

## **FUTURE ACTION ITEM # 2**

WSU Pullman, Housing and Dining Rates

Academic Year 2024-2025

(Leslie Brunelli/Jenna Hyatt/Sean Greene)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** WSU Pullman, Academic Year 2024-2025 Housing & Dining Rates

**PROPOSED:** That the Board of Regents authorize the Housing & Dining Rates beginning academic year 2024-2025.

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

**SUPPORTING  
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 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 the fall of 2023 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 changed the rate structure of the system inventory, reflecting the recommendation and observation from an outside consultant that pricing for our newer inventory was too low. The new rate structure placed the Residence Halls and Apartments into four tiers, and the associated prices for specific amenities were factored in (private bath, single room, etc.).

Throughout the meetings in the fall semester of 2023, the students on the board emphasized that any rate increases in our lowest-priced inventory should reflect the lowest increases for AY24-25. In accordance with this objective, the recommendation is for the rate at lowest-priced Residence

Halls and Apartments to increase by 5% and 1% respectively. Our highest-priced inventory is proposed to increase by 7% in the Residence Halls and 3.5% in our apartments. Similarly, the lowest Dining buy-in plan is proposed to increase by 2%, 3.7% for the mid-plan, and 5.8% for the highest meal plan level (\$40-\$150 per semester). The rates provided in Attachment A are for Academic Year 24-25 and, if approved, would reflect monthly housing increases ranging from \$50-\$80.

The occupancy of the H&D System for the academic year 2024-2025 is estimated at 4,500 in the residence halls and 1,800 in university-owned apartments. The new housing pricing model and adjustments to existing dining rates address estimated increases in operational costs (e.g., personnel, food, utilities, facility maintenance, and general inflation). The proposed changes were unanimously approved by the Housing and Dining Advisory Board student representatives in their meeting on November 16th, 2023. The rate adjustments for residence halls, dining plans, and university-owned apartments are recommended for the academic year 2024-2025.

ATTACHMENT: Attachment A – Housing & Dining System Rates