

# University of Wyoming 2018 Tuition Recommendations

## Submitted Written Public Comments

Inclusive of comments submitted through 02/12/2018 deadline

The University of Wyoming issued a call for public comment regarding 2018 Tuition Recommendations on Thursday, January 25, 2018. Written public comment was accepted through a public comment website and webform; the Office of the President also received correspondence on this topic via email and has included those messages, as well.

**A total of 76 written comments were received before the Monday, February 12 deadline for public comment. Four additional comments were received after the deadline and have been added to the end of this report.**

WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: A tuition increase is necessary, especially with the recent drop in state funding. UW is very inexpensive and will remain so even with an increase. It would be good to provide information about tuition increases to students so they have some sense of how much they will pay during their 4-year education. Also, it is important that the tuition increase does not fund pet projects, but instead goes toward necessary university operations, specifically meeting the needs of staff, students and faculty.

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DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, Wyoming

COMMENTS: I completely support the recommendations of Huron specifically: block tuition (totally makes sense!); reducing the cost for out-of-state tuition (great recruiting tool!), and lowering the cost of online courses (allows those students who are working and/or are not in Laramie to complete their degree - I could never figure out why online courses were much higher since there is brick and mortar to maintain). UW needs to be proactive in not attracting new student but retention efforts to keep students here.

Not mentioned in the report, and unrelated to this subject, but student housing needs to be priority to include the creation of upper class (sophomore - senior) housing. Based on this, UW can continue with the FIG model with support provided within the dormitory (most four-year universities who excel at graduation and retention has this in place) as well as, dare I say, athletic dorms!.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie Wyoming

COMMENTS: I think this is a great idea. This would encourage many more students to attend UW. If anybody who pays resident tuition ( which can be completely covered by minor scholarships) complains about this, they should take a look around. You cannot even attend a community college for the rate that tuition would be after this increase. I am from out of state, have great scholarships, and still end up working every chance I get and taking out loans to pay for my education.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I believe this change wouldn't only be beneficial for increasing university capacity, but also for the currently enrolled students from out of state.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I am from chattanooga, Tennessee and pay non resident tuition. I have to take out a loan in order to pay for school. I only recieve \$6,000 in scholarships but if the tuition was brought down it would lighten the load a lot on me and my family to pay for school. Residents already little to nothing to go here and raising their prices should not be an issue if you compare it to every other school in the United States.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Dunlap TN

COMMENTS: Our grandson is a non-resident student there, and his younger brother is planning to attend if his mother and father can afford it. A reduction in tuition would go a long way in helping his decision to attend. Currently we purchase all books and necessary materials for our grandson to be able to go to school there. We certainly hope you decide to lower out of state tuition.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Tennessee

COMMENTS: In favor of lowering out of state tuition. We have another son who is interested in attend

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Colorado

COMMENTS: Yes go through with this.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I believe the proposed change in tuition would allow students to obtain their goal of a higher education with out the stress of high tuition, and potentially allow students with a desire to attend grad school, to do so financially due to a less expensive four year tuition.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: GURLEY, NEBRASKA

COMMENTS: The 3rd of my four children is currently a UW freshman. As my children were all born/raised in rural western Nebraska, the less urban environment of UW appeals to them. As a parent, I believe this also factors heavily into a much less stressful adjustment and more successful transition from HS student @ home to college student/young adult in the 'real world'. The high quality of UW programs was, however, always the deciding factor for each - - - one Mechanical Engineering, one Kinesiology/Disability Studies (OT prereq), and one Livestock Production. That being said, as out-of-state students, UW is also typically competitively priced - - - with scholarships/grants/cost of living factored in. I can guarantee that continuing that trend and, even better, making UW even more cost effective will absolutely – without a doubt – attract more out-of-state students. The area has so much to offer young people, the campus is realistically safe, and the education/programs are top-quality as well as well-respected in the post-UW job market.

None of my children are afraid of hard work – all three above graduated HS with 3.9+ GPAs (two were HS Valedictorians) while working on & off our family ranch as well as being active in athletics &

extracurricular arts programs. Young people should have to work hard, but making a quality education as affordable as possible must be a top priority - - - it's the best investment our society can make in our future.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: As it relates to tuition, building value is key and must remain the #1 priority. That being said, in-state tuition can stand to rise considerably. Out-of-state tuition needs to remain a valuable, competitive driver for us. Particularly to neighboring states. Create a system where there's "no excuse" for a Colorado student to not look at UW.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I sincerely hope that UW will consider moving to a flat tuition rate for 12-18 credit hours (full time students). Besides simplifying budgeting for students, this change would encourage students to take more classes per semester and thereby decrease the time it takes for students to complete their degrees. As a student myself I am strongly in favour of such a change; otherwise, it feels as though I am being punished for my own productivity.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I am a student at the University, and I support increasing the tuition as much as need be in order to better support and pay our faculty. This is one of the most important issues for our University. We will gain admittance and esteem the better faculty we have and the better they are paid.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I am in favor of the proposed tuition changes as outlined in the "UW: Institutional Capacity Analysis Report" linked on the page above. Specifically, reduced out-of-state tuition should attract more out-of-state students to campus, resulting in long-term gains for both UW and the larger Laramie community. UW offers a top-tier education while charging one of the lowest in-state tuitions of any 4-year university in the nation, and attracting more students to study and hopefully settle in the area should be viewed as a positive direction for the community.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Off Campus

COMMENTS: I am currently a student at the University of Wyoming and I think this is a great idea. I wish that the out of state tuition was lower for my fall 17 and current spring 18 semester but this is still a great idea, especially to encourage higher student enrollment. The block tuition is also great. I transferred from ASU in Arizona and they used block tuition, I loved it. I could take more than 12 credits, be a full time student, and it didn't cost anymore than if I were only taking 12 credits. It helped me focus more on my studies as I didn't have to work as much to pay more for tuition.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: In short, I am in support of a tuition increase.

I came from California to the University of Wyoming for college. While I didn't realize it until I was halfway through college as my parents supported my college education, the University of Wyoming was significantly less expensive than any in-state school in California that I would have gone to. In fact, it was as expensive for me to attend college out of state in Wyoming as the tuition at my catholic high school. While the expense of school is certainly a burden for many, I feel like there is a great deal of room for the UW to increase tuition while keeping it a very affordable option and meeting its mission of educating the state.

Unfortunately, I think our inexpensive tuition is also associated with being "cheap" and not indicative of the quality of education, the impressive facilities. and unique experiences one gets to have here as a student. As a volunteer, I work with the state program of a national scholarship organization that provides cash scholarships for young women who are college-bound in their senior year of high school. I'm amazed by these women who have their eyes set on colleges that are significantly more expensive even with scholarship support and have zero intention of considering the University of Wyoming as an option. They are impressed with the "discounts" they are being offered to institutions and equate the high tuition with a more quality education. These "discounts" are often significantly more than what it would be to attend college at the University of Wyoming which shows you just how expensive that

college tuition is going to be. There has to be a happier medium where we are showing the true value of school while still being an affordable option.

Lastly, I am a parent of two children. One is in kindergarten and one in daycare. I would absolutely love to see them come to the University of Wyoming, even if it is their hometown and they've been here all of their lives. Currently, I pay as much for daycare (or more!) than it would be to send them to the University of Wyoming. Granted, they live at home so I don't have to factor in room and board costs just yet, but it is a valid point that we need to ask ourselves. We are giving the key to people's futures with a degree, does tuition really need to be THIS low?

