led committees are in the process of reviewing fee rates and allocations:

- Services & Activities Fee - All Campuses
- Technology Fees - Pullman & Vancouver

The following mandatory fees are under review by the appropriate committees:

- Health Fee – Pullman & Spokane
- Transit Fee – Pullman Only (does not require BoR Approval)
- Student Recreation Center (SRC) Fee – Pullman Only
- Chinook Fee – Pullman Only (Undergraduates)
- Compton Union Building (CUB) Fee – Pullman Only



Discussion

