

ACTION ITEM #6

WSU Vancouver, Undergraduate Technology Fee (Joan King)

May 5, 2017

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Establishing a Undergraduate Technology Fee at Vancouver

PROPOSED: That the Washington State University Board of Regents approve establishing a \$20 per semester (fall, spring, and summer) Technology Fee for Vancouver undergraduate students, beginning in the fall of 2017.

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: This actions brings forward for Regent approval the establishment of a Technology Fee for undergraduate students at Washington State University Vancouver Campus. The \$20 Technology Fee will be charged to full-time, undergraduate students in the fall and 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 rate 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 agree 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, once implemented, to become the basis for future changes.

- (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 or its equivalent voted to eliminate the fee.
- (5) The student government association or its equivalent shall approve the annual expenditure plan for fee revenue.
- (6) The universities and The Evergreen State College shall deposit four percent 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 for a similar purpose. The board and the student governing body shall ensure that student fees for technology are not duplicative.

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

- Improvements to the Campus Wi-Fi Structure
- Cellular Services
- Access to virtual student computing
- Laptop check-outs

WSUV administration will work with student leaders to establish a Committee, that will be responsible for (1) hearing proposals for use of the funds; (2) approving allocations for technology improvements; (3) tracking

balance and carry forward amounts, if any, per the RCW cited above.

(9) This action known as Resolution 26.002 was approved by the ASWSUV Senate March 3, 2017.

ATTACHMENT: Attachment A - Resolution 26.002

RESOLUTION 26.002

ASWSUV

Twenty-Sixth Senate

2016-17 Session

By: Senators Dumbuya, Green, Hancock, and Vice-President Reel

Date: February 15th, 2017

- WHEREAS, The ASWSUV mission is to provide the students of Washington State University Vancouver access to resources on and off campus, provide leadership opportunities, and create a holistic learning environment.
- WHEREAS, WSU Vancouver students have expressed concerns directly to Student leaders, Staff, and Administrators of Washington State University Vancouver. These concerns address issues of accessibility to educational resources and technologies that would positively impact and empower students and faculty members on campus.
- WHEREAS, A technology fee would provide funding that would be allocated towards student geared projects and proposals as well as requests from University departments.
- WHEREAS, The Student Technology Fee would be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per semester.
- WHEREAS, The Technology Fee Committee would consist of four (4) undergraduates serving one (1) year terms in ASWSUV to provide student perspective. The committee will also consist of the WSU Vancouver Chancellor or designee, Campus CIO, and a faculty member recommended by the Council of Faculty Representatives (CFR).
- WHEREAS, The Student Technology Fee would target issues such as the enhancement of Wi-Fi, cellular service, access to virtual student computing, laptop check-outs and other programs geared at hands on learning and assistance.
- WHEREAS, The Student Technology Fee, per RCW 28B.15.051 would never exceed the maximum amount of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for a full-time student. Any technology fee charged to a part-time student will be calculated at a pro rata share of the fee charged to a full time student.
- WHEREAS, A percentage of three and one-half (3 ½) percent of total revenue generated would be allocated to the Institutional Financial Aid fund under RCW 28B.15.820.

WHEREAS, The Senate is meant to advocate for student needs on campus. This student-driven initiative focuses on enhancing the student experience by providing technological resources to enhance their education.

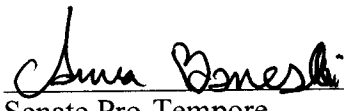
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 26th Senate formally advocates for the creation and implementation of a Student Technology Fee as well as the creation of a Technology Fee Committee. This is an initiative to address technological needs on the Vancouver campus that would benefit current and future students and promote the mission of ASWSUV. A mission founded on the core principles of advocacy, empowerment and access to educational resources.

Senate Passed 3/1/17
Date

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of this legislation as passed by the ASWSUV Senate on the date hereon set forth.


ASWSUV Vice President

3/1/17
Date

 3/7/17
Senate Pro-Tempore Date