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I currently attend UW, but I have considered in the past taking a break or not being a full-time student do to cost of tuition. When I attended Casper, I was enthralled by the block placed wherein students who took more than 12 credit hours were only billed for 12. If I could still go to Casper and obtain my degree, I certainly would for that reason. If UW instilled a similar policy, I believe it would most definitely attract students to the establishment, and I would definitely remain a full-time, engaged student.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Iowa Falls, IA

COMMENTS: I would like to see the out-of-state tuition decreased. It makes the school more affordable for us, and it is easy for us to get to now because of non-stop flights to Denver from Iowa.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: My daughter will be attending UW in 4 years and I strongly support all proposed changes.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Iowa

COMMENTS: My son is currently a freshman at UW, having made his decision to attend based on recommendations by friends who are UW alums and a visit to campus over a holiday. While the distance from home is considerable, I am comfortable with his educational decision. The campus is comparable to our smallest state university and the city of Laramie is not too large as to be overwhelming for a young adult making his way for the first time. The reputation of the faculty is excellent, which was a huge draw for us as parents and for our son. The class sizes are such that they allow for adequate instructor-student interaction as well. Our son has qualified to be a Rocky Mountain scholar but the proposed tuition changes will continue to provide a high quality and affordable education in our immediate future, especially since we have a 12 year old at home whose education is still looming in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinion--GO POKES!

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, Wyoming

COMMENTS: I like the block tuition option. I think this would appeal to many potential students and help retain existing students. It will be important to stress what block tuition can mean to potential students during campus visits and in promotional materials. For instance, many high school seniors might not immediately think that block tuition can help them cut student debt, and take more interesting elective classes at the same time. This will likely need to be spelled out. One possible error in reasoning I saw in the Huron report was the idea that students that take more hours have higher GPAs, with the implicit statement being that taking more hours leads to better grades. I suspect this correlation is really just due to overachieving students that want to do well and also take a bunch of hours... I also like the idea of trying to bring in more talented out of state students by lowering out of state tuition. However, I think a strong advertisement campaign will be needed to let students in neighboring states know about the good tuition deal and the quality of life afforded by Laramie.

Finally, the University website needs quite a bit of work. It is confusing to navigate and has a lot of pages that just look bad (pixelated pictures etc.) To get more students we need to stress how sweet WY life can be and put our best foot forward. As a new employee of the University, I had no idea how nice the campus was until I got here...the website really didn't help sell the school much.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Erie, Pennsylvania

COMMENTS: My older son current attends UW. He receives the maximum Rocky Mountain Scholars, the Undergraduate Engineering Research Assistant, and Honors Program scholarships. He originally became interested in going to college in the mountain west following a summer trip. We investigated roughly 30 colleges and visited roughly 10. My son chose UW because of the location, beauty of the campus, and positive feelings he got when talking with people at UW during our visit. I was pleased with his choice due to the outstanding value UW provides. He obtained a 3.8 GPA in his first semester.

My younger son may wish to attend UW. He is not as strong a student as his older brother, although I expect his standardized test scores will be above the 50th percentile. Prior to reading this announcement regarding the proposed changes to out-of-state tuition, we had tentatively ruled out his attendance at UW due to cost.

Reducing the out of state tuition will make UW economically possible for students in the 50th to 75th percentiles as well as students above the 75th percentile. Since the vast majority of the costs at an educational institution are fixed, the proposed approach will allow those costs to be spread over a larger tuition base, slowing the growth in tuition for Wyoming resident students as well.

I support the annual 4% tuition increases. Education is expensive and costs increase. All of the colleges we are evaluating for my younger son are doing the same. UW remains an exceptional value.

I suggest UW develop ways to more effectively communicate the numerous positive attributes of UW to potential out of state students. Low cost is only the first of many positive UW attributes.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Iowa

COMMENTS: If your goal is to increase out of state student enrollment than by all means lower the out of state tuition. Speaking from personal experience, there is not a better University, granted I attended from 1989-1993, so it has been a while.

My time at UW was awesome and I wouldn't have done anything different. I also want the board to consider the current economics in the state, which currently, the economy is hopefully booming with the gas, oil and coal industries across the state along with farming & ranching and tourism.

What I would be cautious and thoughtful about if a change should be made in the near future; to not immediately change the rates and start with large tuition hikes when the cyclical economy in Wyoming changes again, as we all know it will eventually cool off.

I am sure there is a happy medium with tuition and maybe a process by which the out of state tuition is 10% above the instate tuition. I would also think that the University would also look at a more aggressive program to keep graduating students in the State of Wyoming. Maybe a path to in state tuition "a path to citizenship" to steal a line from our senators and congressman on citizenship.



I would also look at setting aside a pool of money for out of state students that could be used to supplement the cost of tuition as another idea. It doesn't have to be a large per student dollar figure but every nickel would help.

I hope you are successful in working thru this process, as over the years the University has spent millions of dollars in facility upgrades with new buildings and new programs across campus.  
Go Pokes!

P.S. Also does the University have a program where the kids of Alumni can attend college at instate rates?

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: University of Wyoming

COMMENTS: I am an out of state student and am all for lowering the costs of out of state tuition. That would be great. I've personally never understood out of state students paying more and think everyone should pay the same rates and for those overall rates to be as low as possible because the costs to attend college are ridiculous in my eyes. If costs were lower so many more teenagers and adults could better afford higher educations especially in a family like mine where parents are sending 3 or more children to college. That's so much money that we don't have at all. So to see a lower tuition would be amazing and much appreciated especially for those who will be paying off student loans on a teachers salary like myself c: I also read that you are thinking of adding more students and I think that is great as well! I hope you take my opinion and others into consideration for the upcoming school years. Best regards, Celine Lambrecht.

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COMMENTS:

To whom it may concern -

I am an undergraduate electrical engineering student support the proposed tuition Increase, as it is approximately in line with the federal estimate of annual inflation. Such tuition increases are necessary to continue providing university services.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: Please raise tuition. With cuts to funding it's probably the only way to preserve the things that make this university great.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Connecticut

COMMENTS: I think reducing out of state tuition would help attract more students to come to the university of wyoming. It would also help reduce financial strain on current students.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I strongly agree with the recommendations from Huron and believe the plan would definitely benefit the University of Wyoming. From personal experience, I have always heard that majority of in-state students go to school at UW because of the affordable tuition and the out-of-state students come to school at UW because of the affordable price as well. The out-of-state students always mention about the tuition at UW being significantly cheaper than the in-state price tag of the universities at their states. In that respect, a 4% increase in in-state tuition and a decrease of the out-of-state tuition would definitely help the grow the UW community economically.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I would be highly in favor of a lower tuition for out-of-state undergraduate students. I recruit international students for UW. Currently, our total cost for 1 year for international undergrad students is \$30,000. Ever since that figure went above \$25,000, we have seen decreasing enrollments. Also, this total price of \$25,000 per year (this includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, and health insurance) seems to be what students are willing to pay for a university such as ours when I am on the road recruiting. The one thing that really worries me is only having very limited \$1,000 scholarships for top tier students. International students really want to feel wanted, and with only one small scholarship, even though the price is less, they will not feel like we want them very much if we can't "offer" them something in their eyes. Reduced tuition alone would not accomplish that.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: York, Nebraska

