



MEMORANDUM

TAB C-5

March 19, 2020

Weber State University 2020-21 Tuition and Fee Proposals

Tuition

Weber State University proposes to increase tuition by 2 percent or \$119.73 a year. The majority of the increase (1.24 percent) is requested to cover the 25 percent match for compensation, benefits, and mandatory increases appropriated by the State legislature. The remaining 0.76 percent increase will be used for faculty and staff retention and student support to improve retention.

General Student Fees

The University also proposes to increase student fees by \$19.94 or 2.0 percent. The fee proposal includes a reduction of four fees and an increase across seven others.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends the Board review and approve the proposed tuition and general student fees for Weber State University beginning fiscal year 2020-21.

Attachment

Section 1: Appropriated Instructional Expense Budgets Financial Overview

	Actual FY19 Expenses	Est. FY20 Expenses (+5%)	Cost per FY19 Annualized Total Headcount	Cost per FY19 Annualized Student FTE	Cost per FY19 Total Awards	Est. Cost per FY20 Total Headcount (+2%)	Est. Cost per Est. FY20 Student FTE (+2%)	Est. Cost per FY20 Total Awards (+2%)
Tax Funds	90,356,300	94,874,115	2,943	4,902	16,092	3,002	5,000	16,414
Tuition Funds	76,624,549	80,455,776	2,496	4,157	13,646	2,546	4,240	13,919
Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total All Instructional Lines	166,980,849	175,329,891	5,439	9,059	29,738	5,548	9,241	30,333
			30,701	18,432	5,615			

Section 2: New Year Appropriated Instructional Revenue Budgets Financial Overview (Post Legislative Session)

Instructional Line Item	Est. FY20				Total	% Share Tax Funds	% Share Tuition
	Student FTE	Tax Funds	Tuition	Other			
Education & General Instructional Line Item	18,333	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
Instructional Line Item	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
Instructional Line Item	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
Instructional Line Item	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
Instructional Line Item	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
Instructional Line Item	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
Total Institution	18,333	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
Estimated Funds per FTE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Section 3: Institution Budget Request vs. New Legislative Appropriations

	Board Approved Budget Request			Legislative Outcomes		
	Tax Funds	Tuition	Total	Tax Funds	Tuition	Total
Compensation / ISF Rates	2,910,600	967,100	3,877,700	-	-	-
Institution Budget Request	3,827,000	-	3,827,000	-	-	-
Legislative Priorities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Non Instructional Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6,737,600	967,100	7,704,700	-	-	-

	Total New Dollars	% Increase over Prior Year	Board's Goal
% of Board Budget Request Funded			
Legislative Approved Increase in Tuition Revenue	-	0%	
Legislative Approved Increase in Tax Funds	-	0%	
Total Increase	-	0%	5%

Section 4: Basic Tuition & Fee Information

	FY19 Rate	FY20 Rate	\$ Increase	% Change	CPI	HEPI	WICHE
Annual Undergraduate Resident Tuition & Fee Rate	5,859	5,986	127	2.2%	2.1%	2.5%	3.2%

Section 5: Tuition and Fee Information Comparisons

	Two Semesters at 15 Credit Hours		Two Semesters at 12 Credit Hours		IPEDS Public Two Semesters Full-time			
	Undergrad Resident Tuition & Fees	UG Nonres Tuition & Fees	GR Resident Tuition & Fees	Ave GR Nonres Tuition & Fees	Ave UG Resident Tuition & Fees	Ave UG Nonres Tuition & Fees	Ave GR Resident Tuition & Fees	Ave GR Nonres Tuition & Fees
Weber State University	5,986	16,570	7,612	21,772	5,986	15,969	8,326	17,506
WICHE Schools	8,041	21,812	10,573	20,847				
Rocky Mountain Schools	7,442	21,386	8,891	24,616				
Peer Group					8,669	18,408	9,964	18,374
Carnegie Classification					9,027	18,951	10,081	17,964

Sources:

- Section 1: A-1 Actual E&G; USHE EOY Enrollment Report Table 6; Data Book Tab C Table 2; Data Book Tab B all degrees (table 2)
- Section 2: Data Book Tab C Table 10; A-1 Budget
- Section 3: Regents Approved Operating Budget Request; S-10 Budget; ISF Bill; LFA Legislative Action Worksheet
- Section 4: Data Book Tab E Table 3; Bureau of Labor Statistics (January-December) Consumer Price Index; Higher Education Price Index; USHE Access Metric
- Section 5: WICHE Tuition & Fees in Public Higher Education in the West; Data Book Tab E Table 8; IPEDS Tuition

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FORM R-4: 2020-21 PROPOSED NEW TUITION REVENUE

Due Date: March 13, 2020

Truth-in-Tuition Hearing: February 24, 2020

Presidents Cabinet Review: March 16, 2020

Institution: Weber State University

Student Leadership Review: February 24, 2020

Trustees Approval: March 18, 2020

Prepared by: Clayton Anderson

Line Item
Education & General

Current Year Tuition Budget
\$77,785,500

Option 1 - Institution Proposed - Increase other than options 2 or 3

Description	Proposed New Tuition Revenue	Estimated Per Student FTE Impact	
		\$ Impact	% Increase
Compensation	\$1,125,000	\$61	1.45%
Retention & Student Support	\$208,800	\$11	0.27%
Mandated Costs	\$222,000	\$12	0.29%
			0.00%
			0.00%
			0.00%
Total	\$1,555,800	\$85	2.00%

Impact on Student Access, Retention, and Completion Rates:

A 2.0% tuition increase will allow WSU to remain competitive in the employment market and better retain current faculty and staff. This modest increase in tuition includes funding of student support services that will help WSU to improve student retention. WSU will be able to cover our mandated costs as directed by the legislature as well as other campus increased needs.

Option 2: No Tuition Increase - All new costs will be covered through reallocation, cost savings, and efficiency efforts

No Tuition Increase	Proposed New Tuition Revenue	Estimated Per Student FTE Impact	
		\$ Impact	% Increase
	\$0	\$0	0.00%

Impact on Student Access, Retention, and Completion Rates:

WSU made significant efforts through reallocation, cost savings, and efficiency but that is not enough to allow us to continue our current improvement efforts. If we do not receive a tuition increase then we will experience a negative impact across the board. We will likely lose staff at an even higher rate and not be able to provide the services needed by our students. WSU will also not be able to meet the legislative required match.

Option 3: Legislative Match Funds Only - All new match funds will be covered by new revenue

Description	Proposed New Tuition Revenue	Estimated Per Student FTE Impact	
		\$ Impact	% Increase
2.5% Salary and Related Benefits	\$713,000	\$39	0.92%
4.53% Health Insurance	\$188,000	\$10	0.24%
ISF Increases	\$66,100	\$4	0.08%
Total	\$967,100	\$53	1.24%

Impact on Student Access, Retention, and Completion Rates:

The impact on student access at WSU with this option will likely be minimal. However, the ability to continue to increase services to improve retention and completion would suffer for lack of funding. WSU staffing would continue to have difficulties in retaining quality faculty and staff and filling open positions.

Summary of General Student Fees 2019-20 vs. 2020-21 (for a Full-time Student 2 semesters - 15 credit hours each)

Weber State University: Fees

Fee Category	Fee Description	2019-20 Fees	2020-21 Fees	Annual Change	% Change
1. Student Activity/ Support Fees	Activity	\$255.22	\$267.90	12.68	5.0%
	Recreation	77.34	79.56	2.22	2.9%
	ID Cards/Student Support	19.00	19.00	-	0.0%
	Subtotal	351.56	366.46	14.90	4.2%
2. Building Bond Fees	Building	249.00	250.58	1.58	0.6%
3. Building Support Fees	Union Building	72.84	73.56	0.72	1.0%
4. Athletic Fees	Athletic	150.38	152.72	2.34	1.6%
5. Health Fees	Medical	61.68	62.54	0.86	1.4%
6. Technology Fees	Computer	68.30	67.94	(0.36)	-0.5%
	Student Computer Labs	27.12	27.10	(0.02)	-0.1%
	Subtotal	95.42	95.04	(0.38)	-0.4%
7. Transportation Fees	Transportation	15.38	15.30	(0.08)	-0.5%
Total Fees		\$996.26	\$1,016.20	\$19.94	2.0%

