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# Fall 2019 Tuition and Fee Survey

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In-state Tuition for Undergraduate Students Due to NC Promise

1. NC Promise has been a great addition to WCU
2. It’s better to remain the same for students who can’t afford 1,000
3. I believe that the NC Promise is a great way to give students, especially those from financially challenged areas, the opportunity to pursue a higher education without accumulating a suffocating amount of debt to repay.
4. The NC Promise has allowed so many North Carolina residents to attend a 4 year university that did previously think they could. I believe it is in Western Carolina University’s interest to continue offering this tuition promise for a few years to come
5. It is a blessing to students who could not otherwise afford a higher education
6. Every little bit helps, but I feel like the nickel and diming has increased as a result.
7. The NC promise was the only reason I was able to afford coming to WCU.
8. This is the only way I’m able to attend college!
9. It’s a good idea, however all the fees and added costs make it around 2,000. So the 500 for school is a bit a misleading.
10. Amazing!
11. Thankful for this. It slows down the inherent for-profit nature of this college.
12. I like it because it’s affordable
13. I came to Western Carolina partially because my parents are alumni and partially because I couldn’t afford to go to any other school in state or out of state. Raising the tuition would be detrimental to my education and welfare in the future. The $500 tuition and other fees costing upwards of $8,000 a semester already is a stretch for my family, my financial aid doesn’t cover it and it leaves my family in a bind every semester but it’s manageable for us, raising that could mean me not coming back to WCU next year.
14. That’s not what NC Promise is. I am going to this school because it is cost-effective for me. If it is no longer cost-effective, why not go to a UNC school or App instead? I will not be able to pay this, either. I am barely making ends meet right now.
15. Much better than what it was. I have enough trouble paying for apartment rent, and that increase next year so please keep it like this!
16. Low tuition was the main reason for attending.
17. It has been very helpful and has allowed me to be able to afford going to college.
18. The NC promise is the number one reason I chose Western
19. Love it.
20. So helpful
21. The reason I came to this school is partly because of its low tuition rates due to its participation in the NC Promise
22. People are coming to this college because this is what they can afford. People are still struggling to meet the prices now and if the price is increased it will inhibit the people from furthering the higher education.
23. this NC promise is the only reason i’m able to attend college so if this is taken away i wouldn’t be able to attend WCU any further.
24. The lower tuition rate of $500 per semester made it so that I was able to re-enroll in classes. Now, I get to graduate in May with limited loans.
25. If tuition goes up, there is a very good chance that I would no longer be able to attend. I have four siblings, all one year apart. I love WCU so much, I thank NC promise for all that they have been able to do for myself and students like me.

26. It makes it easier for people who normally could not afford tuition to attend college.

27. Very helpful, and makes it realistic for me to receive a bachelor's degree.

28. Saved me tons of money and will keep me out of debt.

29. The NC promise at WCU is wholly the reason I returned to college. Without this offering I would not have completed my education, and I believe it benefits our area greatly.

30. Honestly could raise it to whatever you want we will end up paying 7 grand a semester either way because the school will tac in ridiculous fees to make it add up

31. I think the tuition should stay the same.

32. I really appreciate this price, it makes WCU stand out and it makes me feel like WCU supports its students, who are not all coming from a place of financial prosperity.

33. I think we should uphold this NC promise, because going to college is already hard enough and Western has always been seen as cheaper because they care more about their student's academic success and not just about money. I personally went here because it was cheaper, and I know that I would be a part of a great community and marching band. I did not get the $500 per semester this year, and it concerned me and set me back. I now a off campus and pay rent, and had a bigger payment for marching band this year and it all came out of my own pocket. I don't believe it is fair to advertise one thing, and then give another. I really hope I can one day get the $500 tuition again during my time here at Western, so it can help me financially since I am on my own.

34. This rate is incredibly important for students who are unable to afford other schools

35. I fully support the NC Promise in-state tuition. This has helped me out tremendously especially when I lived on campus and living off of campus. This has saved me and my family some money because my parents do not make a lot of money. I also have a twin sister that is also in college. My parents are trying to balance both of our colleges while me and my sister are also paying it. It has helped us out financially because we do not have a big tuition. I really hoped that I get to have the NC Promise tuition at my time here at Western and they keep it for future students.

36. Im broke

37. My parents are not able to help me pay for college right now due to medical issues. Therefore I am taking out student loan myself and pay for school myself so it makes it way easier and more affordable for myself.

38. The lower annual tuition and fees have been very helpful towards my education by being more affordable. Many of my friends feel the same because they do not need to take out a lot of loans, thus relieving some mental stress. I think it relieves some of students’ financial worries and allows them to focus more towards their studies.

39. I think this is a great program because it gives students from lower income families a better opportunity to further their education and be successful. It gives them a chance when they couldn’t afford it if the cost is any higher

40. I am a supporter of the NC Promise Plan and I rely on the subsidized tuition to attend school
41. It doesn’t matter if the tuition is $500 if the student fees keep rising. It is too expensive and too crowded.
42. I think it should stay $500 for the first generation students who come from low income places. It’s already hard enough to take out $16k a year, this would just make things worse, and potentially make some drop out because of financial trouble/burdens. Why make it harder on us when we’re already struggling enough?
43. NC Promise has given me the opportunity to go to college and graduate debt free. The low tuition rates have been a complete blessing for me and it’s the reason I chose this college among the others that are offered in NC.
44. It really opens up opportunities for people of the middle and lower class to attend college. This tuition price allowed me to attend school.
45. What’s the point when there will be nothing but more fees?
46. This is really good especially for families who don’t receive fasfa.
47. I’m so grateful for this low tuition. I hope it’s sustainable.
48. The $500 tuition at Western Carolina University was main reason I chose to go to Western. If the tuition was to increase from this price, I may be forced to transfer to another college closer to home.
49. The 500 dollars is the only reason I come here! So if you don’t keep it I am dropping out of school.
50. A lot of student I know care because of the lower tuition and if the tuition grows you will be losing a lot of the students that can’t afford it any more. We are all determined to go to college but the price is almost always the thing that stops us from going. I really appreciate the price it’s at now.
51. The $500 tuition is the reason I decided to continue for my bachelors degree. If the tuition raises I would not be able to continue and would be forced to drop out until a later date.
52. NC Promise allows me to continue with my education without having to go massively in debt for my degree. If not for NC Promise, I may not have been able to continue my education.
53. Extremely helpful and made classes possible for me. I was able to get better grades with less financially stress.
54. No promise makes higher education possible for many students both in and out of state. Personally, it opens the possibility for me to continue past undergraduate.
55. You can’t promise someone tuition for $500 and then raise it. Its not a promise program if you break your promises.
56. We pay so much to stay on campus alone. To stay on campus it’s around 3,000 dollars. So increasing our tuition wouldn’t be fair to the kids that have money problems already. So many kids would drop out and go to a cheaper school.
57. It is really helping a lot of people that are smart but can’t afford college attend. A lot of times for other colleges Financial Aid doesn’t cover all the cost and there is still a big amount that ya to be payed, which causes student to take out loans and become thousands of dollars in debt before they even have jobs, while they’re still teenagers trying to get an education that this country requires. The NC Promise $500 tuition helps a lot of people, including myself, and is a huge factor in why people choose this school.
To get rid of the $500 tuition would be financially crippling to a lot of Western Carolinas's students.

58. keep it at $500 a semester

59. You told all the students of WCU that we will receive 500 dollar tuition and now it will be raised to a 1000 dollars? I’m not supportive because it was supposed to be a wonderful part of our school to lower tuition (which was not really lowered in the end because fees increased tremendously), but I think it is wrong.

60. The NC Promise has helped me receive education that will jumpstart my life!

61. School can be incredibly expensive, western gives everyone the opportunity for an education.

62. This is the primary reason I am attending WCU. I can actually afford a Bachelors Degree in my community to better my community.

63. Unless it goes down more.

64. I live fifty miles away from school. I spend three hours in the car each and every day. I spend a tremendous amount of money in gas, brakes, and tires. I cannot afford the increase. Please, please keep the commuters in mind. There are many of us who commute over 100 miles a day!

65. It kept me out of having student debt.

66. the NC promise is great as long as other fees don’t rise to compensate.

67. It give students a better opportunity to attend college for a more reasonable price. Education is a necessity to our society so it should be fairly priced for all.

68. This is a JOKE! The "NC promise" states that colleges can only charge a certain amount for tuition, however the university just tacks on extra fictitious "costs" to make up the difference so it can still collect money from incoming, and current students. We all know that the university is a business, but that doesn't mean it's ok to "stick it to the little man" .. :-/

69. I love the NC tuition promise and if tuition is increase I don’t think I will be continuing my classes at western, I will probably transfer if increased

70. It's good

71. Do not raise the tuition. It is a major selling point for the school. Most if not all current students will be very dissatisfied if changes are made.

72. Here’s the thing about NC promise. Yes it does lower the cost of tuition, but it also requires the university to have a certain number of students. And since this campus is so small, I think that if there is going to be this grade of expansion, then the expansion needs to come before the people do, so that it can be assured that our campus is safe and able.

73. Why promise is $500 and then go back on your word one year later?

74. I think the 500.00 tuition is the best option because it grants people who cannot afford college the opportunity to come here and get a college degree

75. The nc promise program has made collage an option for me.

76. VERY GRATEFUL

77. If the school is going to increase tuition then what do engineering students get in particular? Otherwise the school is just taking more money that I don't have.

78. Appreciate the lowering from NC promise and wouldn’t want it to go away
79. Stop trying to get more money from me thanks.
80. Paying 1000.00 per school year helps with other expenses.
81. Y’all better not raise anything.
82. I came to this school because it was the cheapest and one of the best. I pay for my schooling and if tuition goes up, I will have to work more hours a week to pay for it and then my grades will drop and I can promise I am not the only one with that situation. Which is more important, grades and overall education of student or getting a little more money per year?
83. I would have returned to college after how rotten my career was going regardless of the NC Promise but it certainly helps keep the cost of college affordable. Depending almost exclusively on student loans means to me that this is going to take away restrictions on what I do and how available I can be for my first after-graduation job, possibly allowing me to do something in the local community where pay might not have otherwise been competitive with outstanding student loan payments.
84. It has been a big help during my 4 years.
85. It is enabling me to go to college. There isn't much more I can say other than I couldn't afford to go to school without it.
86. It’s perfect
87. The fasfa no longer covers cost of living anywhere near WCU
88. Actually $2000 after fees, so you should advertise it as such.
89. I like that. It’s one of the best reasons to attend WCU besides the crisp mountain air.
90. Very supportive of the current tuition layout. 500/semester has been great for students who want to go to college but have little to no financial support to help that dream come true.
91. This is kind if misleading since I pay significantly more than 1 thousand dollars a year to attend WCU thanks to a lot if vague and unexplained fees.
92. I am a libertarian and do not believe the government should be required to pay for college. Although I am getting the benefits of the NC Promise, students are already paying the $500 and it would be unfair to make them pay more when they already agreed to not to mention they have gotten used to paying this amount and could be already struggling to pay this amount.
93. The NC Promise has helped tremendously with me being about to attend WCU.
94. It was a deciding factor for my choice of school.
95. Many People, including me, love the NC promise. The reason why Western had SO MANY new students is because of NC Promise.
96. $500 dollars is an insanely good price but asking for $1000 sounds very reasonable. The requested price is still exponentially lower when compared to other NC universities. The cold hard truth is, more money equals a nicer school.
97. Really took a lot of stress off of the thought of college. I was working full time and struggling to pay my freshman year worried about my loans. Now I can relax a little more and focus on school and personal growth! Thank you N.C. promise
98. The NC promise is the only reason I am able to go to a 4 year college and increasing the tuition will hold back other people from being able to get a degree. It isn’t fair for only
some people to be able to afford college in a world where you can’t get a liveable salary without a degree.

99. I believe that this is a great help to students from low-income backgrounds. Personally, I am paying for my education myself and one of the main reasons I chose to attend WCU was because of the NC Promise Plan.

100. This is amazing makes college affordable for all!

101. It has made college somewhat affordable for me.

102. NC promise allows me to attend college and receive a quality education without the fear of living in student debt for the next 20 years. NC promise is the reason that I attend WCU, and without it, I would probably not receive a college education.

103. I think this is amazing. It has allowed me to get an education without fear of drowning it debt.

104. The NC Promise $500.00 tuition is one of the primary reasons why went back to school.

105. I believe that this is beneficial to the students at WCU

106. Please no I am poor

107. The in-state tuition due to NC Promise is the entire reason I, along with many students are even here. Myself and many friends came from the opposite end of NC, choosing WCU over other, more accessible and desirable locations solely on the premise of WCU being the most affordable and helpful with student debt.

108. It provides low income family members a chance to get a higher education, and taking that away could result in current students to not be able to afford higher tuition fees and leasing to them dropping out.

109. I think that the 500 dollars a semester is great; however, this semester still total 2,400 dollars. In all fairness even with the 500 dollars a semester the fees raise the tuition rate to an incredible price. I had to take out a student loan of 1500 and another 1500 next semester. If you raise the tuition rate ... I will just DIE... I will have to become a janitor or something ..just to attend ... and I have no Idea how i am going to find time to study. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT RAISE TUITION.

110. It provides low income family members a chance to get a higher education, and taking that away could result in current students to not be able to afford higher tuition fees and leasing to them dropping out.

111. I think the tuition should remain $500 per semester.

112. It’s amazing and I hope it never changes.

113. It should stay the same for people who came here for that reason

114. I'm not given enough information to explain this so I will not support.

115. It’s helpful.

116. This is a good price for those who do not have a high income. It is much more manageable at this price.

117. This was a such a wonderful idea for people to be able to afford the tuition! Raising the prices is sad and a lot of people will not be able to afford it anymore
122. This in state tuition has allowed me to pay for my school with little trouble. I enjoy having this tuition amount.

123. Not knowing how long the NC Legislature will continue to subsidize our tuition...every semester at the current rate is a fantastic value and has made attending full time possible.

124. Please do not raise tuition. OR raise, create, impose any new fees to further burden students.

125. Would have been great had the myriad of fees not been increased

126. It’s helps me out as a student who is self funding his college education so I don’t have to take out ridiculous amounts of loans.

127. Yeah, tuition is $500 but the costs are offset to other places so it’s really whatever. Students are going to end up paying thousands of dollars anyway. For me, commuting with no meal plan, I thought it would only be $500 but it ended up being over $2,000 which was for seemingly random charges that I never saw on my bill from the other institution I attended. $500 in tuition obviously isn’t enough if there is a need to bill students for items that other schools don’t seem to do (or are just included in the tuition costs).

128. It is cheaper, but fees like parking and misc. fees have increased a lot.

129. The nc promise changed my life. I received a associates through the community college system and was afraid for years to go into major debt to continue with my education. The nc promise saved me. I'm so appreciative

130. No opinion because I’m not given to what the extra $500 will go towards. Why vote yes/no for the increase tuition price if I am not informed on what that $500 is going towards. In my honest opinion I say no, due to all the friends and people I’ve heard who get financial aid already when it is already low. Imagine if you raised it to a $1000, how many more people will be asking for financial aid then? How are we going to support the gap of those who can afford $500 right now but will not be able to at $1000?

131. Keep it at $500 per semester.

132. keep it the same or lower

133. NC promise has reduced pricing of tuition and therefore increased about of people applying and attending western. Increasing this will result in less amount of participants every year.

134. It doesn’t seem to change and I like that. I like the tuition the price of $500 a semester, it’s much easier to pay that rather than more for a student, like me, who is paying for college themselves.

135. This allows for people to more easily afford college who are no longer receiving financial support from their families.

136. I think it should stay the same

137. NC Promise was an important part of me wanting to continue my education after community college. It has made a 4-year degree more accessible to transfer students like me who want to continue after an associates degree.

138. Very thankful. That's a major thing that brought me here and now I love this school.
139. The in-state tuition for undergraduate students due to NC Promise is a major help, but at the same time ironically nothing has changed. As the tuition rate decreased, other prices increased.

140. It still cost a lot of money.

141. This would help me greatly. I have to pay for my own tuition and I don't think I'd be able to if it was more expensive.

142. Great program that pushes me to continue my education due to the low cost of tuition.

143. If they are going to increase the tuition, they need to address the parking situation. The new lot over by the new residence hall helps some, if you don't get a ticket for parking there. We need a central parking garage, with multiple decks, available for commuters.

144. I think it should go down, School should not cost that much.

145. I like paying lower tuition but I have a really big issue with what has happened. With the tuition drop, the fees have risen substantially. My scholarships and financial aid I used to receive has also dropped because it... It only helps pay for my tuition. In the end I am paying almost $5,000 more than I previously was because of this change. If this tuition drop was really for students then it wouldn't have added or keep proposing more fees. I know many other people who are in the same situation as me and I have debated transferring to a bigger school because at least I would get more of a name associated with my degree since I'm having to pay all this money.

146. Supportive, but WCU is killing me with fees. $500 sounds great in theory but then you throw in $1500 in "fees" so it really doesn't make a difference.

147. This is one of the bigger reasons I chose to come back to school at Western and I would not be happy if it went up seeing as how I am paying for my schooling out of my own pocket.

148. It has helped and should remain this way so that students don't have to spend so much on tuition.

149. I need it to stay the same. I am poor.

150. I believe tuition should stay the same price currently, the grant was made to keep tuition low, and I believe it should be held to that.

151. It is great!

152. Education is expensive enough, and the fact that tuition has gone down doesn't mean we aren't loaded with more fees and costs. I feel like were getting charged enough, and were not getting much back in return. The food lines are incredibly long, I couldn't live back on campus if I wanted to due to the high volume of students and not enough dorms. The parking is a disaster, I don't know why the lot behind the CRC wasn't turned into a parking garage it makes more sense.

153. I would be more approving of the $500 tuition if I knew exactly where that money went and it showed up as more than just “tuition fee.”

154. The low tuition played a huge part in why I came to WCU

155. The lower tuition really helps me be able to afford to attend college.

156. Coming from someone who has to pay for school herself, I highly support this.

157. If it wasn't for N.C. Promise I would have decided to go to Lenoir Rhyne instead

158. I think it is a really good idea
159. It makes college affordable for people who wouldn’t be able to normally afford college. It provides opportunity for others to receive a valuable education. No reason to stop it.

160. I am glad that NC promise has reduced tuition. However, the real cost of college is much more than tuition as it includes housing, food, parking, etc. The price of college is still ridiculous, but relatively less so than in the past.

161. Thanks to the NC promise I am able to attend class without having to worry about loans or finding another means of paying for college.

162. It is incredible, the main reason I chose western. people going to college are only trying to better their quality of life, why make them pay for it their entire life?

163. People came to this school because of the NC promise plan. Increasing the cost would be a lie to those students.

164. I support not increasing tuition and fees!

165. NC promise has allowed me to attend higher education without the burden of student loans. Without it I would be forced to take on a crushing financial burden. My life is bettered because of it and I can't be happier. It's the proper steps towards affordable education for all and should be a NC standard at all schools.

166. $500 does not seem like that much to some, but for others that is a big difference.

