

Senate Resolution #1785

Title: Statement on Tuition Policy  
Date: December 12, 1994  
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Sponsors: Senators Baim, King, Krone, and Paul

1 WHEREAS, the fiscal burden of maintaining excellence in  
2 higher education is increasing; and  
3 WHEREAS, these needs must be met in order to maintain a  
4 level of excellence at a university; and  
5 WHEREAS, the options available for meeting these increased  
6 costs are limited to raising tuition, reducing the quality  
7 of university programs, reducing the quantity of university  
8 programs, increasing state appropriations, or increasing the  
9 degree of development funding; and  
10 WHEREAS, severe tuition increases may result in a decrease  
11 in recruitment and retention rates at the University of  
12 Wyoming; and  
13 WHEREAS, the Student Senate of the Associated  
14 Students of the University of Wyoming passed Senate  
15 Resolution #1702 on December 10, 1991, in favor of limiting  
16 increases of tuition to a maximum of 10% annually; and  
17 WHEREAS, the Student Senate of the Associated Students of  
18 the University of Wyoming passed Senate Resolution #1758 on  
19 November 30, 1993, reaffirming this 10% cap on annual  
20 tuition increases; and  
21 WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming has proposed an increase

22 of 4.08% of the existing tuition rate for resident students,  
23 and an increase of 6.66% of the existing tuition rate for  
24 non-resident students; and

25 WHEREAS, this increase would raise resident students'  
26 tuition by \$78 dollars per year and would raise non-resident  
27 students' tuition by \$399 per year; and

28 WHEREAS, the level of tuition increases should seek a  
29 balance between the benefits derived from enhanced  
30 revenues and the disadvantages associated with increasing  
31 costs for students; and

32 WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming will remain consistent  
33 with the views of prior Student Senates of the Associated  
34 Students of the University of Wyoming legislation; and

35 WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming will also remain  
36 consistent with its goal of remaining near the 15th  
37 percentile projection of annual tuition and fees; and

38 WHEREAS, after the proposed tuition increases are  
39 implemented, the University of Wyoming will maintain its  
40 ranking as the lowest-priced, public, four-year, institution  
41 of higher learning in the "Western Region" as reported in  
42 The Peer Institution Comparison Report, issued by the  
43 University of South Dakota;

44 THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the  
45 Associated Students of the University of Wyoming that it  
46 supports the proposed tuition increases of 4.08% for  
47 resident students and 6.66% for non-resident students if  
48 revenues generated from tuition increases continue to be

49 directed toward enhancing the quality of student affairs and  
50 academic programs at the University of Wyoming, as requested  
51 by the Student Senates of the Associated Students of the  
52 University of Wyoming in the past.

Referred to: Committee of the Whole

Date of Passage: December 13, 1994 Signed: Beth A. Caviness  
ASUW Chairperson

"Being enacted on December 15, 1994, I do hereby sign my name  
hereto and approve this Senate action." Matthew L. Ward  
ASUW President

A MOTION: Submitted December 13, 1994 by Senator Friedl

That the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming support the extension of the pilot period for the Transporter Shuttle through Spring Semester 1995, beginning on the starting date of classes, January 18, 1995 and ending no sooner than April 1, 1995.

Reasons:

1. Convenient parking access to the University of Wyoming campus is geographically limited.
2. The accessibility situation is exacerbated by the institution of a permit-only parking system North of campus, and the expansion of that system is projected for the future.
3. The Citizens' Parking Task Force recommended several possible solutions to the parking problem in 1993, and among those solutions was that the University, with city assistance, should enhance the shuttle bus service to encourage the use of available parking in outlying lots.
4. The implementation of the specific task force solutions has been limited to the Transporter shuttle system.
5. The initial 60 day pilot period, which began on October 31, included weekends, Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, and finals week. On these days, the University is not in session or, in the case of finals, the attrition rate of students is high. These breaks negatively affect the overall ridership statistics.
6. The continuation of the pilot program through Spring 1995 would allow for a more accurate reflection of rider potential due to the greater number of days that the University is in session during the pilot period.
7. Continuation of the pilot program through Spring 1995 would encourage use due to the affects of increased familiarity with the system, a condition which occurred when the UW Shuttle System was first in place.

PLEASE NOTE: In an informal conversation with Elliott Pope, he said that the Transporter has averaged 74 riders per day, and the maximum number of riders was approximately 98.

*passed - Dec. 13, 1994*



Motion passed by the ASUW Student Senate on January 31, 1995

The Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming does not support attaching athletic fees to a tuition index. Furthermore, we do not feel that adequate evidence exists to warrant our support for a \$12 increase in the student athletic fee for the 1995-96 school year.

Instead, we propose a \$6.50 increase in that fee to be re-negotiated yearly, and we encourage the athletic department to research fund raising alternatives among the student sector.