

ACTION ITEM #1
Undergraduate Technology Fee
(Joan King)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Establishing a Technology Fee at Pullman

PROPOSED: That the WSU Board of Regents approve establishing a \$20 per semester (fall, spring and summer) Technology Fee for Pullman undergraduate students, beginning in the fall of 2015.

SUBMITTED BY: Joan King, Associate Vice President & Chief University Budget Officer

SUPPORTING
INFORMATION: This action brings forward for Regent approval the establishment of a Technology Fee for undergraduate students at Washington State University Pullman Campus. The \$20 Technology Fee will be charged to full-time, undergraduate students in the fall, spring semesters and during summer session.

RCW 28B.15.051 grants authority to the governing board of each of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College, upon the written agreement of its respective student government association or its equivalent, to establish and charge each enrolled student a technology fee, separate from tuition fees.

The RCW states the following guidelines for establishment, use and potential revocation of the Technology Fee:

(1) Any technology fee charged to a part-time student shall be calculated as a pro rata share of the fee charged to a full-time student.

(2) Revenue from this fee shall be used exclusively for technology resources for general student use.

(3) Only changes in the amount of the student technology fee agreed upon by both the governing board and its respective student government association or its equivalent shall be used to adjust the amount charged to students. Changes in the amount charged to students, once implemented, become the basis for future changes. (See NOTE, below.)

(4) Annually, the student government association or its equivalent may abolish the fee by a majority vote. In the event of such a vote, the student government association or its equivalent shall notify the governing board of the institution. The fee shall cease being collected the term after the student government association or its equivalent voted to eliminate the fee.

(5) The student government association or its equivalent shall approve the annual expenditure plan for the fee revenue.

(6) The universities and The Evergreen State College shall deposit four percent of revenues from the technology fee into the institutional financial aid fund under RCW [28B.15.820](#).

(7) As used in this section, "technology fee" is a fee charged to students to recover, in whole or in part, the costs of providing and maintaining services to students that include, but need not be limited to: Access to the internet and world wide web, e-mail, computer and multimedia work stations and laboratories, computer software, and dial-up telephone services.

(8) Prior to the establishment of a technology fee, a governing board shall provide to the student governing body a list of existing fees of a similar nature or for a similar purpose. The board and the student governing body shall ensure that student fees for technology are not duplicative.

Conversations with ASWSU-Pullman student leaders regarding this fee generated the following items that are of most interest to the students:

- Improvements to the campus Wi-Fi infrastructure
- Wireless printing stations throughout campus
- iClicker technology and support for BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
- Group meeting rooms with Smart boards and other interactive group project/ study technology

WSU administration will work with student leaders to establish a Presidential Committee, that will be responsible for (1) hearing proposals for use of the funds; (2) approving allocations for technology improvements; and (3) tracking balances and carry forward amounts, if any, per the RCW cited above.

NOTE: The Pullman ASWSU Senate is developing a resolution for this fee, with a vote expected the week after spring break. When that resolution has been approved by the ASWSU Senate, a copy will be forwarded to the Regents, in support of this action item.

Board of Regents

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Resolution #150327-506

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WHEREAS, the ASWSU-Pullman Senate has passed a resolution on behalf of ASWSU-Pullman approving imposition of a technology fee of \$20 per semester beginning in fall 2015, and the WSU administration will work with student leaders to establish a Presidential Committee that will be responsible for (1) hearing proposals for use of the funds; (2) approving allocations for technology improvements; and (3) tracking balances and carry forward amounts, if any, per the RCW cited above;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Regents of Washington State University does hereby adopt Resolution 150327-506 to approve establishing a \$20 per semester (fall, spring and summer) Technology Fee for Pullman undergraduate students, beginning in the fall of 2015.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2015.

Chair, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regent