167. Because of the NC promise I am able to attend college at a reasonable price.

168. This NC promise has been so helpful for me. I am grateful to have $500 tuition.

169. I am extremely grateful for NC Promise. I don’t believe I could afford college without it.

170. I have overcome significant financial abuse at the hands of my family. NC promise has allowed me to become independent and successful due to lowered tuition costs. As long as other fees are kept in check and kept down, students like me will keep being able to be independent at Western Carolina University.

171. I moved all the way from MT for this nc promise and became a resident for this purpose.

172. This has made schooling affordable and allowed me to cut back my hours at work to focus on school. Since then, my GPA increased and my stress has decreased.

173. Very thankful for this opportunity

174. This is an amazing opportunity

175. My only issue with this is that many people, myself not included, see this and feel as though they can attend a university for the price of $500/semester while this is simply not true. Other student fees (athletics, food, etc.) still result in the price of a semester being several thousand dollars, something that many people cannot afford without ridiculous student loans to pay off.

176. What does it matter? The egregious fees make up for the cheap tuition regardless.

177. Love it!

178. It really helps me to focus on school because I don’t have to work as much outside of school to help my parents pay

179. Nc promise needs to stay

180. Its great

181. I am very thankful for the NC Promise tuition plan. The lower cost allows me to be able to afford each semester’s tuition.
NC Promise is very important to me because it really assures me that I am able to continue my education. I am not in the position to pay a lot of money for College and with this tuition it helps me and my family out tremendously. As a second degree seeker, the NC promise really helped to ensure I stayed in school. I pay everything out of pocket. I decided to attend school at Western Carolina because of the NC Promise. I need affordable tuition or I cannot afford to better my education. It has been a game changer for me and everyone I know!!

Awesome!! Keep it $500 a semester. I appreciate this greatly especially since I have to pay for college myself out of pocket. It's the main reason I applied to Western. Don't change the tuition or I will leave.

NC Promise may have lowered tuition but WCU raised fees so the cost of attendance remains the same. This price should not go up. N/A

NC Promise is probably the only way I can send both of my kids to college. It is EXTREMELY important to me. This is a great program. I am very appreciative of this program. NC Promise has made WCU so affordable that I dont have to worry about whether I can pay my rent every month.

They make that look good until you see the other fees that you have to pay that equal out to just about any other public school you could attend in North Carolina. It is so helpful for me. I can finally afford an education. The reason why people come to such a great school like WCU is because they can afford it. If the prices increase many people will have to take out loans that they can’t even pay off.

I think that the in-state tuition for undergraduate students is a great affordable price that allows many students to attend WCU. It’s nice but the total cost for school didn’t really change because other prices went up #keepthepromise

I approve. Western Carolina University has utilized NC Promise to increase other, additional fees associated with attending school. Throughout my time as Western, I have seen my out-of-pocket expenses increase to the point of offsetting the benefit of the reduced tuition, and accounting (both on the University and individual level) has gotten far more complex, with students rarely knowing what they are truly paying for. I would be more supportive of the tuition increase if the additional fees were either more apparent on the cost breakdown, but as it stands, money lost from the tuition increase is already made up for by the increased costs of dorms, parking, and meal plans (plus the 30+ additional fees). Of course, costs should generally increase over time, but any benefit seen by $500 on increases only serves to make college less attainable for a student body.
that is still coping with the skyrocketing cost of living on campus. Furthermore, WCU has been extremely slow in its attempts to modernize (Dorms just now being opened when they were needed 4+ years ago), so many students (including myself) fail to see the benefit of the increased cost when WCU has failed to show that the money is directly benefitting students.

205. I think those who have paid $500 should be grandfathered into paying $500 until they graduate.

206. The NC promise on tuition made it possible for me and many students to achieve a higher education. Taking it away / increasing tuition or fees would cause student loan rates to increase even further while it is already a struggle for most college students.

207. I wish it would stay at $500, it helps out my family that the cost is so low.

208. Love it!

209. this is a huge reason that my two siblings are coming to school here next year

210. It is a reasonable tuition amount and allows a greater population to pursue a college education.

211. The low tuition is great considering how much we have to pay in fees for this school.

212. This helps out alot

213. The NC promise tuition is one of the only ways I can afford to come to a bigger university.

214. I think it's great and will create more interest in wcu for people thinking about what college they want to go to

215. I absolutely support the $500 tuition from NC Promise. It really helps students afford college better and encourages them to want to go to college.

216. I think the nc promise provides assistance to those who have to pay for their own college and it minimizes student dent. I think if it is increased it could affect people.

217. Tuition is great, but then the added fees make it very expensive and we do not receive the financial aid we used to due to the fact that tuition is so low. Now it is costing us more and we are having to take out more loans due to that fact.

218. The tuition at Western is one of the only reasons I can afford higher education and pursue my goals.

219. The NC promise is the only reason some students are even able to get a higher education and if that is taken away many peoples dreams will be too.

220. I wish that this meant that I only had to pay $500 a semester but with the excessive fees and costs, I am paying an unreasonable amount of money per semester.

221. The NC promise tuition is the reason I chose Western over ECU

222. This allows me to complete my education at a reasonable cost.

223. NC Promise is a truly necessary to many students. There are students from all over the state who chose WCU because of the financial opportunity.

224. It has helped me and my family tremendously

225. There are a lot of other fees that have increased to even it out and campus is becoming way crowded. Parking, residence halls, and dining commons are crowded

226. I think having tuition only $1000 every year helps a lot of students be able to attend WCU. Most colleges are expensive this gives students better chances of going to college they can afford.
Keep NC Promise, we’re poor

I think that NC Promise is an amazing opportunity for students to gain an education while having lower cost of attendance which can be a huge factor in deciding where to attend college or even to attend at all.

the fuck is proposed?

I like that tuition is only $500 a semester.

it’s great, i like that it’s affordable

It’s fantastic

If not for the NC promise I would most likely not be able to go to school and finish my computer science degree. I am extremely thankful to be able to get this degree so that I will be able to support my family. My fiance and I will have a son next week and my education is very very important to my family and I.

Obviously I support keeping it at $500 a month unless there are tangible benefits resulting from a price increase.

This has just been such an important factor in me returning to school after dropping out 5 years ago. Now i'm about to finish, and I don't know that I could have afforded to do a internship this semester without this opportunity.

The tuition should not be raised at all. The main reason people come to western is its insane affordability.

As an upperclassman I feel that with this tuition promise we were promised is plain disrespectful to these students who decided to stay with WCU. As an upperclassman the way that WCU treats everyone that isn’t a freshman is awful with forcing people to live off campus because WCU realized that housing is very limited and even then there are awful forms when the freshman get new ones and now a raise on the tuition that was PROMISED to us really shows how much WCU cares for upperclassman such as myself.

Helpful, wish it was the same for the summer sessions

Make it still $500

The NC Promise helps me be able to afford college.

The NC promise is what attracted me to WCU over any other university and why I relocated. WCU is not a prestigious enough university to attract the number of students it currently is without the NC promise. Myself and many in my engineering cohort would have attended UNCA or relocated to the tri county area for school if Western tuition had not been so low.

It is helpful, however, the burden of numerous and heavy fees offset the support of NC Promise for students.

I am very happy that tuition is affordable.

Amazing

More affordable tuition during summer semesters

Love that the school is working with the state to lower prices. Just remember that raising rates of housing effect your low income students.

It should stay the same

I think that that the gain from doubling tuition is not worth the financial stress it puts on many students
249. I think this is great and it should remain a top priority to keep tuition at this rate because it makes attending a 4 year University much more affordable. Personally, I would not be attending WCU if the tuition was not this low as I likely would only have been able to afford community college otherwise.

250. As long as you don't RAISE COSTS FOR EVERYTHING ELSE. Usually to push out underprivileged kids and struggling upper classmen, instead of being responsible and supportive of the people you already conned into coming here.

251. I love the $500/semester plan

252. I believe this helps a lot of low income families and I support is greatly seeing as I am one of the low income families.

253. A really big help and the main reason I picked WCU

254. I feel it needs to stay the same. That's the only way I'm affording to go here.

255. Make the printers free

256. allows for more students to get an education at a more affordable price.

257. It's a good and reasonable price

258. I would need more information to be more firm in my position. However, I don't think we should have an increase as we already pay enough to be here.

259. One of the reasons I could go to Western was due to the lower tuition. It really helped to know that I could pay for college on my own.

260. This most incredible thing to happen to a lot of families you may not been able to afford college.

261. It's great for the tuition being low it really helps my family and me out with money!

262. without the NC promise I would not be able to attend college.

263. I think that the nc promise does help

264. I feel like having the tuition at $500 encourage more student to come to college because it’s affordable and won’t put you high in debt. Also it would increase the student population make the school bigger and it will grab more and more attention from future catamounts and we can be a very big school.

265. Makes it possible for people like me to go to college

266. It is extremely helpful and should be implemented across the country

267. Helps a lot

268. Keeping the Tuition at $500 allows for those who wouldn't otherwise be able to experience college life and get a degree to have that experience

269. None

270. It brings more diversity on campus and that is something campus needs.

271. It is extremely helpful for students who find themselves less likely to go to college because of financial barriers. It helps more students get a better education.

272. I think it’s absolutely wonderful.

273. I believe that keeping the in-state tuition is what needs to be done. If we raised it now it’d be as if we aren't appreciative of the NC Promise.

274. I highly support the NC Promise $500/semester tuition

275. It makes attending WCU a lot more affordable and is a huge reason why I chose to attend this school.

276. I love it, great opprotunity
I like it

I’m glad tuition is lower because it gives a lot more opportunities for students who are not very financially equipped to still be able to receive a great college education. I for one am one of those students and will be forever grateful.

The NC promise makes school more affordable for more students. If it wasn’t for this I couldn’t come to school.

As an undergraduate student that attends Western Carolina Campus. If the tuition and fees were to raise, I believe it is fair to say that the incoming freshman class start that payment plan and leave the rest of us, existing students to pay what we signed up for.

I think the lower tuition due to NC promise is a great thing for students!

Beneficial to students and low income families

I am hopeful that the tuition will stay at 500 a semester because my aid barely covers my expenses now.

The tuition might be considered $500 but being 21,000 in debt already makes it feel like a complete lie. Seeing as my tuition for one semester alone is almost $9,000.

It is great and affordable

The state compensates the school for the difference on tuition if I’m correct. This is a good rate but if everything else continues to spiral upwards than it is ineffective at cost reduction.

I think it should stay 500 dollars because it’s helping students get a good education.

This makes going to school at WCU affordable giving students the opportunity to receive an excellent education without having to worry as much as to the cost.

The NC promise is one of the reasons I chose this college. I’m from a poorer family and cannot afford anything more expensive. The instate tuition at western is allowing me to go to college.

Makes it so much easier on families that have two students in college, or children that are very close in high school/college years.

It’s honestly great to have low tuition to help those who couldn’t have afforded other colleges

Going to college would have been a lot harder for me without the NC promise.

This program is incredibly important and has my support because it gives students the opportunity to continue their education in a state recognized college for much less than other colleges.

do not make it any more

Great for me, allows me to stay in school.

In-state tuition for undergraduate students should remain 500 dollars or there will be a backlash. There are already many groups of people discussing this issue. A lot of people can not afford college and this helps them greatly.

It good

I like this, because to be honest, I don't think I can afford much higher on tuition.

I can more easily afford my higher education, without this program I might not have been able to attend school.
300. A large part of the reason I came to this school is because of the //low cost.// Low cost of tuition doesn't mean that increasing fees isn't going to edge people out of the school financially over the years.

301. It's great but what WCU has done is just raise the prices of everything else so it makes no difference unless protections are put in place.

302. The reduced tuition is what made me decide to come to WCU. Without tuition being the current rate it is, I wouldn't have enrolled nor continue my enrollment with this university.

303. Keep it the same this is why a lot of students want to come to western they don't have a lot of money

304. This program has been an extremely valuable offset to needlessly rising tuition costs.

305. this has made it possible for me to attend university

306. As a low-income student with a working single mother who is also a teacher in the North Carolina Public School System, I rely heavily on the assured low-cost tuition of Western Carolina University. Had it not been for NC Promise, I would have not attended WCU. Any notion of a tuition increase should be immediately scrapped, because I have full confidence that I am not alone in my feelings about NC Promise.

307. It allows for students to not have as much debt in student loans to pay off after they graduate.

308. It has made other fees raise too much.

309. It allows me to afford college

310. The reason I am at this school is because how low cost it is.

311. This promise makes easier for students like me who struggle every year to gather the necessary finances for the academic year. The promise makes it more affordable and allows me to continue to pursue and education.

312. This is great but I dont like how expensive it is to live on campus. I know you need money but do you really need that much? Where does the money go? Is there a place where I can see total school income and where that money went?

313. I was promised 4 years of $500 tuition for being an instate student, and because I continue to live on campus, I believe that should continue to be granted to me.

314. I like the low tuition

315. In-state tuition for undergraduates due to NC Promise is the main reason I came to Western. My parents both work in the public education system so the cheaper the better and this really helped my decision.

316. I think NC Promise is a great way to make college more affordable.

317. The in-state tuition is fine the way it is, especially since textbooks are included in the cost

318. Based on what I've heard from my peers, the low in-state tuition rate was a huge (if not the largest) driving force when choosing to go to WCU.

319. Good

320. it's fantastic and one of the reasons I came to Western

321. I think this is great because most colleges are raising their tuition making it harder for students to pay it. I like this idea
It was one of the key factors in my parents allowing me to study at WCU. I had the option to study in the honors college at NC state but wanted to be at Western. They only were okay with it due to the tuition.

The tuition should stay at $500 a semester.

I believe that the low cost of tuition may increase other prices and costs, making the total cost of attendance still quite pricey.

I feel $500 is reasonable for in-state tuition.

Tuition dropped the everything else made up for it but now I am paying more then my freshman year with the cheapest everything it’s bull sh*t.

My family love the NC promise and helped us financially and amazing for my family.

This is great for people with low incomes to succeed and better themselves.

I feel as if tuition should remain the same for current students. Many students here cannot afford to pay more for tuition. If you only raise tuition for new-coming students, I think it is fair for everyone because they will begin school with the same price tuition as what it will be when they graduate.

I really like it because it helps people like me who don’t get as much financial aid as they really need.

I would like for it to stay as $500 because if it wasn’t for that, then I wouldn’t even be here at all. Im already struggling enough as it is by not having any scholarships as a transfer student because there wasn’t any for me and also my job not paying me enough for next semester and pay off student loans.

This has helped my family so much due to my families current state. My scholarship cover over half of my tuition so that my parents don’t have to come out of pocket and get more into debt.

You promised according to the NC promise it was gonna be 500 a semester.

I think N.C. promise was a great idea and makes it very affordable.

I think this is a very good thing. It’s a shining light in a state who seems to regard education in very low standards. It feels like to me that our state congress only wants the rich to got to private 4 years and the poor to never receive a diploma.

This is an affordable cost for students and for future students as well. May have more students in the future due to NC Promise.

The tuition price is amazing as long as western does not continue to raise the prices of all other fees. When you do that it doesn’t change the price at all, it just counter balances.

I fully support it! I am a broke college student!

Having tuition this low allows me the chance financially to attend college.

This is a big factor on why I chose WCU over schools closer to my hometown like ECU or UNCW, I’d really hate to see the tuition go up and reach the levels of those other schools.

Raising the tuition would hurt so many students and families. This would completely blindside people as they expected this tuition throughout our time here at WCU. A lot of people come here for â€œtuition alone, so it will have to affect the university.

Education is important and low tuition is lit.

Very nice.
My Tuition, or if this is Anonymous propaganda to make me feel like this institution will actually give me my money, Then Juan David Alicea’s tuition is NOT reflective of the cost seen their, outward fees for services that remain unused by thousands of students, accumulate probably millions of US Dollars that the institute gets to keep as the cash cow super power any Large D1 institution would do. The process in itself is archaic, and is reflective of principles of slavery, on the guidelines that a man at top, sits and gathers currency while his workers tire endlessly in the bashful sun. Scared to show his face because even a god, by any stretch of the imagination, couldn’t bare to witness such a continuous cycle of evil that may never end. Checks and Balances are only useful if you beat the system, which is just filler-wording meaning if you really reflected the Equality and “some state made promise” then you would put more time into services helping the students and improving services on campus.

Thanks for reading, if there’s any questions, Mr. Or Ms. whoever happens to be reading,

This helps my family a lot and I probably wouldn’t be in college because we can not afford it if it wasn’t for this.

A big reason why I decided to go to WCU

Please keep it cheap this allows college to be affordable.

It’s a great thing, made school affordable for myself and my family.

I love it how it is. If it wasn’t the price that it is now then i wouldn’t be able to come to this amazing school. I am so happy with this opportunity.

Love it!

It’s a big reason I am able to attend college

For students already enrolled at WCU who were given the $500/semester tuition rate should be allowed to keep that rate for their full time here at WCU

I want to keep it the way it is I barley can already afford the tuition now I have to use so many loans and I’m already $30,000 in dept

Fantastic at making education more affordable!

Glad to know it’s not changing.

As low as possible is what im happy with!

This is a HUGE help for me because I pay for college by myself

Great!

I love that NC Promise has given us a more affordable way to pay for and attend college.

NC Promise was the only way I was able to attend college. The other universities were too expensive even with financial aid, loans, and scholarships.

Way better than other colleges. A driving reason as to why I came to WCU.

I think NC Promise gives people like me an amazing education.

I really like the program

This is an amazing opportunity for students who otherwise may not be able to afford college.

It’s okay

I think this is smart to keep. It’s what attracts people to western

It’s clutch
I appreciate the affordability of quality education.

Thank you NC Promise, in-state tuition for undergraduate students. This allows me to afford the live on campus.

I love tuition being $500/semester. It allows me to plan for my education for after my Undergraduate degree.

Let it stay $500

Please keep it this way I’m broke.

You raised the other prices so it’s not even cheaper. Meal plans and living expenses make up for the cheap tuition.

If this is ever discontinued, it should be honored for current students until they graduate.

Perfect, I can get a decent education without a whole lot of debt.

I came to wcu because of the cheaper tuition.

It really helps me a lot with my financial situation.

NC Promise is one of the reasons why I am able to attend college.

This tuition is great! If only it mattered and the fees didn’t increase high enough to offset it.

This is such a great tuition rate.

I, personally, like paying only ~16% of what I would have paid without this.

This is fantastic!

I love it!

Should stay at $500

It's obvious that they claim $500 tuition in efforts to drive attendance up but they drown each student in absurd fees. The advertising is disgusting making the school sounds like an amazing investment when the costs are barley cheaper than other schools. I wouldn't care if the school just advertised normal tuition rates if it meant fees were marked down.

As long as the price stays the same way it has all 4 years of while I've been here I'll be happy but raising the cost, I'd have to hear the reason of why the cost went up because honestly some of the fees paid here are unnecessary.

In article IX section 9 of the North Carolina State Continuation it states "The General Assembly shall provide that the benefits of The University of North Carolina and other public institutions of higher education, as far as practicable, be extended to the people of the State free of expense." I personally believe that tuition could still be made lower due to article.

It's all good but the tuition is how you guys catch people. You literally add on fees that either not everyone uses or just fees in general to make the "tuition" $500. everyone knows this.

Cheap tuition? Fully support!!!

This in-state tuition rate is one of the only reasons I can attend a university. I could not afford to go to college without it.

