FUTURE ACTION ITEM #1
WSU Vancouver Student Technology Fee Committee Allocations
Fiscal Year 2018
(Joan King)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Vancouver Student Technology Fee Committee Allocations for Fiscal Year 2018

PROPOSED: That the Washington State University Board of Regents approve the fiscal year 2018 allocations from the Vancouver Student Technology Fee Committee.

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: In the spring of 2017, the ASWSU Vancouver Senate approved a $20 per semester technology fee, which is charged to full-time, undergraduate students, in fall and spring semesters and during summer session.

The WSUV Tech fee committee has not met this fall to determine its recommended allocation for the fiscal year. The committee will meet this fall and will forward recommended allocations to the Regents for approval during the November meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: 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 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-Vancouver student leaders regarding this fee generated the following items that are of most interest to the students:

- Improvements to the campus Wi-Fi infrastructure
- Cellular Service
- Access to virtual student computing
- Laptop check-outs

WSU administration will work with student leaders to establish a Committee which 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.

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