COMMENTS: I would like to first begin to thank the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees for taking into consideration lowering the tuition for non-resident students. This affects me because I am a non-resident student, from York, Nebraska, who chose to come to UW. For me, a lot of variables played into my decision not to attend the University of Nebraska, which was only 45 minutes down the road. These variables that led me to shun UNL for UW included affordability, quality of education (as I am studying Wildlife and Fisheries Biology), and the campus culture. I have been fortunate to have received scholarships and have had to pay significantly less than most non-resident students to attend UW, as I have to pay for my education without assistance from my parents. However, most students are not as fortunate as I have been with receiving scholastic funding that would make deciding whether to attend UW an easier one. Speaking on behalf of Nebraska, upon closer look to the Fall 2017 Provost's, Dean's and President's List, 58 Nebraska students posted a GPA higher than a 3.4 average. In other words, although UW contains all but a fraction of Nebraska students, they have managed to lure in some of the best from our state, despite the higher cost of tuition. Through passing this proposal, I firmly believe that more students from Nebraska will give an eye to attending UW soon, with universities like UNL debating whether to increase their tuition and that more bright minds from my native state will decide to follow a path of success just as I have here in Laramie. I wouldn't trade the real-world experience and time that I have spent at the University of Wyoming for anything. If there is anything that I could do in support of this proposal, let me know. Thanks once again for your time.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: After briefly reviewing the report from Huron consulting, in particular the section on prospective student survey/elasticity, there appeared to be a clear margin between the consideration of cost compared to other scholastic factors. Although the survey focused mainly on surrounding Colorado/Nebraska out of state students, lowering out of state tuition prices has the potential to increase attractiveness to prospective students from farther away, especially given the variety of programs offered at UW. If the university's current goal is to increase student enrollment (and potentially diversity) from beyond Wyoming, lowering out-of-state tuition would make UW an increasingly competitive option for new students.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: If nonresident tuition is to be reduced, resident tuition should also. Raising resident tuition (online and offline) and lowering nonresident tuition is a slap in the face to residents and favors nonresidents. This is unacceptable from the lone university in the state.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: Quit raising the price, seriously. It's obviously this university is just a business that wants to get ahead, and doesn't care about our education. Quit making me pay more money for things that don't impact me.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Casper, WY

COMMENTS: I do NOT support another increase in tuition for in-state students. As a middle class family, we do not qualify for any type of assistance. As a UW employee, I have not gotten a raise in years to help cover the costs of increased tuition. I have one child currently attending UW on the top Hathaway scholarship and she still has astronomically high students loans. I also have a high Parent PLUS loan because you require freshman to live in dorms and have a meal plan, both of which are entirely too expensive as well. I have another child planning on attending UW in 2019, but I'm not sure if I can afford it, especially if you keep raising tuition. Is there a consideration for tuition discounts for students of UW employees?

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I do not think it would be wise to raise instate tuition due to the fact that you will lose students to other colleges. Our population is already small and raising the tuition will have instate students leaving UW. I attend UW because it is affordable and they have the program I desire. If you could decrease student fees that would be a better way in attracting more students. I don't attend all those pizza parties the fees pay for or any of those "events" listed. I'm here for higher education at an affordable price. If tuition is raised I might as well go back to Colorado and pay instate there. Maybe bring your MD program completely on campus instead of having to go to Washington for a year would potentially bring more students here. Allow more stores to come to town like a Target or something else that makes Laramie more appealing for students to attend UW. Building a parking garage for students and faculty so faculty/students do not have to fight for parking on the street or make parking lots bigger to justify buying a parking pass. CSU has parking garages for their students and staff. Raising instate tuition will not help increase student volume but will actually make students seek elsewhere for higher education.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: You are going in the wrong direction. You should be jacking up the non-resident tuition rates so that the dope smokers from down south will quit coming up here. Create a third rate that's even higher for international students. Keep the resident tuition where it is.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I would like to start off by saying that, the reason I came to the University of Wyoming was because that the tuition was affordable. Wyoming was the cheapest college to talk to me. By raising the tuition you could scare off kids, and possibly more kids will transfer because they can't afford it. Please do not raise the tuition, I like that I can afford this college, if you raise it I may not get to come back next year.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I think it is unfair to decrease out of state undergraduate tuition but raise every one else's. Decreasing undergraduate tuition won't increase enrollment. I lived in Colorado for 14 years. If it was cheaper I may have come here, but would have been reluctant to leave my state just for a bit less of a price when for most things I would see CSU or CU as more prestigious. If it was something UW had a better reputation for I would consider coming here anyway because the price is close enough to instate in Colorado.

So bu not lowering their tuition, you would be making enough money still to not have to raise every one else's tuition.

If you lowered out of state undergraduate tuition, you would have to raise everyone elses to make up for the deficit since enrollment would not increase enough the school would be making more money. You should not lose a money making point (out of state undergraduates) when you are already laying off tons of employees and are unable to rehire for empty positions.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes

DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I think upping tuition for in state and lowering it for out of state students is easily the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard. I'm currently a senior at UW and my younger sister plans on continuing her studies here. You'd think the university would try and look after Wyoming residents first and gain their business and not raise tuition to drive in state students to go elsewhere for school. Also, tuition was already recently raised to build that stupid locker room for football players when the university already has a 5 level gym. I think the university spends a ridiculous amount of money and labor on unnecessary things. Just yesterday on 1/23, I saw a university maintenance worker plowing the snow off the grass. That's a waste of labor and in the end a waste of money. Leave the snow and let it water the grass so you don't have to spend so much on water in the summer. I think the university would benefit from actually listening to professors teach about financials and maybe take a note or two. In the long run, the staff is decent but the prices for tuition are outrageous because it's spent on useless construction. The university should spend money on increasing custodial staff to make sure the facilities are clean and less money on a pointless locker room that only benefits a select number of students. I would highly encourage the board to consider other aspects to use extra money from tuition other than on athletics that aren't that great.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I feel like the University is now trying to alienate Wyoming Residents from attending UW. I know that, personally, if I did not need 12 credits to graduate I would drop out and attend college elsewhere since it seems like I do not matter to the University as a resident of Wyoming. I was planning on applying to grad school through UW however since I am not important to UW as a resident of Wyoming I am going to apply elsewhere now so thank you UW for pushing me to my decision of finding an education elsewhere.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: We used to have level tuition for hours over the "full" load of 12 credit hours per semester. When I was on the Faculty Senate Budget Planning Committee, we looked at ways to increase the four-year graduation rate, and we determined that allowing students to register for "extra" courses had a negative impact because students were registering for extra courses and then dropping some at mid-