It's amazing, keep it that way!

This program truly allows more students the opportunity to attend WCU. This tuition plan helps everyone by making school more affordable. I greatly appreciate and support the NC Promise tuition plan.
Really good
Please keep true to the tuition rate
This is a great thing but is totally pointless when you guys raise the price of everything else so that we are still paying the same amount as we did before the NC Promise. The state is literally paying up the difference but whatever.
Helps keep college affordable so long as other costs remain relatively low.
The tuition is one of the main reasons that i’m attending WCU.
I think the tuition is great like this but not when everything is going up
Tuition may be $500, but everyone soon finds out they'll be paying significantly more than that.
This is the reason I continued my education, this is more motivational and less debt.
It gives students that simply can't afford to pay $50,000 a year to get the same education they are getting here at WCU for $1,000 a chance to excel in their academics and eventually become people with good paying jobs that might even put money back into the university. A lowered tuition is a better alternative for everyone because it will give the university more business and eventually more financial support after students have graduated and want to invest in the university and it's students and it will benefit the residents of NC in having one of the lowest tuitions prices in the state.
The NC Promise is a very beneficial program that has helped many people, including me, go to college.
It helps a lot of students decide to go to WCU because they can actually afford it.
It makes it more of a possibility to be able to attend school from the financial perspective.
I am supportive of the in-state tuition per the NC Promise ($500/semester or $1,000/year)
I wish that it would be lower for the students who cannot afford the tuition fee on top of all the other small fees WCU throws on top of that.
Fees go up. My tuition has STAYED THE SAME.
Please don't change it, this is one of the major reasons I can afford college.
I came to WCU because of the $500 tuition and I would have to transfer schools if the tuition is raised. I really love western and do not want to have to change schools when i planned to stay here for all 4 years.
I greatly benefit from the NC Promise tuition. My family is considered middle class and as such, I do not get any additional funding, only the small amount to borrow, so the tuition amount makes college possible for me and my family to afford.
I love it! I think its a really good idea to keep it. I know a lot of students like myself came here because of it and its affordable.
I chose western because i can afford it! If prices increase I will no longer be able to attend.
This is the only reason why I am at this school and it is all that me and my mother ca afford
It should have always been this price for all colleges...
416. I chose Western because of the $500 a semester. I couldn’t afford anywhere else and if that changes, I may not be able to afford Western.

417. Having this as our tuition makes it a lot easier to pay for college.

418. This is a blind choice to make, this survey has not given me any information about what the increased tuition will add or offer me in my college experience. For this reason I am not supportive.

419. I think it is a wonderful offer that the students at WCU have. It allows more students to attend college and get the education they need.

420. Why would you? What’s the point? The payment process is already a headache enough.

421. I like this but the increased cost of “fees” is ridiculous.

422. I think NC promise is an amazing opportunity for both WCU as well as students like me. What I mean by students like me, I mean people who are not as fortunate as others. WCU has so much to offer to people who are looking to better themselves and their future options for jobs. I have come to love WCU and I love that NC promise has helped me out so much. I have become the first in my family to go to college and all I can say is thank you!

423. Even though the tuition is $500/semester and 1,000/year, the fees coming from everywhere else are extremely expensive.

424. Making college affordable should be a top priority.

425. It makes the cost affordable for a low income student like myself. That was the main reason I choose WCU.

426. Please keep the tuition the same as 2019-2020 and keep the NC promise.

427. keep it

428. Its one of the big reasons im at this school

429. As long as it stays the same as it has been

430. I love it!!!

431. I appreciate the NC Promise greatly. It helped make college a reality for me when my financial situation isn’t great.

432. This allows me to come to WCU.

433. I’m so thankful for NC Promise! It’s one [big] reason I chose WCU.

434. It is wonderful and helps us students to NOT be too much in debt when we graduate!!!!!

435. Tuition should remain $500 a semester for undergraduate students.

436. The $500 tuition seems nice, but what’s the point if everything else goes up in price.

437. The Nc promise plan was installed so that more students could go to college and not be in debt. Raising the tuition would be going against this.

438. Great

439. The current in-state tuition for undergraduate students due to NC Promise is one of the main reasons I chose to attend this university. It has made my education far more affordable and realistic for my family.

440. It is very helpful for low in-come families that can’t afford expensive universities.

441. I think it should remain $500 Tuition.

442. Running the numbers I have seen no change in the amount I pay to attend here. Due in cause to the increase of fees.
443. Nc promise has been a huge factor in being able to get an education for a ton of people. I personally know I wouldn't have been able to get a bachelors degree without it.
444. I’m state tuition is fair and cheap
445. It makes it possible for me to afford to go to college.
446. I believe this is extremely fair, I personally struggle to pay for this amount as is, and if it were to be raised I am not sure I would be able to remain in college.
447. Keep it the same
448. This cost for tuition helps allow me to attend this university for it’s decreased cost
449. It does not really matter because the University adds on a ton of fees that would usually be seen on a college students tuition. Even though it is only 1000 per year, we pay closer to 15,000 per year due to these "fees."
450. Super thankful for NC Promise!
451. Leave as is.
452. It gives people like me the opportunity to get a higher education
453. Good
454. I'm glad the tuition will stay the same, this is one of the cheapest tuitions for any college in NC, so it helps out to have no increase and cuts down on debt.
455. Tuition for in-state undergraduate students should remain at $500/semester or $1,000/year because not everyone I able to afford college at such high prices and loans are difficult to get. Many people aren't able to get a job because they have no experience and no time because they are in school studying. Many of us also live on campus and having the tuition increase only increases the amount of student debt or even drop out of students because they are unable to pay.
456. I like that the cost of tuition is only $500 per semester because it makes it easier for some students to go to college.
457. It has brought in a lot more people, which is nice, I think there can be a point where the school is allowing in too many people though. Thankfully parking was expanded but that was a problem even before reduced tuition costs. Class sizes are increasing and I worry about some people not being able to get their classes or professors having to work even more in order to accommodate students
458. I like the $500/semester tuition and am glad it is not being increased.
459. I really appreciate the $500/semester tuition. It was crucial in my decision to attend WCU.
460. Great program that helps many families afford college easier and allows students who couldn’t afford it before, be able to afford school now
461. It makes it more possible for poor people like me to come to this school.
462. Needs to stay the way it is.
463. No comment
464. I would prefer to find a way to lower the cost, but as of right now I am pleased with the current price. I still think there should always be discussion on lowering tuition prices, especially for in-state students. I don’t believe I should have to hear people talking about skipping meals to save money. There needs to be more talk of lower the price for education.
465. It’s GREAT & affordable. Do not increase!
466. The NC promise has given me the chance to afford continuing my education which I am grateful for.
467. I think the NC Promise tuition was and is an excellent idea!
468. Keep the NC Promise the same as it is.
469. Love it
470. In regards to being in-state tuition for undergraduate students it should remain $500.
471. Keep it at 500 please
472. This is an amazing plan
473. This is one of the main reasons I chose WCU, it is affordable and if tuition was to increase it would be problematic
474. Because of this tuition plan, I will be able to graduate from college without debt. This tuition plan is making college affordable and it is wonderful.
475. That’s great because if it was to increase I probably wouldn’t be able to come back next year
476. This is the best thing North Carolina has ever done. This allows me to get a education that lasts a lifetime for a reasonable price. I am allowed to live on a very manageable income. This price was the main reason I choose WCU.
477. This is the reason I am going to college because everywhere else was too expensive, if the NC Promise didn't exist I would be attending a community college.
478. I believe that this allows more students to earn a degree and provides a great opportunity to everyone. It's because of this that I'm able to attend a university this year. Without it I would have spent another year at community college in order to save up more so my parents could not have to worry about paying for me to go to school and instead give my brothers the same opportunities that I had growing up.
479. I think its great
480. I am able to afford school becuase of it.
481. It helps students continue to receive an education beyond High school without having to worry too much about finances.
482. I think this is great it's one of the reasons I chose WCU
483. It is a great thing
484. I’m very grateful. This is definitely a deciding factor for many people. I believe without this low tuition many people would not be here.
485. NC Promise is allowing me to obtain my nursing degree. I would not have been able to do it (or it would have been very difficult) without this advantage.
486. I love it and it has been the main factor in me being able to return to school and get my BSN.
487. This made it possible for me to afford to go back to school.
488. You really have to ask whether people are supportive of NC Promise? Really? Come on, man.
489. I am an ABSN student and am paying my tuition independent of outside financial support. NC promise is making my education possible and an increase in tuition would put my financial ability to afford school at risk.
490. The lowered tuition rate, after receiving my first degree through WCU without it, was the deciding factor for me to continue my education with WCU. The lower rates allowed
me, someone who was facing a tuition surcharge for "too many credits", to come back for a more practical degree. Without the NC Promise rate, there would be nothing tying me to this area, let alone this school.

491. I’m supportive of this. My only remark would be as an undergrad RIBN student, even though the tuition is low I still pay crazy fees for biltmore park or fees that don’t apply to me like an athletic fee. I wish I had more opportunity for nursing scholarships or tuition assistance because I’m still drowning in school bills.

492. Just quit charging so much for lackluster services. The food in the cafeterias consistently lets us down, and sometimes it feels like there aren’t enough options. Also, everything related to the parking is bad.

493. Much appreciated

494. This is what made it possible for me to go back to college. The idea of taking on tens of thousands of dollars in student loans to obtain my degree was a huge deterrent before NC Promise.

495. I think this promise is a wonderful thing! It's been so helpful to me as I earn my BSN through the RIBN program.
Out-of-state Tuition for Undergraduate Students Due to NC Promise

1. This doesn't need to change. If prices were to go up it would be cheaper to transfer to a college back in my state instead.
2. Thank you so much for the support!
3. This pricing allows me to attend this school. Very affordable
4. None
5. This allows me to attend Western.
6. Being an out of state student, this is the most affordable cost of tuition offered at probably any 4 year college. This tuition is the reason why I get to go to the school of my dreams. I wouldn't be able to afford to live out of state if it were not for this.
7. I really appreciate being able to only have to pay 5000 a year for out of state tuition
8. Will put N.C. I would not be able to afford to come to WCU so I am very grateful for it.
9. NC Promise has been extremely helpful.
10. It's a great price for out of state
11. I think that the current out of state tuition is notably higher than the in state tuition, and I think that many other out of state students like myself could attest that they would like to see the out of state rates for tuition, etc. to be lowered
12. NC Promise is the reason I can go to school here. Thank you!
13. I main reason I am still able to come to an out-of-state college is because of NC Promise. I love Western and would love to stay for all four years with NC Promise.
14. The out of state tuition being at $2500 is great for out of state students! It is cheaper than a lot of in-state options in TN actually, and makes coming here a much more viable option than otherwise.
15. I really appreciate this price as I have difficulties paying for college expenses as it and this is the only reason I can attend college.
16. I appreciate it a lot considering I believe we still pay NC a good amount because we have a house with renters here. It balances out to where I can come to a beautiful place and pay less than where I would have gone in Michigan in state
17. It's the reason I'm here
18. This price has allowed me to pursue a secondary education under DACA.
19. It should match in state
20. Awesome
21. I am grateful that tuition was reduced significantly. What I would appreciate is an easier path to residency for in state tuition
22. NC Promise is the main reason that I chose to pursue out of state college instead of staying in state.
23. Keep it the same. PLEASE don't increase.
24. Yes it is a great price compared to other schools' out-of-state but I do wish that it was lower. I wish that one day WCU can provide greater financial support of undocumented/DACA recipient students like myself. Because even though I have lived in the state of North Carolina for over 17 years, I still have to pay out of state tuition.
25. Helps out a lot compared to my first year of having to pay 30k a year
26. Without the NC Promise I could not stay at WCU
27. Its a lot of money to pay for an underwhelming experience. I almost cannot afford to stay at this college. I don’t understand why residency matters if I am literally forced to live on campus.

28. Make it more money for all

29. One of the main reasons I came to this school along with a lot of out of state students is because of the reduced tuition. It should remain the same price and not change!

30. Have students with DACA pay in state tuition. I’ve lived here my whole life and just because I have DACA I have to pay out of state even though I’m in state. I know there’s not much you can do about it but maybe offer another pay for DACA students that’s not too high.

31. I am only supportive if more money goes to athletics

32. very good

33. Price of tuition is not that bad, but for a year tuition is only $5,000. Yet, somehow with all the fees we have to pay, it costs about $17,000 to attend WCU because of fees and that is ridiculous.

34. It makes out-of-state tuition manageable and often times less than what I would pay for in-state in my home state.

35. too much

36. One of the things that makes western Carolina University an option for me since I am out of state is the lower tuition since I am playing less to go out of state than I am to go in state

37. if it weren’t for NC promise I wouldn’t be at western.

38. Love the Nc promise, one of the main reasons I am here

39. NC promise makes it cheaper for me to attend an out of state school rather than an in state school. This is very helpful because college comes out of my own pocket.

40. If the tuition was increased or the NC promise was taken away I would not be able to afford to stay at WCU

41. I came here for a better cheaper education from a great school. I appreciate it remaining this way.

42. Education should not be this expensive. This just makes students be in debt at a very young age.

43. It helps me be able to afford to come to an out of state school.

44. would be cool if it was lower

45. I wish it matched in-state. Seeing as I’m from closer to the University than some people from NC are.

46. This promise has allowed more out of state students to attend this institution and I would not be able to attend here without it

47. I would have to leave this school if this was taken away

48. I understand being out of state raises the tuition however the $500 - 2,500 gap between in state and out of state is unreasonable. with all of the other added fees it makes tuition extremely high and may turn people away from the school.

49. I feel like it is a bit steep. But if it is to help the school and gain better resources and online classes then go for it

50. Great idea to get out of state students in!
51. I’m really thankful for it. Without it I probably wouldn’t be able to attend Western Carolina.
52. I am very grateful it will remain the same, the only reason I was able to attend WCU was because of the promise. If tuition increases, I will have to move back home to Georgia.
53. I would not be here without bc promise
54. I believe that the tuition should decrease due to the amount of out-of-state students. Many of these students are struggling. I believe that a lower cost would increase the diversity of the University.
55. I do think tuition being much higher for out-of-state in comparison to in-state is a bit bizarre, but it’s drastically lower than most colleges so I can’t entirely complain.
56. It is helpful that the price is as low as it is because it makes it affordable to attend WCU.
57. It is a significant drop from before NC promise. But the ratio of in state and out of state tuition is still too extreme
58. It could always be cheaper
59. it has allowed me to go to college
60. Not just for out of state, but for those who commute and go to WCU’s campus to only take classes(not use the gym or any other things the campus has to offer) shouldn’t have to spend the extra fees if they aren’t going to use them.
61. Please keep my tuition affordable!!! Thank you!!
62. The NC promise made it able for me to come here for schooling!
63. I am very thankful for the decrease in intuition. It has reduced a great strain in finances on me and my family!
64. The NC Promise changed my life. I never thought I would be able to afford a degree in my area of study, regardless of where I was studying. Tuition prices in NC made my dream possible.
65. It’s great keep it going. The NC promise has brought lots of out of state students to WCU. The drop in tuition was the only way I could financially transfer to WCU in 2018, and the opportunities it has brought have been amazing
66. This reduced tuition really helps my family; it is less expensive for me to attend WCU than the state university near my hometown.
67. Although I know that it is less than instate tuition where I am from. I still feel like I’m beating my self for the amount of money my parents have to spend on me bc financial aid hasn’t been any help recently.
68. It's essential to keep the out-of-state tuition low in order to have a diverse campus. Otherwise, out-of-state students won't attend WCU.
69. Please do not increase the price, the main reason I came to western was because it was cheap, please don’t
70. As long as it doesn't change im fine
71. It is already expensive enough to go to college so why would you prey on people that already broke as it is? I can pay cash for my tuition if it's 2,500 but not 5000 that is absolutely ridiculous
72. When compared to current in-state tuition, the cost of out-of-state tuition is very high, however it is still remarkably less than most out of state tuitions when compared to other universities.
If the NC promise didn’t exist I would not be able to attend Western Carolina. I would like to complete my four years here because I am in the Stage and Screen program and if I am unable to afford tuition I will have to drop out. Please do not increase tuition or get rid of the NC promise.

One of the reasons I came to WCU was because of the affordable out-of-state tuition. I support it staying the same. If it raised I would be very upset.

It should not be as high as it is for out-of-state students. I’m paying 5x more than what in-state students are paying.

It's still cheaper than colleges in Georgia where I would have in-state tuition with a zell miller scholarship.

Cost is low considering it is for out-of-state students but I still wish it were less.

I support having not to pay an incredible amount of tuition money

I support that it is lowered, but I still think it is too high for out of state students.

Cheaper than going in-state back home

The reduced tuition is one of the reasons why I chose western. It is so much cheaper

With residential living and other fees my total for semesters have been about 12,000 Fall 2018 and Spring 2019. That was my first year and I transfers in this Fall semester 2019 my tuition came close to 10,000. If it were not for the NC tuition promise I wouldn’t be able to attend a university.

I honestly doubt I could pay more if it had been required.

I think it’s a fair rate.

It’s nice because it’s low so I can afford it.

I feel that although our tuition is not much compared to other universities, it still piles up with all the fees that the university charges and I don’t think that helps out at all. Our university fees shouldn't be so high.

Extremely unfair in state is $500 and out of state could possibly be up to $5,000

It is very affordable

The NC Promise is great for out of state students like myself because it makes tuition less of a worry, especially for my family.

5,000 a year in tuition is still cheaper than the in state schools near my home

I chose WCU rather than an in-state school because the tuition would have been about the same. Increasing tuition would defeat the purpose.

I am an out-of-state student from 8 hours away â€” WCU was my dream school, but it was completely impractical for me to attend here if the tuition had stayed the same. My experience here has been phenomenal, so please take into consideration that the NC promise in some ways supports EVERYONE going to college, not just NC residents.

This shows how wcu is a non-profit, making education affordable for everyone including the international students.

Would like it to be lowered

As long as this sticks I might be able to graduate from WCU

A major reason I am able and willing to come to western

Keep it the way it is. It's the main draw to this school.

