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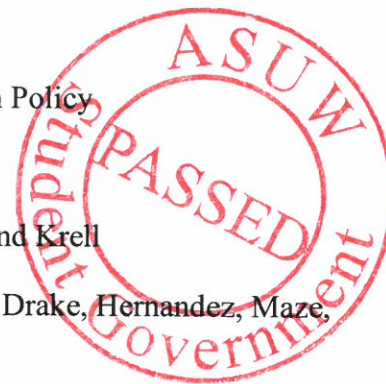
SENATE RESOLUTION #2481

TITLE: ASUW Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2017 Tuition Policy

DATE: November 4, 2015

AUTHORS: ASUW President Schueler, Senators Hanson, Kerbs, and Krell

SPONSORS: Director of Institutional Development Julian, Senators Drake, Hernandez, Maze, and Wolfgang, SAL Wetzel



1. WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government to provide responsible, effective leadership,
3. which predicates productive and decisive action by the ASUW Student Government when
4. difficult decisions face our university; and,
5. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming's (UW) mission statement (March 2009) states
6. that the university serves as a statewide resource for accessible and affordable higher
7. education of the highest quality; and,
8. WHEREAS, given the stretched resources of both the State of Wyoming, and the
9. university, prioritization of interests must be made for strategic budget planning; and,
10. WHEREAS, any decrease to the university's funding from the State of Wyoming, being a
11. block grant, creates a conflict between three major interests: accessibility, affordability, and a
12. high quality educational experience; and,
13. WHEREAS, the quality of the educational experience provided at UW is vital to the current
14. and future success of the students; and,
15. WHEREAS, a failure to provide increased funding will have a significant and detrimental
16. effect on the quality of the educational experience at UW; and,
17. WHEREAS, the effects of the proposed 4% increase in tuition as outlined in Addendum A
18. may be necessary to prevent worse outcomes for students at the university; and,

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19. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government cannot accurately represent the students of
20. UW by supporting a compounded tuition increase over the next 4 years as proposed by
21. the UW Board of Trustees; and,
22. WHEREAS, although ASUW student outreach efforts have demonstrated hesitancy among
23. students in supporting a 4% tuition increase, some students have been more receptive
24. to a tuition increase if the distribution of said tuition increase has been outlined as reflected
25. in Addendum B; and,
26. WHEREAS, the stance of ASUW remains largely consistent with the intent of prior
27. legislation including Senate Resolution #2413 in Support for 2015-16 UW Budget Request.
28. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
29. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW finds a one-year, 4% maximum tuition
30. increase acceptable for fiscal year 2017; and,
31. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW does not support any annual
32. programmatic tuition increases; and,
33. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW may support additional, one-time
34. tuition increases in future fiscal years if the fiscal climate of the State of Wyoming declines,
35. and if proper analysis and planning takes place prior to any increases; and,
36. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW recommends the University of
37. Wyoming (UW) Board of Trustees reevaluate the tuition policy after each fiscal year; and,
38. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW recommends the UW Board of Trustees
39. continue to explore alternative funding methods, including the reappropriation of current
40. funds, to supplement future tuition increases; and,
41. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW would be in support of an increase in
42. tuition if the distribution reflects the recommended allocations as reflected in Addendum C;

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43. and,

44. THEREFORE, be it further resolved to address the student concerns regarding future tuition

45. increases and ensure that the University of Wyoming does not solely rely on student tuition

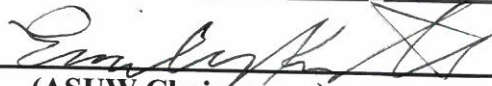
46. fee increases to remedy future budgetary shortfalls; and,

47. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the UW Board of Trustees consider student

48. opinions as reflected in Addendum D for clinical importance as commentary that presents

49. implications needing to be recognized by a policy that directly affects the student body.

Referred to: Student Outreach and Policy and Budget and Planning

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(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 11/18/2015, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action.” 
ASUW President