semester. This pattern made it more difficult for other students who needed those courses to register for them, so it took them longer to graduate. It also affected revenues because the "overload" students weren't paying for courses where other students would have been paying for them as part of their regular course load.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : No  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: Balance is what I hope the university will achieve if increasing tuition is what is necessary fine. However I am not a fan of it. My department lost half of its instructors. I was going to have to switch majors in the second half of my junior year so i could actually graduate on time without waiting for someone to be hired. 2 people are allowed to be hired finally, but this does not provide my department with a diverse knowledge base to learn from. The opportunity for history classes not involving or crosslisted with religion is pretty dismal. There was a mass exodus from the University of Wyoming and yet tuition still increases. Every year tuition goes up, most students pay for tuition by working during school, on and off of campus. We also have to spend hundreds of dollars on books. This semester, I have refused to buy from the Bookstore because of the vast number of books I need, and the prices that are available elsewhere. Sometimes even free in PDF format online. Universities, in general, are no longer a place that fosters knowledge and opportunity. They are a government business venture, and it is obvious. But what can we do, if we do not go to university and take on mass amounts of debt, we can not reach the demanded level of education to be competitive in the workplace, and a Bachelors is simply a basic level degree now. I am fortunate enough to benefit from military education benefits like the post 9/11 G.I. Bill so I do not have to take on as much struggle to pay my fees to the university. I have gone without eating, electricity, and foregone buying some books which consequently hurt my grade, but I had to do it to pass and continue attending classes. The amount of money being spent on things like a new veterans center and new buildings seems unwise. There are plenty of rooms that can be repurposed, and a parking garage would go a long way to create peace with the community that surrounds campus and students from getting tickets. If my tuition goes to that, okay. But at this point, i have absolutely no idea where my tuition is going, and why it keeps increasing when the staff of the university keeps disappearing. It seems like the university wants more money to do more with i.e. build new buildings, buy property, increase student numbers. I see an influx of students, a community that is becoming less and less understanding of students taking parking spots outside their homes, parking in intersections, blocking sidewalks. Increase in tuition and an increase in the student base is a lot of money and it does not seem to be spent on the students. Like I said, my department is a skeleton crew, professors are being run dry, and students are losing opportunities because of that. Earlier I mentioned balance and that still applies. Is the university trying to look good to recruit more and more students, is that the goal? because once they get here, they will be disappointed. my book cost was nearly \$1000 this semester. Having pay \$2500 a semester to take a class that I have to spend \$300 to even do my homework and learn makes this university seem more and more like every other one in the country that is turing into a machine that takes money and spits out students that really are not a whole lot smarter than when they went in. Only truly determined students stand out, and they usually accomplish that on their own outside of class. This has been what I have seen. I do not want tuition to keep going up so that the quality of the school can keep going down.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: casper

COMMENTS: I feel that the proposed tuition policy is not a good advantage for instate students. It slowly raises the prices to attend the University while increasing the number of students on campus. I feel that instate tuition students should not have to see an increase in their tuition if the university is going to lower out of state tuition.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I worry that reducing out-of-state tuition sends the message that UW is cheap. UW already has the 6th lowest in non-resident tuition for public, research doctoral institutions. Further, I have projected the dollar losses and I believe that we couldn't afford the hit to tuition revenue. I think a gradual lowering of non-resident tuition makes more sense so that UW can slowly build its student population while mitigating dollar losses with new students. In the attached materials, I don't see the detail on non-resident tuition.

I don't have a huge opinion on block rate tuition, but it would seem UW would have to raise tuition rates more to make up for the loss since the 13-18 credit hour revenue would be lost. When UW went to per credit hour tuition, there was a big study and a committee that considered the reasons and ramifications. Are people looking at this study?

As far as depending on Huron consulting, they don't have to pay the consequences for making a bad decision that affects public perception and the bottom line because they will be gone. Additionally, being higher priced with a higher scholarships seems like it would be more prestigious to students.

Thank you for providing a forum to provide comments.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : No  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Wyoming

COMMENTS: I have a 12th grader and an 8th grader. Currently several surrounding states offer prices at their schools that match the pricing for Wyoming students to attend their universities. If it costs me



more to send my child to University of Wyoming than a University from a surrounding school, then the surrounding school is it. I'm not the only one who can do that math very quickly. And yes, they offer scholarships that match/beat Hathaway. Stop listening to the overpaid consultants and start listening to the Wyoming residents.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : No  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: On campus

COMMENTS: The reason that UW is so great is because it is marketed towards Wyoming students. The reason that many people stay in state is because it is cheaper and still a good education. Students from Wyoming go here because they don't want to take out loans. Raising tuition will lessen the number of Wyoming students, because community college will be much cheaper for them. Raising tuition will in no way gain more students. By raising tuition, you will alienate those in Wyoming, both students and parents, which will lead to falling popularity and approval from the community. Please don't raise tuition. This may seem like a small increase, but this doesn't take into account housing, food, transportation, or books. 4% might not seem like all that much to you, but to a college student it can be the difference between eating everyday and not. Thank you for your time.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Sheridan Wyoming

COMMENTS: Please do not raise tuition. Its hard enough to pay as it is and this is the cheapest option.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Casper, WY

COMMENTS: I have read the report recommending the decrease in tuition for out of state students and I understand the thought process behind decreasing that tuition and (hopefully) increasing enrollment. However, by simultaneously increasing tuition for Wyoming residents, it appears to me the University of Wyoming is more interested in filling classroom seats and dormitories with the higher dollar value students than it is in educating the children of the people who work hard to make our communities and our state a wonderful place to live. I understand the University has to be fiscally responsible. It seems to me the University is attempting to be fiscally responsible at the expense of Wyoming's citizens.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : No

DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I understand the need to increase enrollment in order to make money in the long run. I feel, however, that increasing in-state tuition while following Huron's suggestion on decreasing out of state tuition is a slap to the face of all residents of Wyoming. This slap in the face is particularly harmful coming from a land grant institution. I understand money is important, but lets not lose sight on the purpose of the institution and which state's taxes attribute more to the appropriations the University receives. If you are going to increase, increase across the board in a fair manner keeping in mind you are a land grand institution of Wyoming. If you are going to decrease, decrease across the board. Either make money by increasing enrollment of out of state, or make money by increasing tuition of everyone.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: It is a mistake to raise tuition for locals, and lower it for out of state people. If you want to drop local attendance, this is the fastest way to do it. UW seems to be getting more and more out of touch with reality and obsessed with becoming more like CSU. If we wanted CSU, we'd move to Fort Collins.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Cheyenne Wyoming

COMMENTS: It looks like the report is pointing more towards a dissemination of knowledge about our already incredible pricing for the education received. It also points to the fact that the University of Wyoming and the community need support in regards to services and activities geared to the students that are attending.

Location as stated in the report is a very big factor. Decreasing the Out of State Tuition is not going to resolve the issue of location.They still won't come because the location is still almost as big a factor in their decision as the tuition.

In State students should not have to cover the cost of the Universities decisions to entice out of state tuition students to this location. The parents and students local to Wyoming come to to this location because of loyalty and the low tuition that is granted because our "UNIQUE" status of being Wyoming Residents. We have paid taxes and committed our resources to this state. Maybe if you look at the the

true residents of Wyoming in regards to granting the lowest tuition rates may be a factor. Some students have been residents for years and others for only a few months.

If we have capacity for more students, even with two resident facilities scheduled for destruction. Then we should look using a portion of the funds for capital construction to be used to advertised the quality and cost effective nature of UW to fill those facilities once constructed. We can't even keep the maintenance up on the facilities we currently have a UW.

I am a WYOMING native and UW Alumni. We are a small state but we always take care our family first. We are gracious and giving to others but we don't need to further burden ourselves to appease a group of people that don't already know the value that they are getting. Educate them on that value and make their time here as pleasant as possible. There stay here is temporary our students and their families are here a lifetime.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Illinois

COMMENTS: Tuition is too high for non-resident students, especially compared to in-state resident tuition. It seems like out of state students fund in state student tuition. That is unfair and not going to help with your goal to increase future enrollment.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: The proposal to drop out-of-state tuition to \$9500 seems counter intuitive. The evidence indicates that our sticker price is affecting the students who consider UW (not the actual price). Shouldn't we then focus on lowering the sticker price (and keeping the actual price up)? Instead we have lowered the actual price (average net price). Why not lower the sticker price from \$15,480 to \$13,000? Doesn't this make us more attractive?