The out-of-state tuition from NC Promise makes it easier for out-of-state students to receive education.
99. Create an amazing opportunity for out of state residents to choose to do.
100. I don't necessarily appreciate having to pay $2000 more than in-state students per semester. I would to see conversations about reducing it to a more reasonable difference or having students that live out of state pay in state tuition if they live within a certain distance of Western.
101. Reasonably priced compared to other schools
102. If you raise the tuition, I will be transferring to another school
103. Compared to the in-state tuition rates for the schools that I was looking at going to in Georgia, this rate is very nice!
104. It should be cheaper.
105. I chose western because it was affordable for a quality education. If prices increased then it defeats the purpose and I’d be better off leaving Western and going back home and paying in-state tuition.
106. It definitely helps me financially and get a good education
107. it is very helpful and good
108. Please continue that tuition level. Do NOT raise it, or you’re going to lose thousands of out-of-state students who simply cannot afford these ridiculous fees. Please don’t raise it, not in the near future.
109. It is much better than SC in-state tuition for some colleges so thank you!
110. The cheaper the better! Price is the main reason I came to Western
111. I love what NC promise does for students. Out of state in my case is less expensive than in state for some schools in Georgia.
112. Keep it because I can barely afford college right now
113. I don’t think you should raise the tuition because you will lose students if you raise the tuition cause a lot of these students are paying for their own college
114. The reason I am able to come to the school because I love it. But also because it is very affordable for me. If it wasn’t thus price I wouldn’t be able to go.
115. It better stay the same because if not I won’t be able to pay it.
116. Extremely high compared to in state tuition
117. The biggest factor in my decision to go to WCU from PA was due to the NC promise tuition plan.
118. N/A
119. Wish it was a little closer to the NC promise... especially for students like me who live within a mile of the border between north and south carolina
In-state Tuition for Graduate Students

1. We do not get the $500 tuition so it should not go up.
2. I think the tuition should be lower or depend on credit hour rather the set.
3. Graduate Assistantships are still a necessary part of making higher education accessible. It would be helpful if they were issued as part tuition reduction (like staff receive) and part stipend.
4. The tuition is affordable. The fees are ridiculous.
5. All the fees and parking passes and such are as much as tuition. I don’t see where all this money is going because graduate school has been extremely unorganized. I attended WCU for my undergrad junior and senior year and really thought a lot about grad school, but I have been disappointed with the function of my program. I feel like I am paying a lot of money out of pocket to deal with pure chaos continuously. It is not the work load, it is the lack of organization amongst clinic supervisors and professors and the lack of information being provided. I don’t feel that the education I am receiving meets the qualifications of approximately $5000.00 after tuition and fees a semester.
6. It would be great if it would decrease a little or if more financial aid was available for graduate students.
7. The tuition is extremely high.
8. I am a graduate school and definitely pay way more than this "current tuition".
9. Would’ve been great if we got the tuition drop like the undergraduate students
10. none
11. Tuition should not go up any further.
12. I think that is fair amount.
13. Appropriate rate, I do think that graduate student use less of the campus resources however.
14. The burden of tuition should not be on graduate students when undergraduate students have nearly free tuition. A balance should be figured out.
15. In state-tuition is very reasonable, especially for those who commute to biltmore park and have families.
16. A major part of the decision to attend WCU for graduate school (DPT) was the price of tuition. This is one of the factors that makes it so desirable for DPT students when there are so many options for schools to attend.
17. The question is confusing. Are you asking what is my opinion about in state tuition remaining the same (I'm glad it will not increase) or what is my opinion about in state graduate tuition in general?
18. I currently have to pay $1500 for one graduate class, as an in-state resident. This seems extremely high.
19. It better not go up!
20. As a CRNA student I pay substantially more than this amount!
21. I do not think anyone should have to pay this much to be educated. I love my program at WCU and I am clearly continuing to pay for my education, however, I think it is way too much. It will be incredibly difficult to pay for and will be a barrier to buying a house and other life events. I also think the health insurance (BCBS) is a total scam and you should really reprioritize and see who that insurance is supporting. It does not seem to
be remotely supportive of a student. A $500 deductible every semester is ludacris. What student is able to pay that much a semester? It is essentially like I am paying for health insurance with zero benefit of having that insurance.

22. Not supportive for part time students. Part-time students pay significantly more in the long run since full time students don't pay for classes past 9 credit hours.

23. I'm not sure what is being asked. I assume since tuition "will remain" it mean it is not increasing. I support that it is not increasing.

24. I don't like the fact that we as off campus students have to pay other fees like athletic, health etc that don't apply to us. We have to pay fees that we get no advantage or use from.

25. I am in the FNP program. Graduate tuition is over 4500/semester.

26. The question and answers are terribly worded and confusing. Supportive of what? Not raising it? The current price? If it means do I not want the price raised, then, yes, I support that. If it means do I think this price is fair in the grand scheme of everything, the my answer is no. Public education should be free! Please send a survey about that!

27. Currently in-state tuition for graduate students is affordable. I hope it won’t increase

28. The question is confusing. If you are asking what is my opinion regarding the instate tuition remaining the same then I support it. If you are asking what is my option regarding the graduate tuition increasing then I do not support it.

29. There needs to be more options for Graduate students to fund their education outside of loans.

30. Graduate students who are not on main campus should not be expected to pay fees for main campus services like gym/sports fees

31. The tuition for graduate students is fine. My issue however is the amount of fees charged to graduate students at biltmore park. For instance, I currently pay fees for transportation (cat tran), athletic facilities (gym) and other items that students at Biltmore Park do not use. These fees add up to roughly 1/3 the total cost per semester. Personally, I do not think that is very fair, as most tuition reimbursement plans employers offer only covers tuition and books and not the additional fees.

32. Please don't increase it I'm so broke

33. Online classes mean that most of the content is self taught leading to less engagement on a student to instructor basis. The idea that tuition will increase means to me that I am paying more money to teach myself.

34. I’m confused because I thought my tuition was higher than that. If my tuition was truly only $2145 a year, I’d choose “supportive” but if it’s more like $4k then I’d be inclined to state that I think it’s prohibitive for my MSW program.

35. Graduate students should have the option to opt out of certain tuition fees such as sports and recreation. Those of us who only have class at Biltmore Park are paying for services we don’t have ease of access to. We only get to use a couple of equipment in a space that can only sufficiently support 2-3 people at a time.

36. Fairly supportive of relatively low tuition, but not at expense of cutting finaid for those truly unable to pay anything.
37. I really appreciate that tuition at WCU is affordable so that I can focus on getting an excellent education while not working a ton to try to afford it or taking on too much debt.

38. Unless it's possible to decrease by eliminating all of the unnecessary fees for things that I don't utilize as a commuting graduate student who comes to Biltmore Park once a month.

39. Socialized payment for higher education would be great, thanks!
**Out-of-state Tuition for Graduate Students**

1. It's a little bit expensive. I'm a daca student and it's still extremely difficult for others to afford going to college in general. Sure this college is affordable but still a little pricey. I understand though.

2. Burlones Students shouldn't have to pay the same amount of money since they don’t get the resources (unless you make them drive an HOUR to Cullowhee)

3. I pay more than that currently.... I'm not sure what you mean it will remain at this rate.

4. Too high

5. The out-of-state tuition rate for my program is nearly twice the cost of my in-state classmates. This is a significant amount of money and I think it should be lower for out-of-state graduate students. I believe this is a valid stance because have chosen to move to NC instead of staying in my home state and will be a valuable healthcare-professional who will contribute to both NC’s economy and the state’s residents for many years to come.

6. I am a South Carolina resident and believe that the amount money that residents of SC and NC provide via shopping, college tuition, traveling, and other parts of each state that the neighboring state pays should provide some time of neutrality for those in the Carolinas.

7. It is better to reduce out of state tuition for graduate students to reduce the number of people dropping out of graduate school and to encourage more students for graduate studies in WCU.

8. I think it's incredibly high and there should be similar legislation to help decrease tuition but I know that is not realistic since the university needs money from tuition payments.

9. The amount is very high

10. As an out-of-state student, I can say that the process of getting residency for a better tuition is near to impossible. I have been living in this state and at school for 3 years now and have been out-right denied residency multiple times. While this isn't an insanely large cost, a decrease in price might encourage more diversity from other states.

11. I feel that tuition is too high considering the number of class I am taking.
Undergraduate/Distance In-state Tuition

1. Current tuition is incredibly affordable for those attending or returning back to school for a degree. Being able to continue to work and attend school without costing a fortune is incredible.

2. NC promise is an amazing program that supplies help to individuals like myself who rely on grants and scholarships to go to school.

3. This has greatly helped to allow me to earn my degree without having a large amount of debt afterward.

4. This low tuition has made college an attainable goal for me.

5. If not for the N.C. Promise program I would not be able to complete my degree.

6. In my experience, education is a necessary evil. If you don’t have an extra four years of (excuse the language) bull shit schooling, you will make significantly less. School never has prepared me for a job. It has taught me how to bull shit. I am so much more advanced than the degree that I am in...that’s because I’m genuinely interested in the subject...I have learned on my own. The degree is seriously just a piece of paper to me because of the level of insignificance it has brought to my life. It’s more of an inconvenience than a legit help.

7. Kurzweil 3000 is not great Cengage is better

8. I wouldn’t have been able to afford my education without NC promise.

9. NC Promise and the low tuition rate are the primary reason I decided to continue my degree

10. Wishing it stays the same with no tuition change.

11. Please keep it at this level. It is how I afford to study.

12. Please do not increase it. It is crucial for so many of us that these rates remain low.

13. Keep it low so people who cannot normally afford an education, can still get a degree.

14. I am fully supportive of the program going forward. I have greatly benefited from it and I hope it can only get even better for future students.

15. This has been an amazing opportunity!!! With this current tuition rate I have actually been able to pay my tuition out of pocket each semester and avoid thousands of student loan debt AGAIN!!! WCU....Thank you for supporting this Tuition Promise and allowing me to continue and grow and provide a better life for my children

16. I like the fact that the rates are cheap. It helps me not have to worry about a large amount of student debt once I graduate.

17. This tuition rate is very helpful.

18. I support NC Promise as it makes seeking and obtaining a degree a reality for students like myself.

19. I really hope it stays like that because thank you to the NC Promise I was able to go back to school. If the rates go up I might have to quit school.

20. NC Promise has been a blessing. It has helped all of us with affordable tuition so that we can further our education.

21. Please keep it at this rate! It’s enabled me to return to school after 10 years whereas it was cost-prohibitive previously.

22. The current rates are awesome and very affordable.
23. The NC Promise has allowed me the opportunity to finish my undergraduate degree. The tuition rates are something that are very important to me.
24. Because of this fee, I am able to continue my education.
25. Tuition rates are fine
26. This proposed program is the only way I have been able to return to school and complete my degree. I save every penny to make tuition and I plan to graduate on time. Raising in any way may change those plans.
27. The low tuition is the only reason I can get a college education.
28. I can't go to school with out the NC Promise. Please keep it.
29. I sought out a college I could afford in hopes to graduate without massive debt. I want tuition to stay the same. I would most likely drop out of college if I have to take out loans & go in debt.
30. This is the reason I decided to attend WCU; avoiding taking out student loans.
31. On what I make as an undergraduate in Early Childhood, I can afford to pay out of my pocket the $53.88 fee per credit hour per semester. This is my opportunity to get my education and this was a major reason for returning to WCU get my licensure. With an increase, I'm not sure how I will be able to finish on time. I guess I would have to take one class at a time.
32. The tuition rates at WCU have made it possible for me to continue my education.
33. I say $53.88 an hour would be a great idea because it gives people who cannot afford college a chance to better their education and make something out of life.
34. Most programs what ones are not??
35. As a working mom for three children this tuition promise is really important to me.
36. Having tuition this low allows me to be able to work and get my degree. It also allows me to pay out of pocket instead of drowning myself in student dept before I even graduate.
37. In regards to this comment, I believe it is important to keep the tuition at a healthy rate due to the majority of student(s) working full-time and supporting their family. However, I really do not have facts to back up my statement. I'm not really for sure how many online learners have full-time job and supporting families.
38. NC Promise does not include the summer semester, but summer courses are required for degree completion. A compromise should be made so that the summer tuition fees do not more than double the normal NC Promise amount that is due.
39. Its all I can do to afford them.
40. I feel that the fees should stay the same in order to support students in school not worry so much on how to get money for college
41. I am so thankful for this program. I would be financially unable to get my degree otherwise. Please don't take it away.
42. This is one main factor that drove me back to school to get my BS in EMS.
43. I wish this was for the summer session as well
44. The reason I chose this program is because it is affordable, if they were to make it less affordable I would no longer choose to participate in it.
45. This is making it possible for me to graduate debt free. I very much appreciate this program. Thank you!
46. NC Promise is the only reason I can attend school.
47. I choose WCU for the NC promise tuition. If its cancelled, I'm done.
48. This has been a huge help to those of us trying to obtain a bachelor's degree -- However, it has been noted that the EMC program has a higher per hour cost even with the NC Promise deduction; this is false advertising and not exactly fair to students in that program.
49. NC Promise is the only reason I'm able to pursue a degree.
50. This low cost enables me to attend school and finish my degree without having to worry about going into debt.
51. Without NC Promise I would not have been able to go to school. I fear that if the tuition does go up then I will not be able to continue working towards my bachelor's.
52. Thank you so much for considering keeping a reasonable tuition.
53. I think the NC Promise is a wonderful program. I have the opportunity to participate this year and have found the education, training and learning aspect of this program to be top notch!!
54. NC Promise is wonderful
55. I support this but in the last couple semesters my fees have been more than the tuition alone so I don’t see a huge difference unfortunately and I pay everything out of pocket.
56. This affordable tuition plan has made it possible for me to return to school and I sincerely appreciate the resource.
57. This is why I chose to attend WCU, is for the NC promise. It makes it easier on those that don’t get a lot of financial aid to get their degree.
58. I find the in-state tuition at WCU very reasonable. It makes going back to school to finish my degree even more possible. I’m very grateful for it.
59. Thanks to the nc promise I am able to attend college to complete me education degree. Without this I would not be able to afford classes.
60. The tuition rate is a huge reason I chose WCU to obtain my degree.
61. The NC Promise has allowed me to stay in school and achieve my educational goals.
62. Super supportive, it is extremely helpful and allows me to not have to work two full-time jobs in addition to going to school full-time.
63. I believe it gives working individuals a very affordable option to get a degree.
64. I highly appreciate the low cost, it is the main reason I picked to further my education at WCU. I would probably not go to college if it was more expensive.
65. I fully support this decision to keep the NC Promise program in place and keep tuition low for in-state resident and distance students. It will attract in-state students to study at WCU.
66. Because of this price, I am able to do online courses and earn another degree!
67. The NC Promise is a great program. I'm so glad to see it will continue for the 2020-2021 academic year. It has helped me tremendously to be able to afford returning to college in order to finish my business degree. I'm so happy to be able to complete it through WCU.
68. This is one of the major reasons I chose to go back to school and chose Western Carolina. I don't qualify for any financial aid at all, My veteran's benefits have timed out. I am the only one working in my household and wouldn't be able to afford it otherwise.
69. The ability of the college to keep tuition low is a reason that I am able to be a distant education student 31 years removed from high school. It is allowing me to fulfill the dream of a Bachelors degree.

70. The NC Promise has helped move forward with earning my Bachelor's degree. Without it, I do not know if I could afford to complete it. At this point, I am able to pay for my education in full out of my own pocket.

71. Promise grant should remain as this is my reason for attending. I will go elsewhere if this changes.

72. The tuition and NC Promise is what ultimately made my decision to come to Western.

73. Please keep education affordable. It's challenging enough for adults to go back to school to finish degrees, while working and supporting a family.

74. I think NC promise has made education much more affordable and gave the opportunity for so many students that may otherwise not be able to afford the education.

75. I am able to afford classes because of NC Promise.

76. Thank God for the NC Promise rate! I would not be able to get my degree without it!

77. This is very affordable for me!!

78. Because of the NC promise in state tuition is why I have been able to go to college, because my family never qualified for financial aid and this has made an education affordable for me.

79. Honestly, I pushed very hard to finish my degree by this Spring out of fear that the tuition rates would go up Fall 2020. I will be turning 30 next year and had resigned myself to chipping away at a bachelors 1 or 2 classes at a time until this opportunity.

80. Thanks to the NC Promise plan I was able to enroll at WCU. I am currently enrolled in the Business Law program. This degree will help further my career as well as open other opportunities in the future. Without the NC Promise plan, there is no way I could afford to complete my bachelor's in Business.

81. This seems great since there is no increase in tuition and fees for me as a student. However, to have an more educated opinion, I would need to know more for why tuition and fees would increase/ decrease.

82. I pay everything out of pocket so this has enabled me to continue my education.

83. I believe it is very fair and it opens the door for more students to be able to attend WCU to further their educational goals.
Undergraduate/Distance Out-of-state Tuition

1. This saved me. I couldn’t have afforded a bachelor degree anywhere else. I recommend WCU to everyone.
2. I highly support the out of state tuition to remain the same if possible to be decreased.
3. This stated there will be a decrease but it is staying the same. I do believe a decrease is needed for out of state students. There is no reason why I should pay more than an In state student for an online class, in my view. I am basically paying WCU to access test and teach myself.
4. I specifically chose WCU because of the affordable tuition. I appreciate that a university can see the benefit from making an education affordable.
5. The fee is costly now so have an additional fee added it would be too much for some persons I hope persons who are responsible for this area would think about the changes on payment before making final decisions.
6. That’s great. Really appreciated.
7. Far too high.
8. The decrease in tuition was the deciding factor for me in choosing this school. I also highly recommend this school to my peers because of the tuition cost. It is so hard to find good education at an affordable price and your school is one that is fortunate enough to offer that.
9. NC Promise makes completing my degree affordable and a dream come true. My husband is in the military so paying out of state tuition was too much for me (we are not stationed in NC). Now I am able to affordably complete my degree at the school where I started my college journey.
Distance In-state Tuition and Fees for Graduate Students
1. I believe the tuition should decrease if you are online only, as you are required to self teach more, you are not using facilities, and often do not have as much access to professors.
2. Less fees since I am not utilizing on campus amenities
3. Payment plans for summer courses PLEASE! That’s the best time for those who are already teaching to take classes, but very difficult to shell out all that $$ at one time
4. Thank you!
5. The quality of the program and tuition rates are the reasons I decided on WCU.
6. I am a UNC employee, so whatever the tuition and fees end up being, the UNC System will eat the cost.
7. It is appreciative, but probably not a beneficial factor that in state get cheaper tuition. I am benefitting from it, but I don’t think it shouldn’t matter. It should really be about academic standing and not location of living just in general for all universities.
8. I do not believe that tuition should increase. It is already high enough. Not everyone gets assistance, so I pay everything out of pocket.
9. WCU offers affordable tuition. I couldn’t get this price anywhere else! (I looked before deciding on WCU)
10. Too much
11. Cost is actually way too high. Professors in graduate classes, especially online, aren’t actually doing more work than professors in undergraduate classes. I should know, all of my undergrad courses were online as well. Yet the cost is over 357% higher than undergrad courses. Are graduate professors being paid 357% more? Are they doing 357% more work? Do these courses require 357% more resources? I doubt it. That said, reducing tuition would likely encourage more people to sign up and result in WCU making more money. Economics is fun!
12. It is already pretty expensive to take classes, and with the added fees, the TEACH grant, covers just under the amount I need, so in addition to books, I end up having to pay some tuition out of pocket. If it wasn't for scholarships/TEACH grant, I could not afford to take these classes and would be stuck in my current low income position, unless I wanted to change my career track completely.
13. Very reasonable
14. The current tuition rate allows me to finish my degree.
15. Students are having to pay so much as it is for school and are having to take out loans which leaves them in debt for quite some time. I feel as if, this is one of the reasons students turn away from college because it cost them so much. I can't imagine prices being raised.
16. In state on-line tuition should be reduced
17. I am very glad there is no increase. I would have to reconsider my enrollment if otherwise.
18. That seems a bit steep. I think that there should be discounted tuition for TA’s and teachers currently working in-state who plan to stay in-state post-graduation
19. Great news!
Distance Out-of-state Tuition and Fees for Graduate Students

1. Grateful that there wasn't an increase for Distance Out of state. However, the tuition is difficult to mange.

2. I don't agree with out of state fees for online students - it makes no sense.

3. The price is obscene and it’s crazy that the university chooses to provide in-state and out-of-state fees for online students. My options for graduate school were limited with the degree I’m pursuing and I chose WCU out of need.