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Per Credit Hour Charges for General Student Fees 2020-21 per Semester

Weber State University Fees

Credit Hours	\$ Amount
1	\$135.30
2	172.58
3	209.86
4	247.14
5	284.42
6	321.70
7	358.98
8	396.26
9	433.54
10	470.82
11	508.10
12	508.10
13	508.10
14	508.10
15	508.10
16	508.10
17	508.10
20	508.10
19	508.10
20	508.10
21	508.10
22	508.10
23	508.10
24	508.10
25	\$508.10



February 20, 2020

Dr. David R. Woolstenhulme
Interim Commissioner of Higher Education
Board of Regents Building
60 S. 400 W.
Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1284

Dear Commissioner Woolstenhulme:

In compliance with Regent Policy, I am writing to express my support for Weber State University's proposed 2% student fee increase for 2020-2021.

As is the case every year, students at Weber State University play a key role in our student fee allocation process. This year was no different. I can say with confidence that our students support these increases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bret Alexander".

Bret Alexander
Student Body President

cc: Dr. Brad Mortensen, President
Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs



Senate Official Session Agenda

Monday, February 24th, 2020

1. **Call to Order** *Indicated by three taps of the gavel; Senate President states "This meeting will now come to order."*
2. **Opening Business**
 - a. Attendance
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Welcome
3. **Truth in Tuition: Pres. Mortensen**
 - a. **Questions**
 - i. **Is the financial aid committee changing the scholarship programs?**
 1. Trying to better the completion rates for students as well as helping retain students
 2. Instead of a first year scholarship a four year scholarship.
 3. Trying to move money around without hurting the students.
 - ii. **Will out of states students benefit from the catapult scholarship?**
 1. It will help any student. It will be the most flexible scholarship program.
 - iii. **Will catapult affect other scholarships that a student has?**
 1. If there is a need they can be considered for the scholarship.
 - iv. **Is the catapult scholarship available to graduate students?**
 1. Yes, it is the most flexible scholarship.
 - v. **Is the catapult scholarship a third party scholarship?**
 1. Stacks independently of everything else.
 - vi. **Tuition increases when?**
 1. This summer semester.
 - vii. **2-3% who is it suggested by?**
 1. Weber State has the flexibility to propose what tuition changes are needed.
 - viii. **Did there used to be a mandated increase?**
 1. Yes, regents would have a statewide tuition increase.
 - ix. **Which is more comfortable 2 or 3%?**
 1. There is a potential for lots of legislative funding but there are many factors that could decrease that amount. But they will try to keep it closer to 2%.
 - b. **Vote:**
 - i. **The WSUSA Senate voted unanimously to support administration in 2-3% tuition increase as presented by President Mortensen on 2/24/2020**
4. **Officer Reports**
 - a. WSUSA Senate President - Kade T. Crittenden
 - i. Executive Meeting Update and Charges:
 1. Dance Marathon April 4th
 - a. Senate is in the lead for donations.
 2. Come to Weber's Got Talent on February 28th (6-8pm, Ballrooms)