Instead, we are proposing to lower the out-of-state price below the current average net price of \$10,600. This seems strange. If we assume 2000 out of state students at UW (currently), this will result in a loss of \$2.2 million in revenue. It will require an additional increase of 232 out-of-state students next year (over 10%). Is this possible?

In addition, the tuition prices on slide 66 seem a little off. A web search indicates that in-state tuition at CSU is \$11,362 (and not the \$9151 value on the slide). Thus, our current average net price is already below this value. Is this a sticker price we should be aiming for? In state tuition at CU Boulder is also

\$12,800 (for A&S) and \$15,400 (for Engineering). Why are these numbers not on the slide? It seems that maybe the comparison data was intentionally picked to make UW look more expensive.

I am not supportive of block tuition pricing. I have experience with this at a previous university. This approach does not (as stated in the presentation) encourage students to take more classes and graduate quicker. Instead it results in the students viewing classes as “free”. If the class is “free,” then if I don’t start off well, I can always drop it and take it later. If the students are paying for each and every class, it encourages better consumer behavior, i.e., I paid for this, I should try to do well. Actually paying for a course encourages more rapid graduation. Paying for each course results in success since there are then fewer failures and the subsequent course repeat (and delay in graduation).

This approach will also take available classroom and laboratory seats away from other students needing those spots. It will also result in ineffective use of resources. The university will have to add sections to meet the additional demand. Later, when these students drop the extra course, each of the sections will now have fewer students (less than the capacity). In this way, we may be offering four under capacity sessions instead of three at capacity sessions. Now, we paid someone extra or put an extra burden on an already overextended faculty to teach a section that wasn’t required.

The statement that “Students who take more credits per term typically achieve a higher GPA” may perhaps be stated backwards. Perhaps it should read “Students who have higher GPAs typically take more credits per semester.” The percent of students that can exceed at 18 credits per semester vice the standard 15 credits per semester is low.

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DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: It appears to be beneficial to everyone except in-state residents who are attending, which is sub-optimal. By raising in-state tuition, Wyoming students have bestowed upon them further difficulty in securing adequate scholarships and/or paying off student loans. Lowering non-resident tuition for the purpose of attracting interstate and international talent is commendable, but certainly not at the expense of residents. Perhaps an increase of lesser magnitude for in-state tuition, coupled with a slightly smaller decrease in out-of-state tuition would accomplish the same financial objectives without placing more of a burden on Wyoming residential students. Also, there is undoubtedly some superfluous spending of which the school could rid itself; not to be irreverent, but there seems to be some administration and faculty whose work is not only not worth their obscene compensation, but is in fact a net negative on the student body and on society at large. But that is the inevitable consequence of operating a university as if its primary virtue is that of a capital accruing business, instead of an institution that instills knowledge and wisdom into the future leaders of our nation and the world; but that obviously pales in comparison to the proclivity for administration and shoddy professors excelling only in breathing mediocrity into an entire cohort of bright young minds as they rob them of future earnings and collect ungodly paychecks. Why would anyone take on the noble responsibility of educating a people when instead they could burgle said people and live comfortably themselves at the expense of the future? So, please try your hardest not to raise tuition.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Casper Wy

COMMENTS: Continuing, current students should not be burdened with an increase in tuition. They should have a grace period which allows them to finish their undergraduate degree.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: The proposal to increase the tuition of both resident and nonresident, is unacceptable as far as the in-state increases. The mere fact that a resident tuition increase is even being consider is unprincipled given the land grant status of this institution, and defies the current economic trend burdening the residents of this state. Considering the past reductions to what is already a pitiful extension program makes for a tract record of governance that I would be ashamed to be a part of, let alone try to defend to the people of this state!

To even consider an in-state increase is devious and a down right slap in the face to our residents. It goes to show how this intuition is more a private organization and is undermining those residents who struggle to get an education.

Maybe it is time that the people of this state press the legislature to really consider awarding a 4-year program to other institutions and divvy up the land grant funding currently being monopolized and ill managed by this institution!

I think it is time we all started speaking up for those in the state, and I plan to be heard.

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DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I do not think the tuition reductions are a good idea. We already have very low tuition rates at UW. Rather than lowering tuition rates, I suggest that we engage in a better marketing campaign to communicate our incredibly low rates to students across the U.S. With a limited amount of research we could identify states that are good markets to recruit additional students. There are many

students in some states that have no in-state options cheaper than attending UW. Engaging these potential students has the possibility to increase the number of students are much higher revenues. We should not lower tuition but do a better job of getting the word out to potential students. To lower tuition rates would put educating out of state students more on the back of the State of Wyoming. My position is to hold rates steady for online and on campus students. Increased attendance comes at a cost of more faculty and staff to provide classes and necessary services. Let's not limit our ability to acquire the needed faculty and staff needed to service new students by cutting tuition.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Clearmont, WY

COMMENTS: The price of tuition is already high for students to attend. Honestly, I received my undergrad degree outside of Wyoming because it was more affordable and I never regretted my decision. I was able to graduate without student loans and all of my junior college credits transferred. A lifetime Wyoming resident had to go to Montana to afford college - how depressing is that.

Online courses are particularly high since there is no need for a heated and lighted building. I chose UW because of its affordability and it offered the program that I wanted. However, with the continual increases that are being proposed, I may be looking elsewhere.

Cuts could be made in other areas - maybe the coaches could be paid less? How about limiting the number of administrative assistants that are employed? What if the president takes less money? These are all options that could allow UW to maintain its current tuition rates - without an increase.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: As a parent of two President's Honor Roll University of Wyoming students, I am dismayed to see that the trustees would consider a tuition raise for in-state students, while offering substantial--by my estimation \$4000 tuition reduction--for out of state students. Should not our in-state Wyoming residents come first? Are we not a Land Grant University, committed to serving the needs of our in-state resident students before our need to increase enrollment by offering reductions to out of state students? My children were not awarded a full Hathaway, even though they were 4.0 graduates of Laramie High School, because they missed the ACT cut off by ONE POINT. They were both offered scholarships to top schools such as Bowdoin and Berklee College of Music -- however they elected to come to UW instead. And you reward the accomplishments of these two students who continue to perform at the 4.0 level by increasing tuition, while reducing tuition for those wishing to enroll from out of state. In my mind, efforts should be made to increase enrollment for our in-state resident students --

that is the lifeblood of our great state of Wyoming, and what that original mission of a land-grant institution states should be first and foremost.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I oppose the proposed changes to non-resident tuition for the following reasons;

1. Decreases the power of merit based scholarships. In the Admissions Office, we often hear stories from students and families about how our scholarships did not compete with those they were receiving elsewhere. Students and families are proud to share their awards to friends and family. When they only receive \$3,000 or \$6,000 dollars, it simply does not carry the same weight as a larger award from a competing institution. While we know that by "doing the math" the student actually will pay less at UW, it's the monetary amount that is tied to their hard work in high school that they are most proud of.
2. Cheap. If you ask institutional marketing what key phrases individuals are searching when they discover UW, it is often "cheap business schools" "cheap online universities". This is another battle we fight within the Admissions Office. Cheap does not decrease value. However, in a price sensitive economy, lessening tuition rates does not look favorably for a high quality education. We want to be seen as affordable, accessible. This can be attained by better streamlining scholarship awarding and distribution.

