



SENATE RESOLUTION #2724

TITLE: ASUW Recommendation on Proposed Programmatic Fee Increases for FY22

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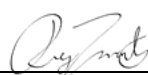
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SPONSORS: The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee

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, Senate Bill #2713 established ASUW's Tuition Allocation and Student Fee
4. Review Committee; and,
5. WHEREAS, this Committee held hearings for all of the University of Wyoming's programs
6. to understand each program's use of their programmatic fee and give recommendations on
7. proposed increases; and,
8. WHEREAS, Addendums A and B cites the Committee's recommendations for these
9. proposed increases as well as the Committee's rationale for these recommendations.
10. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
11. (ASUW) Student Government that this resolution and Addendums A and B shall serve as the
12. official recommendation of the ASUW Student Government for the proposed Fiscal Year
13. 2022 programmatic fees.

Referred to: Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review

Date of Passage: December 1, 2020 **Signed:** 
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on December 1, 2020**, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**
approve this Senate action." 
ASUW President

Addendum A

	FY22 Actual Fee Per Credit Hour	FY22 Proposed Fee Increase Per Credit Hour	Percent Increase Per Credit Hour	ASUW FY22 Total Fee Recommendation
Advising Fee*****	\$ 6.00	\$ 0.00	0%	\$ 6.00
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 15.00	\$ 0.00	0%	\$ 15.00
College of Arts and Sciences	\$ 3.00 \$ 15.00* \$ 25.00**	\$ 0.00	0%	\$ 3.00 \$ 15.00* \$ 25.00**
College of Business	\$ 22.00	\$ 5.00	22.73%	\$ 27.00
College of Education	\$ 26.00	\$ 0.00	0%	\$ 26.00
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00*****	0%	\$ 25.00
Haub School	\$20.00	\$0.00	0%	\$ 20.00
College of Health Sciences	\$ 28.00	\$5.00 (School of Nursing) \$195.00 (Social Work)*****	17.86% N/A	\$ 5.00 \$ 195.00
Education Abroad	\$215.00***** (Application Fee) \$140.00***** (Insurance)	N/A	N/A	\$ 325.00 combined fee
Honors College	\$ 0.00	\$ 60.00****	N/A	\$ 20.00
School of Energy Resources	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00****	N/A	\$ 500.00
WyGISC & GIST	\$ 0.00	\$25.00/year undergraduate & graduate credit technology fee	N/A	\$ 25.00

* - College of Arts & Sciences Science Quantitative (Sci-Q) Program Fee (All on-campus ANTH, ASTR, BOT, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, LIFE, MATH, PHYS, STAT, ZOO course codes below the 5000-level)

** - College of Arts & Sciences Visual & Performing Arts Program Fee (All on-campus ART, MUSC, THEA course codes below the 5000- level)

***** - The Honors College proposed fee would not be on a per credit hour basis but instead be a flat \$60/year fee to all students with a declared Honors minor. ASUW is proposing the fee be assessed as \$20/semester.**

****** - The School of Energy Resources is not requesting a fee increase on a per credit hour basis but is requesting a \$500.00 flat fee increase for the course ENR 4960: Energy Field Studies.**

******* - The Advising Fee applies to every program**

******* - College of Health Sciences' Social Work Fee is a one-time fee assessed to Social Work majors only after being accepted into the program in their junior year.**

******* - College of Engineering and Applied Sciences:**

- **To update and make corrections to current fee book and addition of new equipment in the UW Engineering Shop**
- **Add equipment for the EERB Student Innovation Center**
- **Adjusting certification fees for the Technology Transfer (T2) program in partnership with WYDOT. Adjustments vary in price**
- **Add the "Construction Workforce Training" fee of \$231/module, per student**

******* - Education Abroad fees are not on a per credit hour basis but rather are flat fees.**

Addendum B

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted to approve the College of Business's \$5.00/per credit hour proposed fee increase. The Committee cited that:

- The revenue generated from the increase would be intended to support the Peter M. & Paula Green Johnson Student Success Center.
 - A portion of the current budget for Success Center is supplied by state funding. The future of budget reductions on campus is unknown. The proposed fee increase would allow flexibility in case of further reductions in state funding.
 - The Success Center provides services that are beneficial to students, including academic and career support. The proposed fee increase could allow them to increase their services in the following ways:
 - Hire an additional career/professional development advisor
 - Creating a mentorship platform
 - Increased advertising to increase engagement
- The fee proposal has had significant input from students throughout the process, including the College of Business's Student Leadership Committee. Students have been generally in support of the proposed increase.
- Finally, while ASUW supports the increase as a whole, we have concerns about one of the proposed areas of spending: The purchasing of resume development and interview practice software. Students believed that it was too expensive and would not be helpful in its intended purpose.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted not to approve the Honor's College flat \$60.00 proposed fee increase. Instead, the Committee recommends a flat \$20.00 fee increase. The Committee cited that:

- A jump from \$0.00 to \$60.00 is a dramatic fee increase, especially given no fee was previously levied. Given the economic hardships many students are facing due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we believe a smaller increase would place less of an economic burden on students.
- There is concern that Honors students were not consulted during this process. We saw little evidence of outreach to the general Honors student body. The Wyoming Honors Student Organization was consulted, but this is not sufficient for such a large fee increase where no fee previously existed.
- 75.3% of the revenue raised from the proposed \$60.00 fee would be spent on advising personnel.
 - The Committee does not support this. Students were overwhelmingly opposed to being charged for Honors advising. The consensus from Honors students was that Honors advising is not an essential component of their experience in the Honors College.
 - Current levels of advising are sufficient to provide for the primary objectives of Honors advising. Even if a decrease in levels of advising were necessitated, this would be preferable to the original proposal.

- All Honors students are also advised within their primary College or School, so Honors advising is not essential, except for a small number of Honors-specific functions, which are fulfilled by current levels of advising.
 - Study Abroad and Study Away advising can be provided by dedicated Study Abroad advisors in the Global Engagement/Education Abroad office.
- 24.7% of the revenue raised from the proposed \$60.00 fee would be spent on multidisciplinary teaching salary support.
 - The Committee supports this proposal, and recommends the majority of our proposed \$20.00 fee increase be spent on this.
 - Honors classes are engaging and widely beneficial for Honors students.
 - This would allow the College to have the financial ability to incentivize faculty and departments to offer innovative Honors seminars.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted to approve the School of Energy Resources' (SER) proposed \$500.00 fee increase for the course ENR 4960: Energy Field Studies. The Committee cited that:

- Previously, funding for this class was provided by SER state funds. This is no longer possible given ongoing budget reductions. This class will cease to exist if this fee is not levied. The fee would offset costs associated with the class, including transportation, room, and board.
- This course is beneficial to students, as it allows hands-on experience in energy studies.
- Despite this, we heard concerns from students that the course was not very accessible and suffered from low rates of participation. We recommend that the School of Energy Resources investigate these issues and offer solutions where possible.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted to approve the College of Health Science's proposed \$5.00 per credit hour increase to students in the School of Nursing, and we voted to approve the fee increases for the various courses that comprise the Doctorate of Nursing program. The Committee cited that:

- Students in the School of Nursing are likely to go on to have high-paying careers, and can thus more easily afford the added expense than other students.
- The revenue generated from the fee increases would support professional services for students and lab supplies, which are essential components of a proper nursing education.
- The cost of the nursing program in Wyoming is very low compared to the cost of programs in neighboring states, even with these fee increases.
- ASUW supports the implementation of the Social Work fee because it provides convenience and cost-savings for students.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted to approve the WyGISC/GIST's proposed fee increase to \$25.00 per credit hour for undergraduate and graduate GIS&T courses. The committee cited that:

- The fee is on-par with the fees per credit hour for many other courses, including those in the Colleges of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Education, Business, and Health Sciences.
- The fee would go to support the costs of delivering GIS&T courses by paying for software, virtual desktop infrastructure, and hardware.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted to approve the College of Engineering and Applied Science's proposed fee changes, including their plans to update and make corrections to the current fee book, to update their fee book to account for the addition of new equipment in the UW Engineering Shop and the EERB Student Innovation Center, and the addition of the "Construction Workforce Training" fee of \$231/module, per student. The committee cited that:

- These are commonsense, beneficial proposals that do not impact a large number of students in a way that is financially detrimental.