4. The tuition is quite competitive viewed nationally for an accredited university. While students always want lower tuition costs, WCU is competitive.

5. I think the in-state tuition should apply for distance learning as most graduate online programs observe.
Proposed Masters of Science Athletic Tuition Differential
1. I think it should be based on credit hour not a flat rate
2. none
3. I think it is expensive enough. We have to pay exam software already in addition to fees in my program
4. I don't know what you mean by differential tuition. It seems like a tuition increase or fee increase for the MSAT. I do not support it.
5. I'm not in that program, though. I think those things will add value to the program as someone from the outside looking in.
6. I think it's good to have cadaver lab, the increase is minimal in comparison to value
7. I feel as though, if I were going into an AT program, this would be a small price to pay for the above benefits.
8. Thanks for showing what the increase in cost covers
9. My major is unable to use the cadaver lab.
Proposed Recreational Therapy Program Fee Increase

1. This is more than needed, there are already many fees that are not being implemented that we still have to pay for without seeing the benefits.

2. Some of these sound very helpful to the program, but little stuff like raising the prices for printing I don’t really like. It’s hard for some people to even print because they don’t have money to put on their card as cat cash. I learn more towards the supporting side of this though. $50 isn’t too much more.

3. Provide for students that can’t afford conferences out of pocket!

4. To stay competitive WCU needs to keep up with the latest technologies, so if it cost an extra $100 I am ok with that.

5. I understand that there are more students, but it is not fair to raise the fee. If there are more teachers in this program, that is understandable.

6. We already pay way too much so why are you trying to higher it? If you need money start a fundraiser don’t take it out of our pockets!

7. Too much damn money

8. I am a Recreational Therapy major and I would not prefer to have this large of an increase in prices.

9. I am okay with this fee

10. It’s fine, just as we have it

11. I kinda support it because it will come from my tuition and it will help me through out the academic year but it is a bit too much.

12. If the extra fees enhance the quality of the major courses I would see it as beneficial

13. I understand the raise in fees, but I’m already paying for tuition by myself so it would not be very ideal to raise fees

14. $100 are you kidding me

15. If it helps enhance my educational experience and prepare me for the opportunities to come for me in the future, then I am all for this increase in yearly fees.
Proposed Decrease in the Teacher Education Course Fees
1. What about for those who have already had to pay the TK20 fee?
2. If they're fees are decreasing then tuition should as well because they are paying less white us are getting charged more. Typical Capitalism...
3. Positive since the state of North Carolina is so resistant to increasing teacher pay.
4. Where will this cost be made up? Who covers the cost that would have been covered by the original fee?
5. Much needed
6. Watermark/TK20 is useless to me. Make it an option or it looks like a useless add-on to take money from students while the quality of your service doesn't increase.
7. You still have to pay for TK20 in addition to these fees
8. I don't really understand how this works, I usually take 2 online courses per semester, does this mean to that my fees would be 110x2 which would be 220 in fee's which would result in an increase for me personally.. if that is the case, I do not support it. We already pay for own Watermark subscription anyway... so I don't understand why we should have to pay more...
9. I am in the Educational Leadership Doctorate program. This does not impact me. I support anything that supports teachers. They are underpaid and undersupported.
10. GREAT!
11. I think that if it is required then it should be apart of tuition not an additional fee.
12. When I read your next question about the fee increase, it seems that students are actually receiving no decrease. Instead, this is deceptively broken into two questions so that the actual increase for students is $190. Public education should be free. Support legislation and legislators who advocate for this!
13. If the charge is not optional then it should not be a fee. it should be part of the tuition. I don't support an increase.
14. This is awesome because Education majors have fees outside of the Education Program (ex: licensure exams) so a decrease in the Course Fees would be great
15. I do not understand.
16. I agree with this because it would be cheaper in the long run. I personally have already payed for TK20, but since I will further continue my education classes here at Western, I believe it would be helpful.
17. I feel like this would help out some Education Majors. Not everyone has that money just laying around. I know that the bookstore ran out of the card for the TK20 account because so many people wanted to use their financial aid and the students that really needed it could not use it. I was grateful enough to have enough money to pay for it but it would help me and my family out a lot because I also have a twin sister in college.
18. As mentioned before I support it because it gives more students opportunities that they couldn't have if the cost was higher.
19. This would be great!
20. Having less of a financial stress in any regard can help students better focus on their degree and might encourage more students to stick with the education degree.
21. I believe that the students pay enough money for course and should have TK 20 included.
22. It is cheaper than paying $72 three times, but it should only be $72, since we have to pay for our Background Checks now.
23. Because even though the fee is decreasing we still have to pay for tk20 and background checks out of pocket so it's not really a fee decrease.
24. As an Education major, I agree with and support this. I am already paying a lot of money to attend WCU. This will help alleviate some financial stress. Every little bit helps.
25. Going into education isn’t the job when you expect to have a bunch of money, so this could help decrease student debt.
26. If your going to raise the prices of tuition all the HIDIN fees should be covered with the tuition.
27. That would be nice. But not fair to all of us who had to pay.
28. Just more money I don’t have.
29. TK20 is costly but needed for educators to apply for their program, block, etc. If the cost is lowered that would help future educators in this program, it does not do anything for those already in the program who already paid this cost.
30. As an education major, I think the course prices should be decreased.
31. While I am supportive of this decrease, I would rather pay this smaller fee if it meant that I would not have to compensate the Clinical Educators with money if that is an option.
32. N/A
33. Yes!
34. Money out of my own pocket was used to buy the TK20 account which I could have used towards bills or food.
35. I already have to pay hundreds of dollars out of my own pocket for licensure tests, so any little bit you can save me on course fees I am all for!
36. As a future education major these fees put an extreme amount of pressure on me. I struggle to meet my minimal personal debts each month this adds a whole new level of stress
37. I think lowering the price for course for Education majors is a good idea.
38. Maybe grants could be offered to students in the teachers ed program to help cover these higher costs.
39. I like that there is a proposed decrease.
40. TK20 seems almost ridiculously expensive for a website for logging hours in and submitting assignments. It serves basically the same functions as blackboard.
41. It is easier for students to pay for courses rather than TK20 on their own
42. I am not sure if it is included into the total cost that we pay or not. But I think it should and not have students come out of pocket for that.
43. Any decrease in fees is appreciated.
44. I would have loved to not have paid for either of those.
45. Decrease. No need to pay for Tk20 out of pocket
46. We are broke teachers, please don’t take our money
47. Anything that helps teacher is always a positive.
48. If the student has already paid for Watermark/TK20, they should not have to pay an increase for the course which will carry the extra cost to cover the fee.
49. Any decrease would be great.
50. I'm only supporting this if I end up paying less.
51. I had to pay the $110.00 fee. I think it is a better financial plan for everyone if the institution feels it's necessary to benefit the students.
52. Thank you
53. I think this is great because I am really struggling to come up with the money for TK20 where if it is included in the course fee, financial aid will help cover it
54. I think that is an awesome idea to do. Course fees are unreal to pay more than once a year.
55. The decrease sounds like a great idea to eliminate additional fees. It would make more sense to charge once per student per semester rather than for each course.
56. when I first started my degree 3 years ago I was paying a crazy amount of money for just 3 classes, the goal is to come out of college with a minimal amount of debt. I think any decrease in fees will help students tremendously.
57. That would be great.
58. We should not have to purchase tk20 and edtpa because the university REQUIRES us to have it. It is hard for education majors, who are in intern, to work outside of classes to be able to afford and pay for this on top of commuting expenses like gas to our host schools that sometimes are 45 minutes - an hour away.
59. This will allow more students who do not have the resources to pursue an education degree, which is arguably one of the most important.
60. I think lowering the fees for Teacher Ed courses helps out a lot.
61. Teachers do not make much money, so any tuition and/or fee decreases, especially cost decreases related specifically to the education majors, is a wonderful idea.
62. I just don't understand why I have to pay extra money to take classes when I already pay tuition.
63. If this fee covers TK20 100%(and does not go elsewhere), I am in support, but either way financial aid covers it.
64. Why would the fee decrease?
65. Having the fee change you should still look into consideration some persons may not be able to pay for their classes.
66. good move
Proposed Increase in the Cooperating Teachers Stipend Course Fee

1. If they are experiencing an increase just to teach, then we should be assisting them being able to keep their positions.
2. Too much
3. Keep the TK20 fee where it is at.....make this a smaller increase.
4. Too high!
5. I’m sure someone will tell me how this is going to benefit the kids in N.C.
6. This is a lot of money for students, but I have been a Cooperating Teacher and it is quite a bit of work. The increased stipend would be a nice benefit for Cooperating Teachers.
7. I do not support any increases, college is pricey enough as it is. I disagree with making students bear the entire brunt of the burden, especially when its to cover cost for things that are out of their locust of control.
8. Seriously? Where does this money go? That amount is 1/3 my monthly income!
9. I do not know enough about this issue to respond
10. Should be covered by the state
11. Is there a better value represented by the fee for edTPA rather than the student paying it out of pocket when needed?
12. Copy and pasted from previous questions but applies to this: When I read your next question about the fee increase, it seems that students are actually receiving no decrease. Instead, this is deceptively broken into two questions so that the actual increase for students is $190. Public education should be free. Support legislation and legislators who advocate for this!
13. It says something that tuition is less than fees. I do not support it.
14. This is wonderful!
15. I don’t understand the fee going up?
16. How much does this test cost? $300 for a single test? I would be more supportive if it covered all of the tests we have to take to get our license.
17. I have not had to come in contact with this yet in my Education career. But I do not approve that this should increase because as stated before that I have a twin sister also in college and they are helping us through that while me and my sister are also paying our way through as well.
18. I support this because it is giving students a greater opportunity to succeed on the assessment and the price increase isn’t too drastic.
19. We already spend so much time and money to become teachers why increase it any more than what we already do
20. I’m concerned why we are having such high raises in many sections?
21. It is ridiculous that we would have to pay $300 more, especially when students get CEs that are not helpful!
22. As an Education major, I do not agree with nor do I support this. I am already paying a lot of money to attend WCU. Why should I continue to pay more?
23. For those of us who already paid out of pocket for these necessities the increases is unacceptable.
24. That is a massive jump in price, practically a parking pass, which I already had to quit purchasing to save money.
I support clinical educators receiving more money so that they have a willingness to counsel and guide us to be better teachers but why are we being forced to pay triple the amount of what we already pay? This is a huge concern for someone like me who does not receive government financial aid and is having to pay everything out of pocket! I guess my real concern is where is this money going and how will it benefit me and my fellow classmates?

I am sure I personally would not be able to afford this cost myself, so I don’t know that other college students could as well.

Should be covered in tuition

I shouldn’t have to pay anymore for the education I’m already paying for. Use the money that I have to pay for athletics, that I don’t attend, and use it else where. I’m already paying crazy fees that have nothing to do with me.

I shouldn't have to pay for that. I can’t afford it.

We are in a learning community partnered with schools in the area to help provide us with experience. CE’s are not required to take in interns, and payment will increase the incentive to adopt an intern for financial purposes rather than educational.

A $300 jump seems real high for this!

The fee now seems like it’s been working pretty well, I don’t think we should change it

I think raising the price of the Stipend Course would later help out when it comes to taking the tests to be a teacher and not having to pay for those

While I do support being supportive of our Clinical Educators, I myself am becoming a Teacher as well. With that said, I am going into this career as not just a service to our community, but as a service to help others. To be a dedicated, inspiring, leader to help my students learn and grow as learners and as people. I am going into this career with the understanding that I will not make very much money, as the average teacher pay in North Carolina is not high at all, especially when compared to other states. This increase will not only put a burden on myself, but on my cohorts in the program. This increase of $300 will generate more stress on students, as many students are fully supporting themselves currently. This fee adds to the financial stress that is already amongst the students at Western Carolina University, which is the number one reason many students drop out. The decrease in tuition has changed the perspective of school for so many people, as many are now available to come to school at western. Unfortunately, this large increase will drive many students away from being an educator and going into the Education program. This will then create less educators in the workforce and less people supportive of our education program.

That’s almost the price of Tuition!

There are already not enough teachers. Why make it more costly for those who want to become teachers?

You lower course fees but raise the Cooperating Teacher Stipend, which still leaves me paying MORE than before. It makes no sense. We need more information before you do things like this explaining WHY and your reasoning.

It is mandatory for Education students cover this cost. It should be lowered because most students cannot afford it. It is not be increased.
39. An extremely large increase. If it has to increase it needs to be a lot less because that's not something everyone may be able to afford.
40. Maybe grants could be offered to students in the teachers ed program to help cover these higher costs.
41. By increasing student fees, specifically in education, Western Carolina University and North Carolina are discouraging future educators. In addition to this increase, education students are working a full-time internship for free with no commute stipend or incentive of any kind. If it were any other professional field, this would be illegal. This proposal is unethical and should not be passed.
42. I personally believe nothing should be increased due to most people not being able to afford anything more than their tuition and fees. This is extra cost that many can't swing.
43. If we decrease tuition but increase teacher fees we are still paying out more money. It's expensive to continue education. This will make it harder for students to attend college.
44. That is a lot of dough for a student to cough up, especially considering these students are going into a low-income field of profession.
45. If it is mandatory, I don't believe it should increase and cost that much.
46. How much would the edtpa be for students if the fee wasn't increased?
47. Increase in fees creates further financial burden on me and my family.
48. Do not increase fee
49. We are broke teachers, don't take our money
50. Not familiar with this
51. I knew there was a reason to cut cost. You cut cost some where else & then increase the cost elsewhere.
52. How are student supposed to be able to pay for this type of increase when long distance learners are tirelessly working to support families and glean an education at the same time? I realize the institution is desiring to increase everywhere possible; however, an increase will also cause me to scale back on how many classes I will be able to afford on what I currently make if I have a large stipend course fee increase. I'll have to remain in my current educational and work related state longer before I can contribute to WCU and society. If I made a teacher's salary, then yes, I probably would be able to rethink this proposal. I am at the bottom looking up to trying to have this type of financial status.
53. Wow I have to go an entire semester without pay and have new charges. I have been teaching pre-K for 20 years and in public school for 7 making 20,000 a year. I will do whatever it takes to gradu
54. That will be hard to come up with for me! It may actually cause many students having to wait to get their license.
55. People may not be able to afford to pay a larger amount
56. Teachers put in extra unpaid time and their own money into their classrooms. I do not think they should have to pay any extra fees.
57. Very stiff increase. Some increases can be expected, but that is a lot.
58. Teachers already make a lousy income so you shouldn't charge them more before just because.
59. That is a huge jump in fees but I do not know enough about this to have an opinion.
60. Often students are in financial hardship if attending school. I think any increase should only apply when students have an increase in funding.
61. When I first started my degree 3 years ago I was paying a crazy amount of money for just 3 classes, the goal is to come out of college with a minimal amount of debt. I think any decrease in fees will help students tremendously.
62. Most history majors are faced with commuting over an hour to our internships. This increase would hurt many of us financially.
63. That is very expensive!!
64. A $300 increase is absurd, especially if you want students to continue to join the teacher education program.
65. I don’t support increases in fees for future teachers who already won’t make enough money. We are expected to pay off debt that we have to obtain due to the requirement of needing a teaching degree. We won’t make a whole lot of money as teachers. Increasing our college fees, and in turn, our college debt, isn’t beneficial for any of us.
66. Some students who want to become teachers do not always pass the first exam. This would mean they would be charged $900 dollars for taking it twice and so forth. I understand that raising the price would give students more motivation to not want to fail the first one, but from low income students, it would be almost impossible to pay that.
67. I don’t think the fee should be increased because one, most students don’t have any money and second, education majors are already going into a field where we already won’t be receiving much money.
68. I’d prefer not to pay $300 so everyone else can pay for an exam. It should be a personal thing.
69. Again, if this fee actually goes to the coverage of the stipend, and edTPA, is as low as it can possible be, I am in support.
70. How is it that this one increases but not the other one?
71. As a music ed major, I have to not only pay for my education classes, but my music classes and supplies as well. Increasing the fee will make it incredibly financially difficult.
72. If you have to increase the fee because some area does not have enough funds to cover its expenses, I do believe they should increase the fee.
73. no opinion
Student Activity Fee Increase

Undergraduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year

1. If students are not participating in activities, they should not have to assist in paying for them
2. It’s already extremely expensive for me to do anything on campus. I have to take out loans to be apart of these things
3. I shouldn’t have to pay for things I don’t use here/am apart of on campus.
4. Use more funding to make more parking lots
5. If I only want to use the campus rec. and do campus activities, I don’t believe I should have to pay for everything else
6. While I am not involved with any of these I think actives such as these should have more funds.
7. I really do not see how the increase will help students. Everything I have seen so far really does not help the students.
8. We definitely need some renovations to a lot of different places and the increase isn’t a drastic increase.
9. I only use one of these.
10. Yet I do agree that we need more places to study in the uc
11. $9 would not hurt so I mean yeah.
12. Greek doesn’t need more than student affairs, that’s just silly
13. As an undergrad student I should not be required to pay a fee in regards to anything about graduate programs.
14. Students who don’t participate in these activities shouldn’t have to pay for them
15. I can’t pay for that
16. I think it’s fair, it’s only $18 a year raise.
17. This provides minimal cost to students and maximizing the wellness of campus
18. I understand where it’s going and that’s great, but besides the crc I don’t take part in any of the other activities. So, neutral on it I guess.
19. I did not sign up to be lied to about the price amount of tuition and fees in order to attend the university for the prices to rise.
20. I think the student activity fee is unfair to students. A lot of students aren’t able or don’t want to participate in the activities listed. Those funds should come from that organization. There are plenty of ways to fundraise and shouldn’t be by making a student required fee.
21. I don’t support the fee increase, we pay enough already.
22. I dont use these amenities so I dont think I should have to pay for them.
23. A more than doubling is a bit extreme.
24. I think it should stay the same.
25. This is a minor increase that students can easily afford in exchange for the many activities and groups that benefit from the student activities fee. thanks
26. Student Activities is one of the major things grad schools look at. If you raise the prices, people who cannot afford this cannot participate in extremely important clubs and events. Raising prices on things that effect students so greatly is not okay.
27. This should be an option. If students don’t use, or are not apart of these activities, we should not be required to pay for them.
28. Why is the percentage higher for Greek student affairs than normal student affairs? Do they really need that much?
29. Stop funding Greek life
30. I support this because I know the extra bit of money will definitely be put to good use in replacing or repairing materials that students use frequently.
31. Stop making me pay more money
32. This should not increase. Wealthy people just want sports to get more attention than education. The campus has been renovated enough this semester.
33. I’m not supportive of the fees going to stupid sports. We have a lot more than that here and we should be helping the entire student body.
34. Students should be paid to be in band. It brings in enough money and more than most of the sports teams.
35. I don’t understand why everyone has to pay for Greek students when not everyone is apart of it. Why can’t they pay for it. They treat people like shit. I work at Papa John's and we got a shooting threat from one of the houses but nothing happened to him because "fraternity guys can do no wrong" and even if they were going to get in trouble their brothers will stick up for them so then they can't get in trouble. I don't want to pay for a bunch of people to feel like they are better than everyone else.
36. It's only $9. That's not a huge increase.
37. We already had a fee increase for athletics, and now we have plenty more students paying these fees as well.
38. I shouldn’t have to pay fees for Greek life organizations. I’m not a part of them. They should raise their own money. They have enough people to do just fine.
39. The fee is already to high.
40. The percentage of students this service is relevant to is no doubt very small, perhaps propose a by-use fee for applicable activities. The proposed fee is also comically large.
41. It makes sense why you charge that much, but that doesn't mean I like it.
42. I don’t do any of these activities so why do I need to pay for it
43. Increase is bad. Most people could use the extra money even if it is $9 a semester
44. Most of the students do not participate in most if not all these facilities so why should they have to pay for others.
45. this is dumb
46. Students should get the choice to finance activity fees. It should not be required because some students may not use the facilities and may not be able to afford the increase. There should not be an required increase.
47. I can hardly afford to go to this school as it is with its low price and all of you draining my pockets with added fees. I refuse to allow you to increase them
48. N/A
49. Provide more funding to club sports on campus.
50. Tuition and all other fees associated with attending the school are already more than most can afford - even with assistance. For those families that will have more than one child attending, an increase will be an additional hardship.
51. Greek life should pay its own fees solely by membership
52. Nothing needs to be raised.
53. Why am I paying for things that I’m not even a part of? (i.e. marching band, fine arts, and Greek life)
54. None of those really affect me so why should I have to pay more.
55. U added $1000 in fees last year fuck no
56. I believe these things are important but I am also against anything that could make it more difficult for a lower income individual to go to a nice college.
57. I do not agree with half the things the Greeks do on campus. they are rude and do nothing but party and make others feel bad about themselves.
58. I do not see the UC complete tear down renovation as necessary, just the proposed offices outlined prior to where Chick fil A used to be.
59. Not everyone takes part in the activities listed, so I feel as though we shouldn't have to pay for things we don't use, and especially not pay more.
60. Even though its not a major increase, its still $18 extra for a year of schooling. I am supportive of the band getting money because my boyfriend is in it and its an amazing program but not everyone is in band or uses any of the things listed so they're wasting money either way.
61. Don’t go any higher stay under $15
62. Some students only go to major events.
63. That is a ridiculous amount of money that should not be spent on these extracurricular activities
64. Provide more information about why there is going to be a change. This will be a better way to understand the change.
65. If I’m not going to use or partake in the usage of the fees these things contribute towards, I should not be required to pay.
66. It is already a struggle to pay for things on campus.
67. If it is not broke, do not fix it.
68. Although I use the rec center like every other day, a raise in expenses isn't something I want. Plus, most of the equipment in the Rec center is fine.
69. I never use any of these services
70. As long as it doesn’t go up any more
71. I do not use my activity fee much at all.
72. I don't think we need to increase fees every year, it means I wont be able to keep my education going.
73. We should not have to pay for the marching band, or an increase in sports when our sports team are lacking in performance
74. I’m only supporting because it’s 9 dollars
75. I don’t not like it but it is only $18.
76. Stop doing so many renovations! Pick one, FINISH IT in a decent amount of time and fully functional and up to code, and then pick the next one. I've been here several years and I’m always disappointed with the rushed renovations or building projects.
77. Stop increasing the price, please too much loans is already going into the school
78. I do not want my money going to something I will not utilize
I believe that this fee increase should only go to things that all students can benefit from. Such as the UC, CRC, and possibly a budget for a new student union building.

I shouldn't have to pay for something I don't fucking participate in such as Greek Student Engagement and marching band.

The Campus Recreation Center is amazing. Well worth the increase in fees.

I think it’s needed for the funding for the university

There should be no increase in fees

What's the point of increasing it. Waste of time. We struggle to pay college tuition as it is.

The money should go towards projects such as improvement in the cafeterias/food options and materials such as books or furniture in classrooms. The money should not go towards equipment replacement in the CRC when they are all working perfectly fine and have no real reason to be replaced. The indoor stadium should also not be a project in the works or even considered, there is no real reason for it except to bring in more players in the next few years and to make WCU look great; the programs make it great enough.

Don't understand why students who are not in SGA, Marching band, grad school, etc have to pay towards those programs when we are not in them or benefitted by them.

Create more stress on me, with trying to come up with the money.

18 dollars a semester isn’t bad but y’all know it’s gonna add up. For activities, it’s probably worth it

I am supportive of change, but only in way that will benefit the students and faculty of this campus. We deserve to see improvements in everything and we are getting that with numerous new buildings and equipment. There are definitely improvements needed in all places. I just want to see the funds be used in the correct manner and fashion.

That’s a lot of money per student. Perhaps some of that can be funneled back to cover EdTPA fees.

The Student Activity Fee Increase is appropriate due to the amazing accessibility of services that this fee provides!

The only department I can see fees being beneficial and useful for the student population would be to Campus Activities. Everything else doesn't need more funds, they need less.

As a member of the POTM Band here at WCU I feel that although the band is supported by the band they don't exactly plan forward a lot and make some bad decisions

The fact that the majority of students do not engage in these activities yet have to pay for them is a little silly. For those of us who are under financial stresses and are not able to received FASFA should have the option of if we would like to pay all of these fees.

you guys shouldn't place the fee on the students. Give teachers incentives to find and seek out donors, grants, and other ways to get money for the college. You're breaking the backs of students who are already in debt.

I will not be here to enjoy the benefits of the increase therefore I do not feel I should have to fund it.

Not great, but necessary for the greater good.
98. I am currently trying to focus mainly on my studies and so an added $650 fee that
doesn't really work towards my studies, to me isn't beneficial educational or
economically wise.
99. only is we are shown the changes that are going to be made.
100. We pay too much in fees already. It is slightly deceptive to decrease tuition just to slap
on a ton of extra fees (although I understand it is cheaper).
101. i do not use and facilities for athletics on campus or attend any campus events.
102. My main reason for attending WCU is for the low tuition cost. If the tuition is going to
be increased I might as well attend a university closer to home and with more
entertainment in the area.
103. If it would be used to actually replace things that need replaced then fine but I doubt
that is how it’s going to go
104. I don't use or partake in any of these. Why should I have to pitch in?
105. This place is already expensive as it is and does not need more fees for activities that not
everyone goes to, it should be a choice to donate if one chooses to do so.
106. I am not a part of any of these associations if people want to be a part of these activities
you should charge them then. Stop charging me for activities I don't even go to. I am at
school for my degree and that's all and increasing fees makes that harder for me to
pursue.
107. Some of the fees are to improve things that some students do not partake in which i see
as somewhat unfair the fees do add up quite quickly
108. I'm all for renovation projects and improvements and equipment replacement
109. The school is already expensive
110. The fees make tuition the same. Totally not supportive. Take care of your students first
and don’t cheat them out of their money.
111. Money seems wasted on activities like "Greek Student Engagement", "Student
Government", and "Campus Rec and Wellness"
112. Because this increase is only $18, I support it.
113. Fees are already high and unfairly applied to the students. For example, I pay the fee to
get into all sporting events; however, I am in the marching band and perform at all these
games. So I never benefit from the free admission but I pay the fee.
114. Its only 18 dollars more a year. Go for it!
115. It's only a small amount, and campus activities are important to me.
116. Since I am not a part of any of these groups, I should not be charged $600 for them.
117. Greek life should raise their own funds
118. I can't afford college as it is. Please don't raise fees.
119. MARCHing band already pays multiple fees that are expensive. There is no point in
charging people that participate in a program that brings in more money than most of
the other programs combined. Greek life is not something that most people participate
in or interact with. Personally, I do not want my money going to this so the fees are
pointless.
120. Why increase it when we already pay so much for it
121. Why should we all have to pay parts of Greek fees when were not part of greek life
122. I feel this slight increase is good to help improve our community.
123. There are too many fees now! It is non-sense that fees are so high.
124. DON NOT DO THIS. All of this money is just going to go to the football team who has not had a 3 winning seasons in 8 of the previous seasons they clearly do not deserve it and all of the other organizations except for Intercultural Affairs.
125. I don't get why I have to pay extra fee's for things like the Greek Student Engagement and Marching Band, when it has nothing to do with me. If you want to run an office or be in a extra-curricular like that then you'd fundraise.
126. Why should we pay for this when we don’t partake...only the people who partake should pay.
127. $9 increased is low increase and low impact
128. SGA shouldn’t be funded by student tuition
129. We do not use most of these extracurriculars as is. Why should we pay for them.
130. It is only a $9 increase, which is not that much, and especially if it is going to improve the campus, I am all for it.
131. Not everyone uses the activity fees so therefore it should not affect our tuition. This will only lead to the university increasing it every year. The only people who should pay for the activity fees are those who use it.
132. I support this increase because it is a small increase in exchange for nicer facilities that I personally use on a daily basis.
133. I don’t use any of these services and don’t think there should be an increase
134. There needs to be less construction and focus on our academics, if you want to construct something, focus on fixing the parking problem that is at western and stop doing free concerts because that is where most of your money is going towards when you don’t charge people to go. You are losing a optimal money making opportunity.
135. As an Anthropology Major, and having worked first hand at the Norton Archaeological site, I do not support the expansion and improvements to Intramural Fields, especially when they infringe on important Native archaeological research and information, as well as infringing on undisturbed, stolen land.
136. These departments are bringing activities to campus, and for how much I hear people complain about lack of activities, an increase in fees by 9 dollars sounds worth it.
137. I would prefer no increase, but $9 is not a big enough increase to be too worried about. I like that campus activities gets over half of the money since I am most involved with that.
138. I can barley afford university the way it is.
139. I think more groups should get equal funding. While I am aware that certain things cost more than others, certain things at this school are attracting more students and more attention and therefore I think they deserve to be funded more evenly across the board
140. It’s fine just as we have it
141. I feel like we should be able to going to campus activities. Best of my major i’m so busy that I am almost never able to go to an event but here I am paying for stuff i’m not participating in.
142. The price of items to be replaced in the recreation center do not increase at this rate, neither should the fees.
As a student who pays for her education and life entirely out of her pocket, it is severely frustrating to have an increase in the fees for students' activities. While the majority of these student organizations already require an additional participation fee stated during the first interest meeting, it is not in my favor to have an increase in fees for something I already cannot participate in because I am poor.

The University makes enough money as it is, it is not a good idea to increase the amount students have to pay as it will also ward off future potential students from choosing WCU due to an increased amount being requested.

The increase is small for the individual but would help to fund resources available to all the student population so I am supportive.

The costs are unnecessary.

No

I don’t actually believe the money will go towards that.

I'm supportive of improvement to all the departments listed. But, that being said if the fee is increase these improvements should be announce so that the students of the campus can know of the new changes going on around campus.

It’s not that big of a difference

Although the increase is little to none in the big run. In the recent years I've attended the university. Campus activities have dwindled since last year. With the construction going on in front of Norton, disk gold has become unplayable. The WCU trail system is not as maintained as it was two years ago. Many of the activities hosted by the school have been cut short or not supportive for everyone in the community to join.

It’s only nine dollars and it’s going to things that need to be renovated

Do a survey for who uses it and have them pay for it. I don’t use this stuff so honest don’t care to pay for it.

I think that this is a good idea but that the extra money should go towards things that actually need to be fixed and or replaced and not used to build new things just for the sake of it.

Only supporting for the arts. Greek Life sucks

I ask for the school to be more transparent on the reason for the example per se of those renovations. Did those renovations were they powered by the students or other.

Plenty of funding goes into these programs already.

Western Carolina is going to have a large number of undergraduate students with the NC Promise tuition, and if funds need to be increased, the resulting increased funds should go to support the renovation of residence halls and better academic resources. Not campus recreation, this institution should focus on learning and knowledge and not on entertaining its residents.

It is not that much, as long as it's as little as that I am okay with it.

I am ok with this because some of the intramural equipment is worn out

I am part of on campus organizations and this would help us a lot

I guess that aint much

Why does the SGA need more money?

I only use 2 of these facilities, so I should not have to pay more for those that I do not use and have nothing to do with.
I don't think students should be required to pay off an area they aren't involved in. If you don't go to that place often or ever swipe your catcard there to use that place, you shouldn't pay a fee.

That is okay, considering the amount of work these institutions put into their respective activities to improve campus life and experiences.

I don't want to pay anymore. I'm trying to graduate debt free, and there's already so many little fees that add up.

It's such a negligible increase that I don't really care.

Would like to be lowered

I can handle less than ten dollar increase.

I don't think all students should have to pay a fee for things they aren't apart of. I'm not in band, SGA, or Greek Life so why am I paying those fees?

I feel as though I shouldn't have to pay for things I'm not involved in

I do not participate in these activities, so I do not believe I should have to pay

I don't see a need for renovations to the University Center or improvements to the Intramural Fields, so don't waste my money there. If any equipment needs replacing in the CRC, don't charge hundreds of dollars extra, if the replacements don't cost hundreds of dollars extra. Charge the exact amount needed and show students the receipts for the new equipment.

I do not use these benefits.

As long as the money is being used wisely!!!

I don't want to pay for stuff that doesn't affect me in the slightest. I don't use most of this stuff, I shouldn't have to fund it.

$9 dollars for each semester is not that bad. I think it will still be affordable.

Improve the intramural fields.

I would suggest taking some of that money from Greek Life (who gets their own fees directly from members) and get the needed money.

The university took on these new projects and should bare the financial burden.

Interesting

Undergraduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year

1. I don’t care about Greek student engagement or the student government association, a waste of money. Just a way to charge more for stuff I’m not even involved or interested in.

2. why do all students pay for the band and greek life

3. I pay the school enough already.

4. Not everyone uses the Student Activities.

5. I don’t like that my money is being given to things I don’t even participate in.

6. Greek activities shouldn’t be higher than student affairs

7. I am not supportive because we don’t actually see where this money is going. Yes, we have activities on campus, but not everyone goes to them. Also, that is a ridiculous amount that we have to pay for something that we might not even attend, or even know about. 52% to campus activities? That’s ridiculous.

8. I’m not involved in most of these activities, so why should I have to pay for them.
9. This should not increase. The majority of students do not use these services. They should be responsible for seeking their own funding and not taking it from the entire body.
10. It’s not fair to pay for what I’m not going to use
11. I’m sorry but the Greek life already fundraises like crazy for their organizations, why should we raise the fee if some of these organizations make their own money?
12. I do not do any of these. This is ridiculous. I do not have the money for things that I do not even utilize on campus.
13. I don’t participate in or use a majority of the things the fees pay for. So for me personally it’s a waste of money.
14. Don’t take more money from students. It’s not their fault there’s not enough money for these departments.
15. If I don’t participate in most of these activities then why should I have to pay for them? I don’t care about school activities. I’m here to get a degree and start my adult life. Not to play around.
16. I’m apart of the women’s rugby club and i do feel that there is a need for a better/new intramural field.
17. Personally I don’t think all students should have to pay for Greek affiliation unless they are Greek affiliated.
18. I am a commuter and I am not involved with anything on campus besides academics. However, I do not want to take anything away from students who are involved in those things.
19. I would personally be okay supporting the departments and fine arts programs, since they directly benefit me. The other departments do not affect me, and I feel like some of these already receive a lot of money, so to keep increasing my cost is pointless to me, but it is not a large amount.
20. I don’t like an increase but support these activities
21. In my opinion, this is an absurd fee that is placed upon all students regardless of interest in “activities”. I believe it is an injustice to adult students who have no involvement in these activities.
22. The amount of fees were paying now is ridiculous I pay the same amount as years passed when tuition was more
23. Students should only have to pay for extracurricular activities they partake in.
24. The student government has done nothing actually productive for WCU, why give them more money they are already getting a brand new office space next year???
25. Students who do not participate in these events and/or do sports etc. should NOT have to cover the fees. Raising it any amount is outrageous... we should not even have to pay a fee period especially if we do not do these activities. We should get an option to pay or not to pay the activity fees.
26. I don’t believe that we should not have to be responsible for all of these increases. I believe in helping our community and contributing, but some of us are off campus, and even though I am involved in some of these, I don’t see it necessary, when there seems to already be a lot of support.
27. There is no reason to increase these fees
28. I am okay with this increase because all of this still do benefit me during my time at Western. I fully support making Western Carolina a better school. I may not do all of these things everyday when they are out but I do use some of them and I want to make sure that I am getting the best that I can. With that being said I want it to be that way for others as well.
29. Im broke
30. I am not sure how I feel about this topic. $650 a year is not a bad number. My concern is what the school will actually use the money for. What about actual problems that students are having with the campus? (Ex: could this money go towards helping the school improve its inconvenient and troublesome parking situation?)
31. $9 isn’t enough to make a difference.
32. Renovation projects are not supported by the student body according to the petition, fields are fine as they are and I was told that CRC just replaced equipment last year so more is unnecessary.
33. I think marching band should have more funding because that’s the reason most people stay after halftime.
34. No more fee increases.
35. I feel the only increase should go to campus recreation for more activities and new equipment to replace broke/old ones or to fix the broken equipment.
36. You’re telling me yall don’t get enough money from us?
37. It’s ridiculous that we subsidize marching band and Greek life.
38. I do not have any interest in the increase in tuition for these needs.
39. I have a job and not able to do it so this is just negatively affecting me.
40. Extracurricular, even though is good to be in, is not required so if you cannot afford it then it will not hurt you financially.
41. I live off campus and do not participate in student activities. The fees should be for resident students only.
42. I support EVERYTHING BUT attributing more funds to the Greek student engagement
43. I feel that our fees are already costly enough. Since more students are enrolled, the fees should be going down as more money is coming in from those fees.
44. Campus activities are very important and often need that little extra help from all students.
45. More money to marching band. They need it
46. We need nicer stuff.
47. It would only be a $9 increase, which isn’t terrible.
48. Stop taking my money for shit I can’t use
49. Despite our tuition being so low, we are being charged a ridiculous amount for renovations already.
50. I will pay extra money for improvement but I never see improvement. I just see more dorms being built because that is where the university makes more money.
51. Greek Life Student Engagement should not be receiving 5.11% as a student and plenty of other students never are “engaged” with Greek Life and should not be held responsible to pay their dues for being in Greek life. Greek life shouldn’t be placed
about Student Affairs or Student Body Government as these organizations both can be reached by every student.

52. The tuition is supposed to be “500” but then the fees we have to pay pretty much add up to paying normal tuition at any other school.

53. I feel that students should not have to pay for things they are not apart of. For example, it’s not fair for students that do not attend sports activities to give money to the sports department.

54. For students that commute it doesn’t make sense to pay for these.

55. I am supportive if they get the hammocking station back to working order. I like to hang out there and do homework. It is a little annoying when I have to go inside because my laptop has died and there are outlets five feet away from me but they are useless.

56. Not everyone is apart of these organizations. Have the people joining pay a entry fee. Greek life does not benefit every student, and should not result in every student paying a fee.

57. As a student who is commuting and working full time these fees seem exorbitant for students who cannot utilize them. It almost off sets the low tuition rate.

58. The slight increase in costs covers several things instead of just one activity so I wouldn’t mind paying that little bit extra.

59. we’re paying over the amount for a single semester in student activity fees, this could deter students from attending and being able to afford university.