I oppose the increases to in-state tuition for the following reasons:

1. 25%. The state of Wyoming only sees 25% of its college-going, high school population attend UW, partially due to a lack of financial literacy at the high school level. Often I meet with families who do not send their students to UW because they have not "saved" enough and will not take out loans. Increasing tuition will not assist with this problem. To often we hear the phrase "UW is so much more expensive".
2. Weakens the strength of Hathaway. If tuition increases and Hathaway stays the same, it does not provide the accessibility that the program was designed for. Additionally, as community colleges continue to offer additional incentives on top of Hathaway for qualified students, it will become increasingly more difficult to attract Wyoming resident students directly to UW.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie Wyoming

COMMENTS: I understand the recommendations quite well and the thought behind lowering the tuition for out-of-state students. There is a need to increase enrollment outside the state of Wyoming. I have concern about lowering undergraduate tuition for out-of-state students while increasing in-state. As a parent of a current UW freshman, it gives the feeling that we are subsidizing the non-residents. It's hard

to see an increase at all when non-residents will be seeing a huge decrease. 4% isn't a lot, but with the new program fees, it starts adding up. It's not just a concern for my personal bottom line, but the perception too all families in the state of Wyoming.

I would rather see a smaller decrease for non-residents and no increase to Wyoming residents. In subsequent years I could see Wyoming students getting tuition increases that are different from non-resident just so that non-resident tuition doesn't increase exponentially compared to in-state.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: It would be nice to see the University bring in more out of state students as I am in favor of the University's efforts to continue to grow. However, we should never lose site of the fact that the University of Wyoming should primarily be serving the people of this great state. Raising tuition on the individuals that have lived and grown up in this great state for the purpose of off setting the lowering of tuition for out of state students is morally wrong. It sends a message that growth is more important than the very students who the University is here to primarily serve.

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DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: I do not agree with raising in-state tuition while lowering out-of-state tuition because It appears that your data and the use of statistics to justify in-state tuition increase of 4% could be better focused on how to attract out-of-state students with more appealing curricula vice lowering tuition. If the administration is looking to boost out-of-state registrations by lowering tuition costs it should expect only marginal impact as the students that are targeted from Colorado and Nebraska have a variety of highly regarded baccalaureate producing institutions that are much more attractive at in-state tuition rates already available to your targeted population. Instead, we should ask our administration to study the various curricula that have unacceptably low registration rates and those courses that appear unappealing to larger populations like "Latin" and "global studies" as example. These courses are very expensive and the costs per student are exorbitant and could be applied better in other more appealing courses to those targeted out of state prospects--give the funds to successful departments and courses that naturally recruit larger populations. Further, ENDOW has just determined that the Governor's recently signed Executive Order that provides Wyoming's colleges and one university the goal of achieving 67% of Wyoming adults to have earned a professional certification or degree by 2025 as very difficult to achieve (Director, Community Colleges) and yet UW is seeking to recruit out-of-state students who will most probably leave the state upon graduation, by lowering their tuition instead of focusing on an in-state recruitment program whose graduates' probability of remaining in Wyoming to work is higher and would support achieving the Governor's 67% goal. I recommend we focus on lowering in-



state tuition, provide more grants/scholarships to recruit more Wyoming students from our high schools and great community colleges that will stay here after graduation to work and grow Wyoming into a highly competitive state. Apply some business principles when planning the University's strategic vision and goals and improving its bottom-line. UW is a great university that can and will compete well if given the chance-recruit more Wyoming students by offering lower tuition, and more merit scholarships to reduce the impact of Colorado and Nebraska offering our students substantial merit scholarships including providing matching Hathaway scholarship funds to our kids if they leave our state for their college education. Thank you for listening.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : No  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I have a couple of concerns about the tuition adjustments so I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the process. I know it is lengthy, but I hope my comments are taken into consideration.

As a resident, I'm certain that many Wyoming parents will not be happy to see a 4% increase in our University, while those out of state will be seeing a significant (+30%) reduction. I recognize the intent and eventual "pay-off", but it really does seem to be putting the burden on residents in order to make it happen (rob Peter to pay Paul). The residents generally have no concern about catering to non-residents, and will certainly feel slighted by the lopsided change in tuition. Support within the state will not be forthcoming, especially when program fees are already being added to the bill. I am concerned we will lose many residents who will opt to pay more out of state somewhere else out of frustration with UW. A possible alternative might be to not lower out of state tuition quite as much and leave in state tuition as is for at least the first year, maybe two, and re-evaluate if an increase is necessary.

Another concern I have is what will happen to our student averages. Our focus seems to be shifting from getting quality students to getting a lot of students. With the effort to increase enrollment, are we losing focus of that? We currently award high-achieving students with Rocky Mountain and WUE, but replacing those with reduced tuition overall, we will attract all student types. Our average GPA and test scores will likely drop some.

We have done block tuition in the past and one problem with that was classes that ended up with 2 or 3 students. Students would load up with 18 credit hours and just drop classes they didn't want. Perhaps a tiered approach may be in order, where the cost per credit is the same 1-12, but 12-18 credits decrease in amount with each additional credit. CSU does something like this:

[http://financialaid.colostate.edu/media/sites/38/2015/04/Undergraduate\\_Colorado\\_Resident\\_Base\\_Tuition\\_and\\_Fees.pdf](http://financialaid.colostate.edu/media/sites/38/2015/04/Undergraduate_Colorado_Resident_Base_Tuition_and_Fees.pdf)

UW has a lot to offer. We have STEM research taking place that is cutting edge and contributing to solving modern problems (self-mending fabrics, photo-voltaic enhancements, spider-silk). Our Elementary Education program is ranked in the top ten nationwide, in the ranks of places like Purdue. We have faculty that are published in prestigious periodicals (including National Geographic) and many

are highly respected in their fields. We have alumni who have gone on to achieve greatness (athletes, astronauts, movie makers, vice president, and many many more).

We do need to be mindful about ensuring we have the room and the faculty to teach these students that are sure to come. I have heard from a few that our growing pains are a big concern already, so I am hopeful problems can be minimized.

I think we can lower tuition for our out of state students, and I think we should. If we do, I suspect we will see an increase in enrollment. I believe that we need to strike a balance and promote ourselves as so much more than just a cheap university. My suggestion is the following:

- leave the resident rate the same for two years, then reevaluate
- lower the non-resident rate to \$10,500
- use a tiered cost per credit for 12-18 credits
- promote UW as a high-quality institution focusing on our current and past accomplishments

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. I love the University of Wyoming and I want to see it become the best institution in the region.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Crowheart, WY

COMMENTS: Raising in state and lowering out of state tuition is unreasonable. UW already pulls in out of staters with their reasonable out of state tuition. Leave out of state as it is and lower in state tuition, if not lower in state, then leave it as is.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: Raise tuition for out of state students but not in state residents.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie

COMMENTS: Over and over, students highlight one of the main reasons they attend the University of Wyoming is for its affordable cost. It's one of the reasons I am a student at the University presently, and plan to continue out my four years here. This, however, I see as a promise of the University rather than a

promise of myself. I can assure you that any compromise on that reason will greatly affect my satisfaction with the education and experience I have and may put into concern if the University is truly the best fit for me. The rising cost of tuition at a nationwide scale is scary not only to the institutions that raise them, but especially the students that attend college currently or plan on attending college soon. This concern is only heightened when taken into consideration of the fact that many, including myself, pay for their own education, or rely on assistance from the schools they attend. I strongly advise you look into the repercussions of raising in-state tuition, and the new reality that it may cause for students both currently enrolled, and those who may be interested. As an in-state student, hearing that an increase of tuition is being considered at the same time an out-of-state decrease is being considered does not make me feel strongly of the fact that my home state wants me to stay for my education. Both in my hometown and where I currently sit I am a short drive from states who's educational institutions were once beyond my financial limitations. I ask you to consider these changes that may make them look more economical, and may force me to look beyond the state and school I have learned to cherish.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Wyoming

COMMENTS: I do NOT think in state tuition should be increased; nor do I think out of state tuition should be decrease. I spend some time with college students, both Wyoming and non Wyoming residents who attend UW. Many of the out of state students, and even out of country students, say the reason they chose UW is because of the cheap tuition. They tell me they pay less here then they would in their state of residence at a local institution. I think the out of state tuition should be raised, and even in doing this many out of state students will come.

