



SENATE RESOLUTION #2721

TITLE: ASUW Recommendation on Tuition Allocation for Student Success Priorities for Fiscal Year 2022

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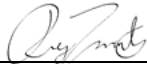
SPONSORS Senators Doran and Greig; President Talamantes; Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Madhyanam

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming (UW) serves as a means of providing high quality,
4. affordable tertiary education to thousands of students; and
5. WHEREAS, in the summer of 2018, the UW Board of Trustees (Board) renewed its
6. tuition policy of an annual 4% tuition increase for resident and non-resident undergraduate
7. students on an ongoing basis; and,
8. WHEREAS, according to the UW's Tuition Policy, as shown in Addendum A, half of these
9. funds are allocated for staff and faculty pay raises, including mandatory pay raises for
10. promoted faculty as well as non-mandatory faculty and staff pay raises; and,
11. WHEREAS, the other half of these funds are allocated for "priorities that are deemed most
12. impactful or needed to enhance student success."; and,
13. WHEREAS, UW's Tuition Policy tasks the ASUW with establishing these priorities, in
14. conjunction with the Administration, in order to make a recommendation to the Board; and,
15. WHEREAS, in order to make this recommendation for Fiscal Year 2022, ASUW has
16. conducted research into the needs of students and has identified priorities that we believe
17. will increase student success.
18. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
19. (ASUW) Student Government recommends that the Board of Trustees allocate funding to

20. the Student Success Priorities that ASUW has identified need for, as shown in Addendum B.

Referred to: Program and Institutional Development; Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review

Date of Passage: November 10, 2020 **Signed:** 
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on November 10, 2020**, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**
approve this Senate action.” 
ASUW President

Addendum A

TUITION POLICY

In order to give advance notice to all those affected by prospective tuition increases, the Board of Trustees (Board) adopts the following policy for tuition increases for Academic Year 2020 (FY2021) and later:

- A. Unless modified under D or F below, annual tuition, other than programs with differential tuition, the Administration will recommend that tuition be increased by 4% for each academic year.
 - B. Annually, the Administration will submit recommendations regarding adjustments to differential tuition rates.
 - C. Revenue generated by the annual tuition increases will be distributed as follows:
 - 2% – Salaries – To be applied first to the cost of mandatory salary increases for promoted faculty, and then second to the University’s faculty and staff salary increase policy.
 - 2% - Student Success Priorities – the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) and the Administration will establish priorities that are deemed most impactful or needed to enhance student success at the University of Wyoming, and will make recommendations to the Board to allocate funding accordingly.
- Each year when the President submits her/his proposed annual operating budget for the University to the Board, the President shall also provide information to the Board regarding the allocation of the tuition increase funds and the specific unit budgets impacted.
- D. The Administration may recommend modifications to the policy specified in Section A or the distribution thereof specified in Section C, but shall consult with students, faculty, and staff prior to submitting such recommendations, and shall make any such recommendations on or before the November meeting of the Board.
 - E. On or before the November meeting of the Board, the Administration shall provide information regarding the cost of attendance, and how UW’s tuition and fee rates compare with peer universities.
 - F. The Board of Trustees may accept, reject, or modify any recommendation under Sections A and B and may take any action it determines regarding tuition rates and the distribution of revenue generated from modifications to tuition.
 - G. The Board shall review this policy:
 - a. Not later than four years following its adoption; and
 - b. Not later than four years following any subsequent review or modification to the policy.

Addendum B

ASUW Recommendation for FY22: Student Success Priorities

ACCORDING TO THE TUITION POLICY, THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING (ASUW) AND THE ADMINISTRATION WILL ESTABLISH PRIORITIES THAT ARE DEEMED MOST IMPACTFUL OR NEEDED TO ENHANCE STUDENT SUCCESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, AND WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD TO ALLOCATE FUNDING ACCORDINGLY. THE FOLLOWING STUDENT SUCCESS PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE 108TH ADMINISTRATION...

#1: Food Security

Reasons for being a priority:

- Immediate need due to COVID-19
 - ~40% of students are food insecure

Budget/funding for:

- Food Security Task Force initiatives alongside the UW Food Share Pantry

#2: Green Dot

Reasons for being a priority:

- Bystander intervention is critical for preventing violence on our campus
 - Building intervention skills
 - Helps students identify how they can intervene in situations safely
- Hypervisibility is key to creating a culture on campus that does not tolerate violence
 - Presents a safe space for students if they were in a situation of violence
 - Shows students who their allies are on campus

Budget/funding for:

- Ongoing budgetary needs as identified by the Dean of Students

#3: Mental Health

Reasons for being a priority:

- Because of their limited staff, there are excessive waiting lists for students to be treated and they are constantly having to turn students away
- Ramped up need because of COVID-19
- Students who have severe mental health problems cannot get adequate help at the UCC
 - Psych clinic is pivotal in treating these students
- Mental health resources are severely lacking in Wyoming as a whole and Laramie has a shortage of clinical psychologists that students can see

Budget/funding for:

- Support for the UW Psychology Center and other mental health resources on campus such as the University Counseling Center and the Wellness Center

#4: Advising

ADVISING IS CRITICAL TO THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND WAS RECOMMENDED TO BE A STUDENT SUCCESS PRIORITY BY THE 107TH ADMINISTRATION IN SENATE RESOLUTION #2680.

Reasons for being a priority:

- Since implementing programmatic fees in 2018, the University has also dedicated part of these fees to a \$6/credit hour "Advising Fee" for undergraduate students. In attempts to improve the advising experience for students, the University has invested in stronger

centralized advising with professional advisors. This year, there was a proposal to increase the Advising Fee to \$8/credit hour, but ASUW voted against this increase. Trends show that advising is still not consistent among UW students and we recognize that financial support can lead to improvements, but the previous administration did not believe the increase to the fee was the answer. In order to continue improving advising, there needs to be a financial component that will supplement a better system across campus to improve the advising experience for students. _

#5: Across-Campus Free Menstrual Products _

Reasons for being a priority: _

- Purchasing tampons and pads every month can be difficult for students considering the cost _
- Alleviate the anxiety of walking around campus without pads or tampons_
- ASUW also ran a survey in conjunction with the Cost-Free Menstrual Product Pilot Project and requests for expansion across campus were one of the number one pieces of feedback we received

Budget/funding for: _

- Dispensers in each major building on campus (Classroom, Engineering, Agriculture, Business, Ross Hall, Knight Hall, Education, Health Sciences, Hoyt, etc.)_
 - Tampons and pads for each building custodial staff to fill each dispenser_
 - Estimated \$10 per year per female student_