60. We already pay too much and don’t get anything in return. We need less “student government” and better equipment in classrooms!!!

61. the band should not be getting such a large amount of funding

62. Updates to campus are necessary.

63. Again, we know the college is a business, still not ok to rake students over the coals financially.

64. I’m not in support of that but it’s not hefty enough to hurt me in the long run so I have no opinion

65. Not really supportive of uc renovations

66. Battle rops haven’t been replaced since last spring semester in the CRC. Can’t wait to have them back.

67. I think there are areas of student fees that not all students should have to pay for. I am not a part of Greek life and I do not believe I should have to pay a fee for Greek life. As well as the marching band. I do not march with the band or partake in the band so why as a student should I be liable to pay for the bands cost?

68. Do not increase

69. I do not participate in activities. I go to school and work full time. I pay for all of my school accept tuition thanks to financial aid. However, I do not make what I did two years ago, which is what FAFSA looks at.

70. I’d want to know why the current SA fee isn’t enough to cover it

71. as a commuter student I don’t have time or options to participate in any of the things the fees are used for

72. I don’t do enough of this SHIT to pay $650 for it.

73. I don’t use recreational services.
74. I don’t even have $9 to my name currently.
75. Supportive of the Fee but not for the use to convert the UC into seemingly more office space.
76. It’s already hard for me to pay for my college now, let alone making anything higher.
77. I think it’s useful but it also doesn’t make sense for me, who doesn’t engage in a lot of campus activities, to be paying for other people to engage in those activities. Just charge per activity. You’ll get more money that way as well.
78. These are some of the nicest places on campus. Improvements could be made to other areas such as availability of parking.
79. I don’t use any of the resources here.
80. SGA is run by DCA, which is under Student Affairs... why do we need to increase all three?
81. This should come from students taking part in and benefiting from these activities. Not students like me who’s program requirements make it impossible for me to participate. In a perfect world I would be exempt from this fee completely, and would be willing to forgo ever attending these activities to do so.
82. I don’t support this AT ALL. Why are you raising MY fees for activities that I barely do. Try again.
83. Fuck the band.
84. I think it's ridiculous that WCU wants to increase prices for things that students don't even take part of. RIDICULOUS!
85. I only agree because I use the gym. Other than that, the fees are ridiculous considering I don’t even know what half of them are.
86. We already have to pay so much for school and the fees already, I don’t think it is a good idea or fair to keep charging more to students. Y'all already make so much money, especially off of parking, I fully disagree with this.
87. I feel as though some of those fees do not apply to us in general. I’m not part of SGA, Marching Band or Greek Life, etc. I shouldn’t have to pay for those who choose to be part of those activities. I think they should pay the increase since they participate in them unlike some of us.
88. Y'all are already charging too much as is.
89. I do support this but I believe Greek life should be increased. The reason I think this is because our Greek life is dwindling down, only 6-7% of our 17000 students are Greek life and it’s because in my opinion Greek life does not get enough support from the school. Where as you go to university of Knoxville with 22000 students and they have about 25% students Greek life and a lot of school support!
90. By increasing everything we will soon be not as affordable as people think we are.
91. I think that these fees should be only for those involved with these activities, and it is not fair to impose them on students who do not participate in these extra curriculars.
92. I am a full time student working full time hours, I am never on campus except for class, therefore I feel its unnecessary for me to have to pay more fees for things I will not be using nor have I used in the past.
93. Activities are fine but I think the money that is coming into WCU can be better spent on more basic things. Renovations are cool but you don’t have to go all out with it either. I
am talking about the things that most students are conscious of, such as how Mckee 
doesn't have air conditioning during the summer. If you want to talk purely about 
extracurricular activities then I am not really the guy to talk to since I am not going to 
support raising the charges for things that I can't be a part of because of my studies. And 
besides, I am more of an extreme sports kind of guy.
94. Campus activities doesn't do anything really “fun” for students. they shouldn't be 
getting a 50% increase in funding from our fees
95. The Only things I really use are Intercultural affairs and the campus rec and wellness 
center and maybe some of the greek student engagement when they hold something. 
All that other stuff would be wasting my money on things I don't use or care about.
96. The activity fee is already a bit over the top in comparison to what many students truly 
get out of the activities. Only a handful size percentage of students truly use the 
activities to its fullest extent and most would not bat an eye if they were abandoned.
97. Marching Band and Pride of the Smokeys need more rate funding for school 
representation.
98. not everyone does these stupid activities.
99. Not involved in much, don’t want to pay more for it.
100. Again, this is a large amount of money, and I feel like the school dropped tuition to bring 
in students who normally couldn't afford college. If each year, prices elevate, it just 
places unfair stresses on students who were promised lower prices.
101. Not enough information to support.
102. The fee is not that much more with 9 dollars added.
103. I mean I’d honestly rather not be in more debt than I already am and will be ya feel?
104. Looking over this list I realize 95% of this fee goes to things I personally do not 
utilize/benefit from. Perhaps others enjoy the benefits more. This fee is already REALLY 
high...but what is $18 per year to me?
105. I don’t do anything on campus and can’t afford to give you more money.
106. There is nothing on this list in which I participate, nor do I benefit from. The initial price 
of $316 is $316 to high in my opinion. Charge those who participate, not those who 
don’t
107. When I first read the email about an increase in fees I was immediately not supportive 
but, a $9 increase is slight and if that is all it would cost to make our school a better 
place then I am willing to pay an extra $9.
108. I don’t want to pay for things I don’t even use.
109. The UC food court should be reinstated if this is happening. It’s a disservice to students 
who have very little free time due to the demands of their majors and schedules if they 
have to wait in line for 20 minutes just to get a mediocre meal.
110. If it means I don’t have to pay $10 to use the gym! At other universities it’s free. That 
was wild to me when I first joined campus life here.
111. Most of these activities and organizations don’t affect me, Or I’m not involved with 
them. The fee increase isn’t that much, But since these organizations are a part of my 
life I don’t necessarily support them, Or feel that I should support them. If others were 
to want to be involved with these then they should pay, and for those who aren’t 
involved they shouldn’t be expected to.
I think it would be cool to improve some of these things.

I feel like you are doing too much at once. For example building an indoor football field when our team has not been winning.

I DO NOT WANT TO PAY FOR GREEK LIFE. THEY DO NOTHING FOR ME.

a small increase is fine

This just adds more to my bill.

There are a lot of activities available for students, which is a good thing.

The state needs to step in and help. they need to tax wealthy people and corporations more to pay for this.

Like I said previously I do not agree with the fees being raised.

All very important things on campus.

Its $9 it'll be ok.

No.

Don't participate in Greek Student, and Campus Rec should be optional

Why increase more when SGA has over 20,000 dollars in their bank account and Greek life has roughly 17,000 look at spending habits and re adjust percentages instead of taking all that money for roughly 7-10 percent of the student population?

The Greek students don't even really give back. I dont see the point of some of their fundraisers- throwing pies for hunger awareness seems a bit counter productive. Id like to see more dorms and eateries before we do all of the other things. You need to give adequate space for all of the new students.

The activity fee is already taking quite a bit...

I am working two jobs. There are two many projects on campus that I will probably not reep the benefits for and im trying to graduate with as little debt as possible.

I think that would be a waste of money because those three things are adequate.

The sports at western are not good. Why should students have to pay for it? The athletic fee should be abolished and put towards renovations.

I do not care at all about any of these associations. I come here for a college degree, not for the college experience. Don't charge me for things I do not participate in.

I do not support increasing fees unrelated to my education.

Not all students use the resources and is money down the drain for us.

Why would a student who does not really participate in many of the above areas wont to spend another $325 to make the total $650

I feel as though the student activity fee should not be increased instead these organizations should have more fundraisers.

I do not utilize the student activities, so I do not appreciate being charged for things that are a waste of my money.

I believe an increase in tuition is needed due to the amount of students admitted every year is increasing rapidly. We need more space and activities to include everyone with minimal commute requirements

Why not raise fees for students interested/involved in activities?

I don't have any use for the things mentioned, and I think a majority of students don't either.
139. These are activities you chose to be in. If you choose to do this then you should get scholarships or pay for yourself. I have my other activities and life to pay for. I do not want to pay for yours. If you want a better house you work for it and plan. You don’t make a go fund me or make others pay for it.

140. I think students should be able to designate which areas of these student activities they wish to contribute money to. For example, if I do not want to pay for campus recreation and wellness, I would not have access to the CRC until I paid that fee. Frankly, I couldn’t care less about our band or Greek life but would happily use that same money for things like campus recreation and intramurals. However, I understand these things don’t bring the school as much money and are seen as less important.

141. SGA doesn’t need more money

142. Fix the parking. Please.

143. I am not in many of these organizations and would not agree to pay more for something I’m not actually using or getting any benefit from

144. I understand some of the student fees being shared equally across the board, but many of them should be shouldered by those who benefit from them.

145. Why the hell and I paying fees for stuff that has nothing to do with me!

146. We need more parking, use fees for that

147. I don’t understand why Greek life gets more funding than band and fine arts combined? That is outrageous.

148. N/A

149. The VAST majority of student activity fees are for areas that I and my children don’t participate. Most students who pay these fees never set food on the athletic field, the marching band, the fine arts museum, greek students activities, etc. I would rather you let the student choose which of the activities they pay to participate in. I’d rather support the library with a fee.

150. $9 is not a huge increase. I’m sure it is very doable for the majority of students.

151. Reallocate some funds from Intercultural Affairs, Greek Student Engagement, and Activities to SGA, Student Affairs, and Campus Rec and Wellness

152. Please reduce the Student Government Association’s money. They are useless and accomplish nothing. This way you will not need to ask us for more money.

153. Being a commuter, I never get to utilize any of these provided services. I don’t feel that I should have to pay more for something that I’m not able to access since I live an hour away.

154. I don’t even live on campus. I live an hour away and I don’t participate in any of these events. So I don’t really want to pay a fee increase.

155. If I’m not apart of any campus activities, then why do I need to pay for it.

156. As a senior here at WCU, I personally feel as though these funds do not need to be as high as they are. We cannot take pride in $500 tuition if we are going to charge students another $325 for activities and events they may never attend.

157. This would be nice to have more events for students. Not too big of an increase so I think it’s fair.

158. So long as it is 100% for student activity

159. I dont use many of these activities like the marching band.
160. I would like to see the Fine Arts receiving more funding.
161. WCU has failed to show that fee increases like this one truly benefit students, and continually drag their feet on renovation projects such as the one described.
162. I think we also should increase funding for the Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement.
163. Many students, including myself, don’t participate in on-campus activities stated above. I personally don’t want to pay for something I am not going to use.
164. It makes sense
165. $9 is a non issue for me
166. I’d always love to see more money go towards the arts and fine arts programs on campus. Especially the performing arts.
167. Campus does not host enough "activities" that are of substance to justify the massive amount that we are expected to pay for it. It’s actually ridiculous.
168. this school has been lacking in complete student activity from my freshman year, and I think adding more things to do that are in more public places would be beneficial for the wellbeing of the students.
169. The renovations proposed to the U.C. are not student-oriented enough for all students to pay for them. In my opinion, the clubs and associations that are being accommodated by the renovations should pay for them accordingly or through fundraisers on and around campus. Also, with most of the equipment just being replaced last year inside of the CRC, I see no reason as to why it needs to be replaced again.
170. The University Center was basically shut down to students besides Einsteins and clubs upstairs. As the number of students increases each year, more and more student based eating facilities and open areas to sit and relax between classes is being taken away. It does not make sense to increase our fees to get back to the facilities we had before. We have more students than ever, so the university should be making a decent amount of money to increase quality of living. If the university cannot support the number of students it currently has without increasing tuition, then maybe WCU should lower the number of accepted students. If the quality of living decreases at this university anymore, then no one is going to want to be here.
171. please do not increase them. I am not even involved in that stuff and do not want to pay for it.
172. I am very supportive in giving more money to help out with clubs and organizations that want to do projects and such
173. with the student body increase the fees should remain the same
174. I dont like getting charged fees for something i dont use
175. Like I stated before. It’s great to make things cheaper. But it’s hard when you cannot have as much financial aid coverage and are having to take loans out whereas you didn’t before. This doesn’t cover room and board for some students.
176. I am okay with the caliber and amount of campus activities already.
177. Why are we giving money to Greek life when they already pay massive amounts of fees already to be apart of that? Not fair for students to pay for those things when they aren’t apart of it anyways. Same for marching band.
178. Fees should most certainly be allocated to resources to improve education.
Students may only pay five hundred dollars in tuition but must pay over seventeen hundred dollars in fees as well as three hundred dollars for parking. This is an unnecessary amount to pay in fees.

It should be based on something that everyone is interesting in doing

Some students do not use these facilities and activities

The tuition/year is the main reason I chose Western.

Give an inch and you will take a mile.

These are important things, and the money increase is not in any way outrageous.

There should be more funding to student activities as there isn’t much to doin the area so getting involved is what’s best for students.

I am already at odds with all of the fees listed above. I do not feel any need to support the communistic idea of paying for services that only a select few use, myself not included. Any increase in fees would further anger me, and might even prompt me to contest it.

As an older student at Biltmore Park, I do not think we should have to pay these fees at all.

CRC is doing just fine, manage the money for the "campus activities" better to allocate funds to other departments.

Just remember to allocate funds in a way that improves the lives of most students not just athletic students or students who are involved in Greek life

Some of us don’t participate in these activities because we have to work and support ourselves.

I think these things are fine the way they are.

Adds to overbearing financial stress on students that do not have scholarships

$9 increase seems reasonable if solid changes/progress is made to facilities and organizations.

Greek life should support itself. Not every student pay for something they probably wont be apart of.

This slight increase is very reasonable for a growing student population.

The more the merrier

I don’t use those facilities

N/a

I do not use any of these so it's just taking my money because I don’t use any of these

The increase is okay but the money going to SGA is too high.

I think if this would contribute to activities and buildings on campus $9 is not too much to ask

How about more commuter parking first?

Greek life is a waste of money, I do not support anything that designates money to that area.

I think that you shouldn't be charged the fee if you're not on campus. For example, studying abroad.

Funds could be located to other aspects of campus such as parking or traffic resources
207. Most people already struggle to pay band fees, increasing them would make things so much worse.
208. I don't understand why you have to charge students for renovations no one asked for. It seems like a good way to piss off students. I don't understand why we have to pay so much for crappy, roach filled food and for living expenses.
209. I see the importance of this increase, however, I do not believe that it should be used to renovate the University Center as mentioned in the example. My understanding is that the lower part of the UC is being converted into office space, which if fine, but the funding for that should not come from a Student Activity fee.
210. Greek Student Engagement should receive less or no money at all.
211. no point need better athletics
212. We should not have to pay to support those projects. Where is the money from donations, or from our parking passes going? We pay plenty of fees and the university makes PLENTY of money. If it is all going towards construction and expanding this campus, maybe we should vote on that? I enjoy this small independent campus that I can walk everywhere. I should not have to pay more because Western can’t spend their money appropriately.
213. I would take the Fine Arts Activities, Marching Band, GSA, and SGA % allocations and apply them towards the CRW. The CRW needs further development and I think increasing their budget even more would be very beneficial. I say this because a majority of students do not utilize SGA and the other areas I have stated previous. The CRW is highly utilized by a vast number of students and should continue to grow and develop.
214. Nine dollars isn't that bad of an increase
215. Updates are more so needed in Coulter where there's not enough room for the english department and music departments to co-exist and where there's not enough practice rooms / space for music majors to practice. Money should go towards academic buildings rather than newer buildings that really don't need the new improvements. Also, the UC should remain as the food court due to the growth of students at WCU. This would help with food traffic jams and not being able to eat during the school day.
216. Absolutely not. Since I don't use these resources, why am I paying for them?
217. Most students aren’t involved in Greek life. If I was charged a higher fee, it would need to be towards something for all students.
218. I do not support us paying for the marching band and greek life. They’re not accessible to all and any students.
219. Greek life should raise their own money
220. These fees should be decreased. I do not believe in paying for something that I will never use such as Greek Student Engagement, Fine Arts Activities, not the Marching Band Fees. I also believe that the graduate students should pay the Graduate Student Association Fees not the undergraduate students.
221. There is much less money given to the Fine Arts and Music departments than to other departments, which doesn't seem fair in any way. If any additional fees should be increased, they should be allocated in that direction.
222. This can be helpful to improving the campus so I am ok with the $9 raise.
It is already expensive enough, don’t raise it. That is shit

I believe that Greek student engagement should not be supported by university fees. Greek life is a specific lifestyle choice of many students who could fundraise and support such endeavors on their own.

If the extra money is being used to better the students $9 per person will go a long way and will be worth it

Undergraduate Students Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

1. Biltmore Park students pay way too many fees for this VERY little access we have.
2. I would be more supportive if extra fees actually the Biltmore park campus and its students.
3. Even though I don't go to Cullowhee for classes, I am supportive of this small increase as WCU continues to improve its facilities and reputation.
4. For students like me who ONLY attend classes at Biltmore Park, I think these Cullowhee related fees should be waived. I would pay for specific BP fees, but as a second career student in the ABSN program, I see no reason for me to pay for greek student engagement, etc.
5. I do not understand why there is a SGA increase when there is an increase to Campus Activities and also to Student Affairs, seeing as SGA is a part of these two departments. SGA already receives more money than most SGAs in the UNC system and does very little to actually use that money to benefit the student body, and as a member of SGA, I can attest that we do not need an increase in our budget.
6. I will be a student in the nursing program at Biltmore Park. I will NOT be in any of the afore mentioned activities, so I don’t support paying any of the fees. But I will, because I want my degree.
7. a student whose program is 100% of the time at Biltmore Park does not benefit from or have the opportunity to participate in student life and its associated resources. It is unethical to charge BP students for this fee.
8. I am uncertain how these proposed improvements will improve my education at Biltmore park.
9. Why don't we just cut the salary for the head football coach, whom makes over $300k to coach a God awful football team, and use that money to go toward funding "reserves for facilities projects," instead of squeezing out every last dime you can get from the udders of the student body? Who am I kidding, you all will raise the fees no matter what we say or think. What a waste of my time.
10. As a student at Biltmore Park I find it extremely frustrating that I pay student feeds for resources I will never use. I have heard this sentiment echoed by my classmates as well. I think students who aren’t attending classes at the main campus and will likely never set foot on that campus should not be required to pay fees for activities and resources that they never use nor really have access too.
11. I have been at WCU for several years now and it seems like every year things get more and more expensive. All rates continue to rise. Even rent for a dorm room is exceptionally high (its cheaper to live off campus even with the insanely-high local rent prices. This proposed rate increase is marginal, however many students leave their
programs with a considerable amount of debt as-is, and this is more of a theme than one-time incidence. In addition, in this area there are very few places where students can work to earn enough money to support themselves in school (which I believe to be more of an issue than one might assume for the traditional student age-group). Any increase that falls on the students to pay puts their livelihood and education at risk. I myself continuously worked through school, often 2 jobs and employed strict money-management (so don't assume I was spend-thrifty), and I can attest that when there is no money for rent the last thing on your mind is attendance and grades.

12. Student activity fee should be representative of students attending Biltmore Park Campus only. As a Biltmore Campus student, I these activities are not relevant to me.