According to the Wyoming state constitution, 97-7-016.

The university shall be equally open to students of both sexes, irrespective of race or color; and, in order that the instruction furnished may be as nearly free as possible, any amount in addition to the income from its grants of lands and other sources above mentioned, necessary to its support and maintenance in a condition of full efficiency shall be raised by taxation or otherwise, under provisions of the legislature.

So I think out of state tuition should be raised (definitely NOT lowered) before instate tuition is ever raised. The study (which was out sourced to CO, instead of being done by a WY based company) states , "Declining growth in college going students in the region will only exacerbate enrollment competitive pressures for Wyoming as it competes for desirable students within neighboring states and at home." So why would you increase the cost to "home" students, this will only decrease the desirability and even affordability for students from WY to attend UW.

In short, I do not support the idea of discriminating against Wyoming residents and favoring out of state students.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes

DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Lander

COMMENTS: I do not think UW should raise the tuition until it raises the level of education it provides. Although a 4% increase is not drastic, it's hard to validate a tuition increase when there is visible waste of funding at UW. I'm speaking specifically of new facilities, expensive equipment purchase, and overpayment of numerous professors on campus.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: In general, I understand and support the need for tuition increases. As a long-time admissions committee member for the College of Law, I am concerned that an additional increase, particularly for non-resident law students, will hinder our ability to be competitive. Our facilities are sub-par compared to other law schools, and we market our low cost to stay competitive. I fear we will lose this edge with increased tuition.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : No  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I strongly urge the Board of Trustees to find some other method of reaching their goals for the upcoming academic year than raising tuition for in-state students, and am opposed to the proposed increases. I understand that the University is facing challenges in order to remain financially solvent and that it hopes to offset some of the financial burden by attracting more students and adjusting tuition costs, but with the recent restructuring of student fees, does the Board really think that it is best serving the needs of it's WY resident students by requiring them to pay even more, yet again? I do not believe that these proposed tuition increases for in-state students will positively benefit resident students and their families by making a quality university-level education more attainable or accessible. With the current financial and economic climate in the state, I believe that these proposed cost increases will have the opposite effect and price even more prospective students out of attending UW.

It is unfortunate that the Board and the institutional segments of the University feel the need to disguise their financial motives behind the recommendations of an external consulting firm (and if money is such a concern, why is the University spending so much on consulting right now anyway?) And it also seems a shame that the University should privilege prospective out of state students over local students in this

way, simply because they bring in more money and represent dollar signs. While important, the financial bottom line and corporate-style profit margins should not receive disproportionate privilege over other factors of consideration. What of the intangible cost of decisions like this to people and human capital, that won't show up on any quarterly report or financial analysis? What of the potential damage to the University's relationship with the WY populace and it's potential student base? Furthermore, does the University actually believe that by raising tuition costs for resident students, while slashing costs for non-residents, it will positively contribute to its (and the legislature's) stated goal of retaining more UW graduates in the state workforce as economic contributors after they leave school? Finally, what of the University's obligation to serve the state, and it's population, to the best of it's ability? I am unconvinced that this proposed tuition adjustment actually accomplishes any such beneficial service in a meaningful or substantive way, but if I am misinformed about that I would like to be convinced otherwise.

Thank you very much for your time.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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#### COMMENTS:

President Nichols:

My son, [REDACTED], and I met you at the Iowa mixer before the Iowa-Wyo football game last fall. We enjoyed the time you took out of your pressing event to speak to us, as if we were the only people at the function. You have a phenomenal skill in accomplishing that style of communication.

My oldest daughter, alum class of 93, sent me a clipping from the Boomerang saying that a consulting firm recommended lowering the out of state tuition to get more students.

As an executive in a hotel management company, the last thing we ever want to do is lower rates because raising them during good times is always difficult.

My differing approach I believe falls directly within the core culture and attitude of Wyoming people. We are all proud of our state, University and populace as being unique and a special people and place that has values not necessarily appreciated by the masses. And I think cheapening the value of the product by reducing the already low tuition isn't an appropriate solution.

My suggestion, taking a play out of the SEC playbook, is to create an automatic scholarship opportunity for the students who have great ACT scores, but are not getting offered scholarships in states like IL, where the state is broke and only gives scholarships to diversity students and supposedly lower income families.

My program: (no pride of authorship)

**Cowboys Outside the Corral** would offer applicants a 1/3 deduction in out of state tuition (not a lowered tuition for all, but for the type of student Wyo wants to attract) if they have a 25 or higher ACT score. Forgive me if I don't know the conversion to the SAT which I believe is being used more

frequently now. A 2/3 deduction for students with a 29 or higher and a full academic scholarship to out of state students with a 32 or higher.

My daughter, who almost attended UW, is a senior at the Univ of Illinois. I am paying \$18,000 in in-state-tuition. She got a 30 on her ACT and could have gone to LSU, her Mother's school, for \$8,000 with the 2/3 scholarship based on \$24,000 in out of state. Over 11% of the student body at LSU is from states like IL and WI and those students all are showing up with 27 ACT scores and above. All of the SEC schools have programs similar and with a 33 the full tuition is waived and includes free room and board; so it is akin to an full-ride athletic scholarship. This was the SEC methodology of getting students from states with more superior public education to populate their state since most alums settle down in an area where they attended college. My daughter went to IL because they have the number 1 or 2 Advertising program in the US for the past 25 years. My wife was trying to talk [REDACTED] away from Wyo because she thought with such low tuition the business school education wasn't competitive until she saw where Wyo's business school is ranked in the top 30 in the US. Now she is all for Wyo.

I have tried to keep this email short and would be happy to discuss this approach in more depth; but it isn't so unique that it requires more than what is included herein. To me it is a mistake to lower the tuition from the school that already is listed as the '#1 best college education for the money' by diminishing its value by lowering it more to attract what type of students in terms of their preparation for college? Competing against yourself for lowered tuition seems to be less than appropriate to an educational opportunity that I think stands up to anyone in the nation in quality and execution.

Just couldn't keep my thoughts to myself. I hope that this is something that others have presented as an alternative, and if not, I feel better taking the time to share my thoughts.

May 2018 bring you and your family health, joy, peace and satisfaction. Have a bountiful 2018 and continue to do the excellent work you are doing for my alma mater.

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, Wyoming

COMMENTS: My comments solely address the Huron recommendations.