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- ii. Number of Students you Presented to During Classroom Presentations
 - 1. Need to track how many students you visited instead of number of classes.
 - 2. Visit the document Pres. Kade set up and report the totals of the students by 2-28-2020
- iii. Elections: *Elections Committee Chair*, Jamie Lobato
- iv. Pictures on Glass
 - 1. Ask to purchase frames so that the students know who their senator is.
- v. Senate Positions Open
 - 1. Athletics
 - 2. College of Education
 - 3. College of Health Professions
 - 4. Graduate
 - 5. Pacific Islander
 - 6. Residence Halls
 - 7. Disabilities
 - a. Please let anyone know who wants to run to fill out the election packet.
- b. WSUSA Student Body President - Bret Alexander
- c. Director of Student Involvement and Leadership - Tara Peris
- d. Vice President of Student Affairs - Dr. Brett Perozzi
 - i. Open Issues forum. Senator - Ceja Monroy-

5. **Issues Forum** *Students and community members have the opportunity to address the Senate. It requires a motion to open and close. The Senate President will accept a motion to open/close issues forum. The motion must be seconded and carries with a simple majority vote (not recorded in the minutes).*

Members of the public have the opportunity to directly address the Student Senate on any item of interest to Weber State University and the community-at-large, whether or not it is an item recognized on this agenda. Unless otherwise determined by the Senate, each person is limited to five minutes. The Senate does not regularly involve itself in personnel issues at the University. Any such concerns should be brought directly to the Senate President or Advisor.

Senator Lobato asking for advertising on how students are going to vote for elections.

It is a one time link.

Change in elections packet.

Equal shot of spending. 500 max.

Suspend Green and-

6. **Old Business:**

- a. Tobacco Free Campus Initiative Vote
 - i. Open Pro cons Senator Hart/Bean
 - 1. Pros
 - a. We would be joining other schools
 - b. Funding unavailable
 - c. No second hand smoke





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- d. Simplifies boundaries for smoking.
 - e. Provides resources for those looking to quit
 - f. Promotes a healthy lifestyle.
 - g. Majority of students did support some sort of policy
 - ii. Motion to open cons (Senator- Bean)
 - 1. Cons
 - a. Imposes right to self determination.
 - b. Secondary policy on top of a policy
 - c. Results of the survey.
 - d. Social injustice with lower classes.
 - e. Limitation towards preservation.
 - f. Timeline not time to take care of concerns
 - g. Hurts more students than helps.
 - h. No effort to enforce existing policy
 - iii. Motion to previous question. (Senator- aikens/ Bailey)
 - 1. Does not pass
 - a. 7 yae
 - b. 13 Nay
 - c. 1 abstention
- 7. New Business:**
- a. Password Changes
 - i. Currently there is no requirement for length.
 - ii. Take away renewing password every four or five months.
 - iii. Increase characters
 - iv. In favor of a password change.
- 8. Senator Forum & Campus Committee Updates:** *Share about individual Senator Goals and upcoming events.* As time permits
- a. Senator Smith- thoughts on a student being on a panel for student code. Student is from the Student Supreme Court.
 - b. Pres Crittenden- equal rights amendment resolution.
 - c. Senator Bean- Event there are two houses. Habitat for humanity.
 - d. Senator Peralta- Scholarship committee is working on a four year scholarship.
 - i. Scholarships will increase with tuition increase.
 - ii. Ask more people to apply for FAFSA so that it can receive more funding.
 - e. Senator Aikens- Come visit Davis. March 9th.
- 9. Adjournment**





March 18, 2020

Harris S. Simmons, Chair
Utah State Board of Regents
Board of Regents Building, Two Gateway
60 South 400 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Dear Chair Simmons,

The Weber State University Board of Trustees met on March 18, 2020, and voted unanimously to approve a 2.0% increase to student tuition for all undergraduate and graduate tuition students. The Board also voted to approve an increase to general student fees totaling 2.0%.

WSU held a Truth in Tuition Hearing on February 24, 2020, in conjunction with the Weber State University Student Association Student Senate meeting. Following the presentation of the proposed tuition and fee increase, the student senate voted unanimously to support the proposed increases.

If you have any questions or need further information concerning this, please contact President Mortensen's office at 801-626-6001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nolan Karras'.

Nolan Karras, Chair
WSU Board of Trustees

cc: Dave Woolstenhume, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education
Brad Mortensen, Weber State University President