

**ACTION ITEM #1**  
FY2018 Housing and Dining Rates  
(Melynda Huskey/Terry Boston)

January 27, 2017

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: FY2018 Housing and Dining Rates

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve an increase in the Housing and Dining Rates not to exceed the following percentage from the FY2017 Rates.

Residence Halls:

2.6% (\$276) of the total weighted average for room and board (weighted average of a double room and level 2 dining plan)

Apartments:

2.5% of the total weighted average for apartment rates

SUBMITTED BY: Melynda Huskey, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

SUPPORTING  
INFORMATION:

The Housing and Dining System is a self-sustaining auxiliary unit which requires establishing room and board rates that are sufficient to meet bond covenants and support the University's strategic goals.

The Housing and Dining Advisory Board is comprised of student representatives from the Resident Hall Association (RHA), Associated Students of Washington State University (ASWSU), Graduate and Professional Students Association (GPSA), as well as representatives from the Budget Office, Finance & Administration, and Student Affairs.

The Housing and Dining Advisory Board met throughout the fall semester to review current operations and discuss operational changes anticipated for next year. The Advisory Board toured various facilities within the system and was provided notebooks containing detailed information with regard to budget, organizational charts, and system goals as they relate to the long range housing plan. Based upon student input, economic projections and system demands,

the rate recommendations were developed. The recommended increases received unanimous support from the Advisory Board. Pending Regents' approval, the new rates will begin with the start of fall semester 2017.

The Advisory Board is comprised of eight student representatives\* and seven administrators as outlined below.

<b>Representative:</b>	<b>Area:</b>
Isa Castro*	Resident Advisor
Parth Chandak*	Resident Technology Advisor
Taylor Christenson*	ASWSU President
Jordon Frost*	ASWSU Chief of Staff
Jessica Higginbotham*	Apartment Coordinator
Salman Ibrahim*	Assistant Hall Director
Sarah Randall*	RHA Representative
Stephanie Sjoberg *	GPSA Representative
Cyndi Arbour	Facilities Services
Terry Boston	Administrative Services
Gary Coyle	Dining Services
Edwin Hamada	Residence Life
Mollie Holt	Finance, Administrative Services
Karen Peterson	Budget Office
Bob Tattershall	Housing & Conference Services

# Washington State University Housing and Dining Residence Halls, Dining and Apartments Rate Proposal 2017-2018 Academic Year

## Occupancy trends, Fall Census Day (10th day after classes start)

	<u>Residence Halls</u>	<u>Single Student Apartments</u>		<u>Family Apartments</u>	
2013	5,146	862	96% occupancy	821	92% occupancy
2014	5,190	837	99%	859	95%
2015	5,400	829	98%	875	97%
2016	5,191	829	98%	867	97%
2017 (proj.)	5,171	903	97%	867	97%

Chief Joseph, single student units, varied due to construction and refurbishment. 76 bed spaces will be added in fall 2017 for additional renovated units.

### Revenue Assumptions

4,000 targeted freshmen class

### Expense Assumptions

- 2.0% cost of living increase for employees per legislature approval
- 15.1% increase for temporary and student employees due to minimum wage increase
- 2.0% increase in food costs
- 1.2% increase in employee benefits
- 2.0% increase in utility costs
- 2.6% increase in perquisites
- 2.0% increase inflation on supplies and services

Target \$2.0 million for major repairs and equipment

### Recommended Increases:

#### Apartments

Single Student Apartments	increase 2.5%
Family Housing	increase 2.5%

#### Residence Halls Room and Board

	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>%Increase</u>
Residence hall double room	\$ 6,629	\$ 6,835	\$206	3.1%
Dining Plan, Level 2	4,148	4,218	70	1.7%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>\$10,777</b>	<b>\$11,053</b>	<b>\$276</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

Total is the sum of weighted average double room and level 2 dining plan.