

**ACTION ITEM #11**  
Services & Activities Fees Changes  
Academic Year 2017-2018  
(Joan King)

May 5, 2017

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** Services and Activities (S&A) Fees rates for Fiscal Year 2018.

**PROPOSED:** That the Washington State University Board of Regents delegate authority to the President or designee to approve Services and Activities Fees Rate Changes for Academic Year 2017-2018.

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

**SUPPORTING  
INFORMATION:**

By law, the Board of Regents determines 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 Global Campus, have an S&A Fees committee which makes a recommendation to the Board of Regents through President Schulz, concerning the amount of the rate change, as well as the allocations of revenues to student groups. The campus committees may choose to recommend an increase, decrease or no change 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:

	<u>Current FY 17</u>	<u>Proposed FY 18</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
S&A Fees-North Puget Sound-Everett	\$512	\$512	0%	\$ 0
S&A Fees-Global Campus	\$26/credit	\$23/credit	-10%	\$ -3
S&A Fees-Pullman	\$560	\$548	-2.1%	\$-12
S&A Fees-Spokane	\$559	\$587	+5%	\$ 28
S&A Fees-Tri-Cities	\$512	\$512	0%	\$ 0
S&A Fees-Vancouver	\$559	\$559	0%	\$0

Given the current uncertainty of the legislative budget, we are requesting that the Regents delegate authority to the President to approve the above rate recommendations to the extent possible within the parameters set by the legislature or, alternatively, to make any modifications needed to conform with the budget parameters.

# BOARD OF REGENTS

## Delegation to Approve Services and Activities Fees Rate Changes for School Year 2017-2018

### Resolution #170505-558

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Washington State University, by virtue of RCW 28B.15.045, is required to adopt guidelines governing the establishment and funding of programs supported by student services and activities fees, including guidelines for budgeting and expending service and activities fees revenue; and

WHEREAS, services and activities fees are used to fund student activities, programs, and student buildings; and

WHEREAS, service and activities fees are charged to all students registering at any WSU campus, including the Global Campus and WSU North Puget Sound-Everett; and

WHEREAS, the services and activities fees committee on each campus is student led, with a majority of votes assigned to students from that campus and fees are self-assessed and controlled locally; and

WHEREAS, each campus retains 100% of its own services and activities fees and is able to recommend a rate increase or decrease; and

WHEREAS, services and activities fees recommendations are developed following guidelines governing the establishment and funding of student programs as set forth in RCW 28B.15.045; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Washington State University, by virtue of RCW 28B.10.528, has authority to delegate by resolution to the President of the University, or designee, powers and duties vested and imposed upon the Board by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary, desirable, and expedient to delegate authority to the President of the University or designee to act for the Board of Regents in matters pertaining to the Services and Activities Fees Rate Recommendations for School Year 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has determined that it is in the best interests of WSU for the President to have such authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby delegates authority to the President or designee to approve Services and Activities Fees Rate Changes for school year 2017-2018.

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

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Chair, Board of Regents

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Secretary, Board of Regents