

ACTION ITEM #8
Services & Activities Fees Increase
Academic Year 2014-2015
(Joan King)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Services and Activities (S&A) Fees Increase for Academic Year 2014-2015

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 2014-2015.

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 959. (2) of SB 5034: For the 2013-15 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 have an S&A Fees committee which makes a recommendation to the Board of Regents concerning the amount of the increase, as well as the allocations of revenues to student groups. The campus committees may choose to recommend an increase of the S&A Fees by an amount less than the maximum, as has been the case recently.

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

	<u>Current FY 14</u>	<u>Recomm FY 15</u>	<u>% Incr</u>	<u>\$ Incr</u>
S&A Fees Committee-Global Campus	\$512	\$512	0%	\$ 0
S&A Fees Committee-Pullman	\$522	\$544	4%	\$22
S&A Fees Committee-Spokane	\$522	\$522	0%	\$ 0
S&A Fees Committee-Tri-Cities	\$512	\$512	0%	\$ 0
S&A Fees Committee-Vancouver	\$512	\$512	0%	\$ 0

Each campus retains 100% of their own S&A fees and, as of last year, is able to choose a rate increase/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.

Memos with the final fee rate and allocation recommendations from the campus S&A Fees committees are included in the materials for this meeting as an attachment to the S&A Fee Allocations action item.