

**ACTION ITEM #6**  
Services & Activities Fees Increase  
Academic Year 2016-2017  
(Joan King)

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Services and Activities (S&A) Fees Increase for Academic Year 2016-2017

PROPOSED: That the Washington State University Board of Regents authorize an increase in the Services and Activities Fees (and S&A-like fees) for the academic year 2016-2017.

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

SUPPORTING  
INFORMATION:

By law, the Board of Regents sets Services and Activities Fees. The percentage increase in the S&A Fees in any year is limited to the percentage increase in resident undergraduate tuition that is approved by the legislature. However, the current biennial budget permits S&A Fee increases even if resident undergraduate tuition does not increase. *"Section 945. (2) of ESSB 6052: For the 2015-17 fiscal biennium, each governing board is authorized to increase the services and activities fees by amounts judged reasonable and necessary by the services and activities fee committee and the governing board consistent with the budgeting procedures set forth in RCW 28B.15.045."*

All WSU campuses, including WSU North Puget Sound-Everett beginning this year, have an S&A Fees committee which makes a recommendation to the Board of Regents through President Bernardo, concerning the amount of the rate increase, as well as the allocations of revenues to student groups. The campus committees may choose to recommend an increase in the S&A Fees rate, and the rate can vary among campuses.

Each campus retains 100% of its own S&A fees and is able to choose a rate increase or decrease. The S&A Fee committee on each campus is student led, with a majority of votes assigned to students from that campus. S&A fees are self-assessed and controlled locally.

The S&A Fees rate recommendations by campus are listed below:

	<b><u>Current</u></b> <b><u>FY 16</u></b>	<b><u>Recomm</u></b> <b><u>FY 17</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b> <b><u>Incr</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b> <b><u>Incr</u></b>
S&A Fees-North Puget Sound-Everett	\$512	\$512	0%	\$ 0
S&A Fees-Global Campus	\$512	\$512	0%	\$ 0
S&A Fees-Pullman	\$560	\$560	0%	\$ 0
S&A Fees-Spokane	\$559	\$559	0%	\$ 0
S&A Fees-Tri-Cities	\$512	\$512	0%	\$ 0
S&A Fees-Vancouver	\$527	\$559	6%	\$32