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Addendum A

4% Tuition Increase Statistics for 2015-2016

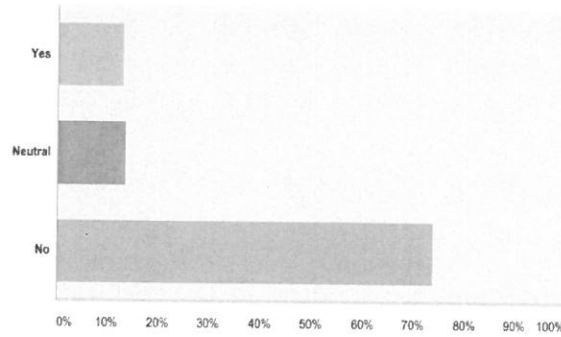
	Fee Per Credit Hour ('15-'16)	Est.Credit Hours/ Semester	Estimated Tuition/Semester ('15-'16)	Estimated Tuition /Year	4% tuition increase/ Semester	4% tuition increase/ 1st Year
Resident						
Undergraduate	\$ 119.00	15	\$ 1,785.00	\$3,570.00	\$ 71.40	\$142.80
Graduate	\$ 232.00	9	\$ 2,088.00	\$4,176.00	\$ 83.52	\$167.04
Pharmacy	\$ 419.00	17	\$ 7,123.00	\$14,246.00	\$ 284.92	\$569.84
Law	\$ 453.00	15	\$ 6,795.00	\$13,590.00	\$ 271.80	\$543.60
MBA	\$ 595.00	11	\$ 6,545.00	\$13,090.00	\$ 261.80	\$523.60
Doctor of Nursing Practice	\$ 335.00	11	\$ 3,685.00	\$7,370.00	\$ 147.40	\$294.80
Non-Resident						
Undergraduate	\$ 477.00	15	\$ 7,155.00	\$14,310.00	\$ 286.20	\$572.40
Graduate	\$ 693.00	9	\$ 6,237.00	\$12,474.00	\$ 249.48	\$498.96
Pharmacy	\$ 886.00	17	\$ 15,062.00	\$30,124.00	\$ 602.48	\$1,204.9
Law	\$ 964.00	15	\$ 14,460.00	\$28,920.00	\$ 578.40	\$1,156.8
MBA	\$ 906.00	11	\$ 9,966.00	\$19,932.00	\$ 398.64	\$797.28
Doctor of Nursing Practice	\$ 709.00	11	\$ 7,799.00	\$15,598.00	\$ 311.96	\$623.92

Addendum B

Student Reception to Tuition Increase When Outlined

Q2 Do you support a proposed 4% tuition increase?

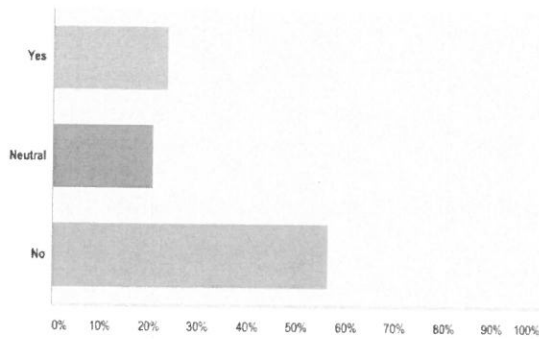
Answered: 201 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	12.94%	26
Neutral	13.43%	27
No	73.63%	148
Total		201

Q4 Provided that the 4% tuition goes towards the areas listed above, do you support a 4% increase in tuition?

Answered: 171 Skipped: 33



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	23.39%	40
Neutral	20.47%	35
No	56.14%	96
Total		171

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Addendum C

ASUW Proposal of Tuition Increase Distribution

Distribution	Percentage of Tuition Increase	Approximate Dollar Amount
Mandatory Faculty Raises	1.0%	\$500,000.00
Faculty Salary Support	0.75%	\$375,000.00
Staff Salary Support	0.75%	\$375,000.00
Academic Support Units	1.0%	\$500,000.00
Libraries	0.25%	\$125,000.00
Information Technologies (IT)	0.25%	\$125,000.00

Addendum D

Student Concerns Summary Concerning Tuition Rates

Positive Feedback	Neutral/Negative Feedback
<p>“The reason I Would support a 4% tuition increase is that we need to keep our professors around. A few years ago, "I was in senate and we were looking to increase tuition by a small percent. WE ended up somewhere around 1 million dollars, but we got a message from the president saying that Five hundred thousand of that would only go towards teachers. IF we want to raise the tuition, then whatever we raise should all go towards teachers.”</p>	<p>“Isn't this why we have a rainy day account set up with the state of Wyoming? Why aren't we using this account when our revenue from the states resources is down?”</p>
<p>“I would rather the university be able to retain high quality faculty than pay a little less for school.”</p>	<p>“Tuition is expensive enough. I don't need or want to pay more for school. If there are reasons that would affect my program (Music Education) specifically to make it better, than I might support it. But as of now, I do not. “</p>
<p>“ASUW and the board of Trustees should make renovation of residence halls a top priority-attraction of freshmen is the university's life blood. Freshmen won't come if they don't like the facilities.”</p>	<p>“Increased costs could offer more programs and scholarships for current students. But low costs would encourage more students to come to UW and would allow more students to go to college that otherwise may not have the chance due to our low tuition costs.”</p>
<p>“I have not heard anything about the proposed tuition increase nor what the funds would contribute to. I think that more information needs to be made public and accessible to the student body before such a change in tuition occurs.”</p>	<p>“Tuition shouldn't be more expensive, obtaining an education should be easy and accessible to everyone. Having higher tuition costs causes an increase in loans hence an impact on the economy.”</p>
<p>“My only concern is that it will end up in the Athletic Department. It needs to go to the faculty and upkeep of the university”</p>	<p>“I have not benefited from the last tuition increase.”</p>
<p>“There are many budget requirements that our university needs additional funds in which cannot be covered with our current budget, so I believe it is necessary to have a tuition increase. We have an incredible faculty here</p>	<p>“I understand that people need to be paid, and that for faculty and staff of schools that pet comes from tuition and taxes, but that massively harms the students who are already stressed with school and most often have to be</p>

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at UW and I think they definitely deserve a pay increase.”

stressed with a job, possibly two, to cover tuition, book, food, living, etc.”