



SENATE RESOLUTION #2725

TITLE: ASUW Recommendation on Proposed Mandatory Student Fee Increases for FY22

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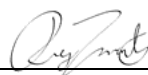
AUTHOR: Senator Houghton; Vice President Titus; Chief of Legislative Affairs Swilling

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 fee units
6. to understand each program's use of their fee and give recommendations on proposed
7. 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 Fiscal Year 2022
13. mandatory student 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	FY22 Proposed Fee Increase Per Semester	Percent Increase Per Semester	ASUW FY22 Total Fee Recommendation
ASUW	\$ 45.69	\$ 3.00	6.6%	\$ 48.69
Consolidated Student Services/Student Affairs	\$ 427.93	\$ 17.07	4%	\$ 440.77
Counseling Center	\$ 0 no show fee*	\$ 25 no show fee*	N/A	\$ 25 no show fee*
Intercollegiate Athletics	\$ 125.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 125
International Students and Scholars	\$ 75 fall/spring* \$ 55 summer*	\$ 25 fall/spring* \$ 20 summer*	33.33% 36.36%	\$ 100 fall/spring* \$ 75 summer*
Music/Theatre	\$ 6.05	\$0.0	0.00%	\$ 6.05
Recycling	\$ 10.12	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 10.12
ResLife & Dining	N/A*	N/A*	traditional apartments by 1%, Bison Run apartments by 3%, Residence Halls by 5.2%, and meal plans and computer block plans by 4.8%	See rationale*
Student Media	\$ 21.19	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 21.19
Student Success/Academic Affairs	\$ 28.00	\$ 5.00	17.9%	\$ 30.50
Summer Wellness Fee	\$79 Student Health* \$50 Counseling Center* \$71 Half Acre*	\$ 0.00*	0%	\$ 163 combined fee*
Transit	\$ 56.33	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 56.33
Total	\$ 699.12	\$ 25.07	3.59%	\$ 738.65

***Not included in totals**

Addendum B

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted to approve the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming's proposed \$3.00 increase to their mandatory student fee. The Committee cited that:

- The proposed fee increase would generate \$43,800 in revenue.
 - o \$12,948.96 of that would go to increasing the wages of student employees in the ASUW Executive Branch.
 - This allows ASUW to stay competitive with other job opportunities on campus.
 - o \$34,000 would go to making the ASUW Senatorial Scholarship fiscally sustainable.
 - This money currently comes from the ASUW reserve.
 - Senators are expected to put 4-8 hours of work per week, and they should be financially supported.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted not to approve the proposed \$5.00 increase to the Student Success Fee. Instead, the committee recommends a \$2.50 increase. The Committee cited that:

- A smaller increase would lessen the financial burden on students during a time of widespread financial insecurity.
- The proposal to increase the fee lacked specific details on what the money would be spent on. The goals outlined were generally vague, and the Committee wished to see more details on how exactly this student money would be spent.
- From our understanding, it seemed a significant portion of the revenue generated would go towards supporting the salaries of the two personnel that work in the Office of Student Success and Graduation. The Committee was concerned about using such a significant amount of student fee money to pay for just two individual's salaries.
- The Committee recommends that this smaller increase be used to support some of the broad goals outlined in the proposal. The Committee supports these broad goals, but the lack of details makes it impossible for us to recommend that the full fee increase proposal be enacted.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted not to approve the proposed 5% increase to the Consolidated Student Services Fee. Instead, we recommend a 3% increase. The Committee cited that:

- Generates approximately \$231,750 in annual revenue.
- This proposal allows engaged part-time students to utilize things like Half Acre, the Counseling Center, and Student Health on campus.
- We want to maintain student accountability by making sure those who utilize CSS services pay the fee, lowering the credit hour requirement is a great way to do so.
- Because the CSS fee was increased just last year, the ASUW recommends a smaller increase to minimize the financial burden on students during a time of widespread financial insecurity.

- Student Affairs should be able to bring in enough revenue with this smaller increase and assessing the fee to more students in order to support their worthy initiatives.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted to approve Counseling Center's proposed implementation of a \$25 no-show fee. The Committee cited that:

- Although the fee penalizes students, it is not without good cause.
- 400-500 students are missing their appointments at the counseling center resulting in wasted time that could be going to serve other students on campus.
- Their goal is to reduce the number of no-shows, so that more students can get into the counseling center. It is a service where there is great need as ASUW has identified mental health as our number one Student Success Priority for the upcoming fiscal year.
- The fee is relatively low and should have minimal financial impacts on students.
- The Committee was confident the revenue generated from these increases would be put to good and proper use.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted to approve Residence Life & Dining's proposed increases to residence halls, apartments, computer block plans and meal plan rates. The Committee cited that:

- The increases requested are relatively low, percentagewise.
- The Committee was confident the revenue generated from these increases would be put to good and proper use and help alleviate burdens caused by low enrollment.
- On-campus living is an essential part of the college experience, particularly for first-year students.
- Though the Committee voted to approve these increases, we wish to state some concern over the price increases to the Residence Halls. Students widely feel as though the Residence Halls are a terrible financial value, and many resent being forced to pay and live in them. While this experience is generally very valuable, especially for first-year students, we strongly recommend that the student opinion be taken into account more heavily regarding the cost of these services.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted to approve Student Affairs' proposed implementation of a \$163 combined Summer Wellness Fee. The Committee cited that:

- This allows students who are not taking summer classes to utilize some of our services, such as the Counseling Center, Student Health, and Half Acre. All of which are frequently used together and year-round.
- ASUW appreciates the discount and flexibility being offered to students on highly utilized and necessary services.

The ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee voted to approve the proposed \$25.00 and \$20.00 increases to the International Students and Scholars fall/spring and summer fees, respectively. The Committee cited that:

- Although this is a substantial fee increase, it is in line with the previous approved increase(s).

- The fee has not been increased in a few years.
- International students find this office to be extremely beneficial and helpful to their academic success and overall wellbeing at the University of Wyoming.