1. Reducing out-of-state tuition will almost always increase enrollment. But what is the goal of increased enrollment? I am not aware that increasing enrollment increases the quality of the education received - more typically, the opposite occurs. So the goal of increased enrollment must be to increase revenue. That is an appropriate goal but reducing tuition will only accomplish that goal IF increased enrollment can be absorbed entirely by the current capacity, i.e., for the current cost (or in a more sophisticated manner, considering the marginal costs of each new student versus the marginal revenue). That is a false assumption. For example, while I personally can accommodate as many students as enroll in my lecture courses in chemical engineering (I used to teach classes of 150+ at the University of Toronto and my largest class at UW has been only around 70 so I am happy to take plenty more students), I cannot accommodate even one more student in my chemical engineering laboratory courses without opening a third section (the laboratory size, safety considerations, and educational considerations force me to keep the lab sections at 20 students each - this semester I had to squeeze a 21st student into one of the current two sections). Opening a third section does not bother me, but it

will cost my department head real money as he tries to figure out how to staff it because I am already teaching 5 courses a year.

Short recommendation: Don't decrease out of state tuition! Instead, increase our marketing to show the value added to out-of-state students by attending UW at the current tuition (which is highly competitive - Huron has not correctly done its homework on Colorado in-state tuition).

2. Block tuition? Really? I started at UW in 2005, about a year or so after UW got rid of block tuition. Block tuition will decrease revenue - why would we do that? To increase enrollment? See my comments about enrollment above. Why would a conservative state like Wyoming want to consider a socialist proposal to give away 6 credit hours (going from 12 to 18) to anybody who wants it? Folks should pay for the products they receive and paying for each credit hour is fair and appropriate. This proposal just makes no financial sense.

Short recommendation: Keep per credit hour tuition - don't go to block tuition.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : No  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Wyoming

COMMENTS: The board of trustees has prioritized their goal "increased enrollment", but I fear that this goal will harm the overall quality and overall desirability of the University of Wyoming. I understand Alumni from UW consistently say that the "small world" environment of UW was critical in giving them a competitive edge in the labor force.

In addition, I would respectfully disagree with Huron consulting in stating that UW does not have the capacity for greater enrollment. As the parent of students currently attending UW, I have been made aware of several issues that indicate that UW is already over capacity. For example, bathroom sinks go unrepaired for the duration of entire semesters, computers and other technology that are supposed to be available to all students are almost always unavailable, departments lack the faculty to be able to offer degree-required courses every semester, and undergraduate research budgets are maxed out and unable to accommodate new students. These things at the very least suggest that UW needs to attend to improving what it currently has, rather than reaching out to recruit an increasing number of students. The proposition that has grown out of this desire for increased enrollment, namely to increase in-state tuition while decreasing out-of-state tuition, should be abhorrent to any Wyomingite. The Board of Trustees needs to remember that its legislative duty to the citizens of Wyoming is to keep education at the University "as nearly free as possible," as defined clearly in the Wyoming constitution.

The board of trustees does not need to lower out-of-state tuition in general. Wyoming's out-of-state "net cost" found by Huron is still below most competitor's in-state costs. Furthermore, UW offers a higher quality education than its competitors. The issue turning away out-of-state students is the lack of transparency in cost. UW marketing materials list the "estimated total cost" of education at UW, but lack the details on cost per credit hour, actual student fees, and the real costs of rooms and meal plans. Even the current admissions website, where prospective students would likely go for more information,

lacks these details. In addition, the actual amounts that programs like Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) and Rocky Mountain Scholars award would offset the actual tuition and fees (thus creating the "net cost" figure) are also hidden.

I sincerely hope that the board of trustees declines this unconstitutional proposal to increase enrollment by decreasing out-of-state tuition while increasing in-state tuition.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, Wyoming

COMMENTS: I am a taxpayer and full-time student at the University of Wyoming. The last few years have been financially devastating to the University and the Laramie community. The economic downturn in Wyoming and actions by the legislature and the University administration have resulted in a gutting of the faculty and staff, which is deeply felt by students as we observe the negative effects on programs and departments. Based on the current economic climate and the cuts already suffered by UW, I strongly object to the proposals under consideration: raising tuition for Wyoming resident students, reducing tuition for non-resident students, and implementing a block tuition schedule.

I understand the rationale behind these proposals; however, to reduce any tuition, especially for non-resident students, at a time when funds have already been cut, seems imprudent. To do so while increasing tuition for in-state students is insulting. Furthermore, the block tuition program penalizes those of us who have worked hard to fund our own educations and demands that a 12-credit hour student subsidize other students by essentially providing them with free classes. I am a non-traditional student taking 12 credit hours per semester. I work hard at my studies and maintain a very high GPA. Please do not implement the block tuition program, nor raise tuition for in-state students unless you raise tuition for ALL students.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Big Horn Wyoming

COMMENTS: I'm looking forward to hearing the results of this adjustment if approved. My exceptions would be if the data doesn't come to fruition that we change back to charging higher tuition to out of state students.

I'm also relieved to read that the instate online tuition is remaining the same.

I am hoping that there is some direction to promote the University to the local Jr Colleges to offer more BA degrees without the distance to Laramie. Perhaps a University of Wyoming Sheridan Campus.



Thank you.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE : Yes

## Additional Comments Received After the February 12 Public Comment Deadline

WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I think lowering out-of-state is a good idea. I would like to see in-state tuition lowered to the same amount. Also per-hour charges are too high. We could get lots more students and grow and get money that way. Our courses are excellent.

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : No  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : Yes

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WHAT IS YOUR LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: Laramie, WY

COMMENTS: I'm personally graduating from UW this May, and I wish changes that Huron proposed were implemented when I transferred to the UW from community college. I always take more than 12 credits per semester, and never dropped a class, but paying for each credit was very expensive for me while being an International Student. Glad that following students may be using such changes for their benefit since I did my best to take a full advantage of such great deal at Central Wyoming College. Having lower tuition for out of state is a great proposal too, and hoping to see such changes in near future, even though I won't be using it myself. Thanks!

DO YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND UW OR HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING UW : Yes  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY POTENTIALLY ATTEND UW IN THE NEAR FUTURE : No

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Comment:

Good afternoon President Nichols, or her designee,  
I am a parent of a senior student in the engineering school. I am writing to share a concern about the proposed tuition changes. (There may have been a window of opportunity to participate in an online forum last month, but I was dealing with a family emergency in Arizona and missed it.)

It's my understanding that the resident students' tuition will be increased to offset the non-resident students' tuition reduction. My opinion is that it would be unfair to burden the current resident students who were admitted as freshman this year, or in years past, with a tuition hike that they were not aware of when they chose UW. I would support the resident student tuition hike if it applies only to the students who are admitted after the new tuition structure is adopted and published.

My son will be a fifth year (super) senior when he graduates in May 2019. We are already struggling to make the current resident tuition payments. A substantial increase in the 2018-2019 resident tuition will add to the financial hardship.

Thank you for all you do, and please feel free to forward this email to the appropriate committee or responsible person.

Comment:

Dr Nichols:

I am quite distressed by the latest move to AGAIN raise the tuition at UWyo. I am an alumni, as is my wife and two daughters. We are lifelong Wyoming residents. We pay the taxes that our University is predicated on. As you know our Wyoming Constitution mandates: "The university shall be equally open to students of both sexes, irrespective of race or color; and, in order that the instruction furnished may be as nearly free as possible, any amount in addition to the income from its grants of lands and other sources above mentioned, necessary to its support and maintenance in a condition of full efficiency shall be raised by taxation or otherwise, under provisions of the legislature."

I pay taxes to support your multi-million dollar budget. I expect you to fulfill the mandate of the the Wyoming Constitution. While I am through with higher education, my granddaughters are Wyomingites expecting their state to provide a quality, affordable opportunity for higher education.

Raising tuition, especially in a state downturn in revenue, is disingenuous at best.