13. People who don't attend the campus in Cullowhee do not get any of these benefits. It's unfair to those of us who choose to have classes online and are charged for things that don't apply to us. For example, if I didn't have personal health insurance I would have been required to use Western's policy and some how use the clinic. I can't travel to Cullowhee if I need help from Hendersonville. Thankfully, I was able to get the waiver but if I hadn't of been able to cover it myself I would've paid for something completely inapplicable to me. An increase in extra fees for these such things seems to be creating more hurdles for students to jump over especially when the average student accrues about $37K.

14. Can't complain about this too much. I haven't ever really used anything on this list.

15. Don't love that I pay fees for activities In which I am not able to participate. Specifically campus rec and wellness. I don't have that option, so I already have to pay more to be a member of the YMCA. (Just one of the other of the activities)

16. I don't think it is fair at all to have the students who attend class at Biltmore Park paying all these fees for services we are all too far away from to utilize. Certainly NOT SUPPORTIVE of increasing the fees for things we don't use.

17. I am a distance learner, so it doesn't seem fair to pay for things I'm not involved in or have no way to be supportive of that happen on the main campus. Otherwise, I think it would be fine to give financial support to events led by students on campus.

18. I don't support these fee increases for students taking classes exclusively at Biltmore Park, not using these services. As a second-degree seeking student, I have no use of these services and find it a burden to pay for them. I would request that these fees be waived for ABSN students at Biltmore Park, who have no connection to these services, nor utilization of them.

Graduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year
1. Student fees are already ridiculously high.

2. Cultivating a sense of community on campus is important, but sometimes I think we spend too much on stuff that ends up in a landfill, or on food that does not provide nutrition for the students' brains. The use made of space is more important than the things that fill it and I think there is potential to try to shift student activities away from consumer-driven experiences and toward participative learning that builds community-formation skills.

3. Not supportive of Greek student engagement.
4. Can my $9 go towards putting gymnastics equipment in the CRC?
5. The amount of fees charged to all students for campus activities and student groups is not reflective of the way in which different students utilize these resources. I think fees should be greatly reduced and should only go to funds for buildings and equipment, not student groups, and events.
6. I think a greater percentage should go to fine arts and marching band
7. The fees we are asked to pay for services and activities we do not use or participate in are astronomical. I STRONGLY urge you to revisit how fees affect graduate programs who do not use these services. It is unfair to be expected to contribute money towards services we do not use or benefit from.
8. We're already charged for enough stuff that we either don't use or we use but it doesn't work well (like the book rental fee when they took two months to get my books and I couldn't rent any).
9. Few students take part in these.
10. As a commuting graduate student who ONLY comes to campus for class, it is extremely unfair to have to have all of these extra fees that DO NOT apply to me.
11. none
12. I would like to know why all students are paying for band when the band students have to pay out the ass to be in bad as well. There is no excuse
13. As a graduate student I don't have time or use of campus activities and resources. Better parking, and more parking for all students would be nice. I feel like this fee should go to that.
14. With commuting and in the graduate school, I find that the student activity fee is irrelevant and should be an opt out. It is a portion of the tuition that I do not utilize and am not interested in utilizing. As the tuition is considered, please consider your development as a commuter and accessible school for our community in charging for services that are not used.
15. I think some fees should not be paid by graduate students such as the Greek Student Engagement fee of 5.11%, as this is not applicable to our college life or experience.
16. I am at the Biltmore Park campus, and I am angry that I am required to pay an exorbitant amount for student activities that I never participate in or am affiliate with.
17. If we have more campus activities the increases are justified
18. these do not pertain to me, do not support an increase
19. Grad students who live off campus shouldn't need to pay this
20. I don’t think any amount of a graduate students money should go towards any undergraduate programs. We don’t participate in these so why should we have to fund them?
21. I don’t get why this has to increase. What is the current fee not covering?
22. Graduate students should only be charged fees that directly affect them or they should be optional add ons. Most graduate students commit from afar/rarely attend on campus events and activities but are charged for them all as if they participate in university events as undergrads do.
23. Source for other means to fund projects.
24. We have more students coming every year, and honestly most students are very involved. This slight price increase is pointless and hurts those who aren’t in a sport, government, or even live on campus.

**Graduate Students Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year**

1. I don’t ever use or see any of things since i’m a student in biltmore park, therefore i don’t support the fact i have to pay for these things.
2. This should also extend to Biltmore Park students who are not able to utilize or experience much of what these funds go towards whether it’s events on campus or the far superior gym on campus compared to the “fitness center” at BP
3. Not supportive for Biltmore Park students.
4. As a student who primarily commutes to Biltmore Park, Greek Student Engagement is not something I am interested in supporting. I only have one more semester, so I am not inclined to have a strong opinion on this one, but I do wonder about charging these fees to graduate students who are off campus and do not benefit from the student activity fees. Maybe fees that are specific to BP would be more palatable.
5. I literally do none of these activities. None. It's already obscene that I have to pay for them as a whole. An increase, even by ten dollars, is frustrating.
6. I only take class at Biltmore Park and cannot participate in any of the above activities because I live far from the Cullowhee campus and I work and take class full time. It makes me furious to pay for these activities which are not accessible to students at Biltmore Park.
7. I don't use ANY of these services as a graduate student at BP. Furthermore, I find mandatory contributions to "Greek Life" to be completely unfair. I would prefer my tuition NOT support of an institution that I personally abhor for its discriminatory and demoralizing practices.
8. Many students do not utilize these benefits. Especially if they are a commuter or BP student. It's not like Cullowhee is right next door. Scheduling events in Cullowhee for people that live in and around AVL is very difficult. I would support these increases if there were more activities available at BP. Otherwise, I feel they are not at all supportive, but more so selective to those that are able to attend in Cullowhee.
9. No benefit to Biltmore park students
10. Students at Biltmore Park do not see any of these activities.
11. As a commuting graduate student who works full-time, this is what I oppose the most. I don’t use any of these resources and should have the ability to opt out of them. No way do I support any increase to things I have never used.
12. As a graduate student solely at the Biltmore Park Campus, I do not feel it is fair that my tuition and fees are put toward facilities I do not use. As, it is typical for people in my program to only visit main campus once, and that is at graduation.
13. As a Graduate student who only attends Biltmore Park campus these fees don't seem to benefit me very much. It would be better if these fees were specific to each students status and location.
14. A reserve is not benefiting students who are paying it. I do not support it.
15. As a graduate student who takes classes only at Biltmore Park, I believe that I should be exempt from these fees. The nursing anesthesia program is based in Asheville and surrounding hospitals. It is rigorous and I believe I speak for everyone in my program when I say that we have neither the time nor desire to travel to Cullowhee to take advantage of any of the activities we are forced to pay for each semester.

16. Biltmore Park students have limited access to computers and a place to work out. It's not fair that we pay for these things but don't have similar access like our peers in Cullowhee.

17. The activity fee required for Biltmore Park students is already outrageous, tuition is fine but the additional fees when we have almost no amenities compared with Cullowhee is insane and the fee should be dropped for graduate students at Biltmore Park.

18. I am not on main campus, I should not have to pay for main campus services

19. I have never used any of the "student activity facilities at WCU" and I think part time students should not be charged this fee.

20. The tuition for graduate students is fine. My issue however is the amount of fees charged to graduate students at biltmore park. For instance, I currently pay fees for transportation (cat tran), athletic facilities (gym) and other items that students at Biltmore Park do not use. These fees add up to roughly 1/3 the total cost per semester. Personally, I do not think that is very fair, as most tuition reimbursement plans employers offer only covers tuition and books and not the additional fees.

21. As a graduate student based at Biltmore Park, I don't use any of these services (including the graduate student association as far as I know). The increase is small, but I feel like $316 a semester is already more than I want to pay.

22. As a graduate student, I am seriously considering not attending WCU next semester because of the nonsensical fees such as the student activities fee.

23. I think the burden should not be placed on students

24. If I am paying for activity fees as a graduate student at Biltmore Park I feel that you should workout something with the YMCA here locally.

25. I never use any of the student activities because I do not live anywhere near campus and already feel like I shouldn't be paying for it so the idea of paying more doesn't make sense to me.

26. Fully being on the Biltmore Park campus I do not get to utilize any additional student activities. I think that those students who are fully on the Biltmore Park campus can utilize these funds differently, like a YMCA membership.

27. Students at the Biltmore Park campus have hardly any student activities available and should not be required to pay this fee.

28. I do not think a $9 increase is unreasonable for students living near the main campus who have easy access to these amenities, however, since I live in Asheville and primarily us the BP campus I would rather not pay more for things I am not using.

29. I am a commuting graduate student who attends classes at Biltmore Park once a month. I do NOT access or utilize these activities or venues.

30. I understand the need for these services, but it feels unfair to pay for them as a student at Biltmore Park. I don't reap any benefits from the fees that I'm paying.
31. It is difficult to understand why we as BP graduate students are charged so much for activities we never partake in or even have access to.
32. AS A STUDENT ONLY TAKING CLASSES AT BILTMORE PARK- THERE IS NO BENEFIT TO ME FROM PAYING THESE COSTS. WE DO NOT EVEN HAVE A DISCOUNT AT GYMS NEARBY BILTMORE PARK.
33. I feel that many of these fees should be waived for graduate students, especially those of us that do not take classes on the main campus and do not use these facilities.
New Fee Request for the Bardo Arts Center and Fine Art Museum

Undergraduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year
1. It’s already extremely expensive for me to do anything on campus. I have to take out loans to be apart of these things
2. I never go there
3. We aren't here to be doing anything but pursue our degree. I feel like it is on you as a student to do something outside of that.
4. It’s cheaper
5. I've never even been in bardo
6. Increase the cost of shows put on or give the fee to fine arts students.
7. The arts should be supported but with a minimal increase
8. I can't pay for that
9. I know many people that don’t go to Bardo and would be upset if they were charged for not using the facility. However, understand that making it a separate fee will put pressure on those actively using the facility and may cause some to stop, creating a loop effect where Bardo is more and more vacant.
10. Option 1 will unsure that the money is used for the bardo arts center and not anything else
11. Arts are more important than athletics
12. Atleast the standalone is cheaper. Being a nursing student I pay enough out of pocket as it is for ATI and gas to and from my clinical sites; I really can't afford much more right now.
13. NOTHING SHOULD INCREASE, EVERYTHING IS FINE THE WAY IT IS.
14. I am currently in a FPA class and I was forced to buy a course packet to attend events on campus. I don’t think it is fair for students to have to take courses like that and still get charged a fee for a building they may not go to again throughout the semester. We students have the option of creating a club and I don’t think a increase in fees for performance and museum halls are fair.
15. Not everyone benefits from this fee. Student led fundraising and having events with cover-fees would be more beneficial to the students in these programs.
16. If you are someone who seeks out art then you can pay the stand alone fee but if you are a student who has no interest, it isn't fair that you have to pay more money for something you do not use.
17. Students that are not apart of this program should not be required to have to pay for this.
18. If they aren’t making enough money, that shouldn’t be put on the students.
19. Creating this as a stand alone fee helps students like me understand where their money is going and what it is supporting.
20. That’s an insane amount of money for option 2 when adding everything up.
21. There shouldn’t be a fee put on everyone when not everyone uses the museum
22. No one would go
23. Less expensive!
24. Option 1 is a much better idea than 2, and is what should be proposed for the previous Student Activity Fee. Option 2 is even more ludicrously large and the Student Activity Fee.
25. They could always host fundraisers to get extra money.
26. Again, most of the students do not participate in these facilities, why should they pay if they don’t use it.
27. Students should get a choice to cover the cost, not required. Some students may not be able to afford the increase. There should not be a required increase.
28. I can hardly afford to go to this school as it is with its low price and all of you draining my pockets with added fees. I refuse to allow you to increase them.
29. Most people do not even want to go to the events at Bardo and are just going because they are forced to for a class.
30. Nothing needs to be changed.
31. It is only affect for theater people
32. Fuck no
33. Like I said I don’t support anything that makes it’s harder for people to come here, it’s not right and makes you just like any other school
34. That is a substantial amount more to pay and will continuously increased costs every year, it really does not make the nc promise very effective.
35. Don't feel any way about this.
36. I never used it in my 4 years of being here
37. Wow from $0 to $316? The center is open now and the university has seemed to manage. Why increase the price so much? I would even understand a $100 increase but this is a lot.
38. For option 2, we students still need to pay to attend events.
39. It is not fair to make all students pay for something most of them will not use.
40. The student activity fee is just going to get refunded to people who aren't in the Art Program, so why would you increase it if it's not going to be used to support anything in the future?
41. Absolutely not. FULL STOP.
42. I dont use these services
43. I don’t think it should go any above that
44. I find these pointless as many students do not attend these centers.
45. Unless another fee is removed i do not support this. The fees already increase our yearly payment by four thousand dollars.
46. Not supportive of the fee increase, but if it is going to happen, I would choose option 1.
47. isn't there enough money coming in from students now? why does it need to increase
48. I’ve never been in bardo and the fine art museum does not pertain to me because I’m not in the art program therefore seems unfair for me to pay money that doesn’t favor me.
49. Option 2 is just so expensive. Why would it cost more for me to be doing something with the Bardo Arts Center or whatever when I literally never go there when I participate more in campus activities? Even if it is just a few dollars of difference.
50. Why create a standalone fee. Just add it to the student activity fee.
51. Stop adding fees. Please. I can’t afford college as is. I just want to be able to survive and with how the payment currently is I am just able to afford it. Even with my VA scholarship I can barely afford this. My family is poor and I am more poor then them.
52. I support it being a stand alone fee/line item so that we can see precisely where our tuition is going.
53. I want whatever’s option to actually go to BAC and FAM. Not other places.
54. I do not want my money going to something I will not utilize
55. No increase in fees
56. I think that the increase is not fair at all. the tickets should not be free due to not everyone attending the events. It is not fair for everyone to pay a fee especially when they do not attend the events.
57. People will be unhappy if they don’t like the arts but it’ll make sure that they get something
58. Is there a reason or rhyme to why we are seeing these increases. The details that are provided are too broad and vague.
59. We need to save every dollar that we can, as students. That said, I do support the arts, and I want students in that department to have ample funding.
60. The freedom to attend multiple events in the Bardo Arts Center thanks to this theoretical “discounted season pass” is awesome!
61. The fees should only be supporting avenues the majority of students desire. If bardo needs funds, they should be coming from people who would voluntarily contribute rather than force all students of the university to contribute.
62. I’d prefer to not pay an extra 300 dollars a semester for events that I don’t go to in a place I don’t have classes in.
63. The fact that the majority of students do not engage in these activities yet have to pay for them is a little silly. For those of us who are under financial stresses and are not able to received FASFA should have the option of if we would like to pay all of these fees.
64. I’m not an art major so why do I have to go in more debt?
65. Mandatory fee? Well, obviously I’m gonna choose the one that charges less, I’m a college student.
66. Why are we going to give out more money. Stop trying to expand the school so more people can come. This school is supposed to remain small, there is only so much you can expand. I don’t want to be in an overpopulated campus.
67. I never use the Bardo Arts Center/Fine Art Museum. You should only fee the people who are affiliated with it if you’re going to make any increase.
68. We pay too much in fees already.
69. i do not use these facilities.
70. If I had a choice I’d rather see funds go towards academics instead of recreation.
71. I think all of that mentioned is fine where it is at. We need to put that money towards something else that’s more important and there is other degrees important as well. This should NOT be mandatory
72. Although it is an extra $22 out of the parents and students wallets, this will give more opportunities for students to get out of their apartments and dorms and become more involved in the campus and their various activities.
73. Just charge more for Bardo events and stuff like that but don't charge everyone outright for something they aren't even going to attend.
74. I am not really sure of what's being asked here but again some students will not have much involvement with Bardo because of their wish not to or if they don't have the time to so why raise fees?
75. What are student-centered programming and intentional learning partnerships? This doesn't make sense to me therefore I'm not supportive
76. I'm a student of the Arts school. While the money would be nice, I'd hate for there to be a major increase in fees.
77. Fine arts are important to students and should be maintained
78. Might as well add the fee to another one, rather than increasing the number of fees. Keep it short and simple.
79. I don't want to pay for tasteless art
80. Like I said, I can't afford college.
81. Nobody is going to attend these programs even if a fee is put into place. And is this only for those who attend these or for everyone, even if they do not attend? Because most students do not attend most events here, charging these students money is not a good idea.
82. We shouldn't raise anything
83. If you want to go to the museum then you should pay
84. I would like to know how the current fees are being used before more money is added. Maybe a committee could review the current fees, how they are managed and decide if there is a real need for the increase. I would suggest an outside committee or at least a diverse group.
85. We do not need it Bardo literally looks brand new, stop being greedy!!!
86. Although the increase could upset some individuals, the arts are important and should be supported and treated as such.
87. I'm never in Bardo, but I will say that it's probably one of the most significant buildings on campus. They put on alot of good events and are constantly wanting feedback.
88. I'm not going to pay 300 extra dollars so somebody can perform in a musicals called urinetown
89. I take no advantage of this. Should not have to pay
90. I'm not too sure what the fees would go towards, would this be to bring other performances to the art center?
91. As previously said, this should only be charged to students who use such programs or partnerships.
92. I think the Bardo Arts Center and Fine Art Museum are good the way they are. I personally do not use these facilities very often unless required by a class so this increase would not benefit me or students like me.
93. Stand alone fee so people know what they're paying for
94. If I'm understanding this correctly, option 1 is only $13 extra per semester while option 2 is $22 extra per semester. I would definitely prefer the cheaper option.
95. I think it should only be for those who want to take an art major as far as I am concerned the arts are don't do much or anything let alone bring in substantial profit
sell tickets and get an arts booster club
Why does the fee have to change shouldn’t it just remain the same?
We don’t need that
If this were to happen then the activities that Bardo Arts Center puts on should be free
to go to OR under $5. I shouldn’t have to pay $10 to go see a movie i can look up on
youtube.
I don’t believe this to be necessary
If adding the fee to the student activity helps us the students with more events being
hosted then I am all for it.
I don’t use these amenities so I wouldn’t want to pay for them if I don’t use them
Option 2 is asking a lot of students especially when this is something that would not
affect every student and personally I don't have an extra $676 laying around. If I did, I
wouldn't have to worry about how much I'm spending on Christmas presents for my
family.
No fees just support the art kids
Ask for donations, bardo arts center makes enough money from plays and such, most
people don’t go there.
The Bardo Arts Center is already one of the largest buildings on campus, which means
that it is most likely consuming the most utilities out of most of the buildings on
campus. The mandatory fee that is being required should be the lower option in order
that it may have a greater academic benefit with a lower burden on the students.
I would prefer not to pay that much towards Bardo, maybe a little less. Like ten dollars.
N/A
I have never been, the only time I think to go is on a weekend, when it is closed.
The Bardo Arts Center does not apply to 75% of majors here at WCU. I do not believe it
should be a fee given too all students, considering some of them do not even know
where the Bardo Center is.
Again, I do not want to pay anymore fees than I already do. This school actually has
quite a lot of fees already.
We should no have to pay for this since many students don’t use the theatre or fine arts
museums should be for their majors only
As with above, I don't have classes in Bardo and I do not go to events in Bardo, so I
should not have to pay a fee.
I think what is in place now is working. I personally see no affects from this fee.
i do not support art
I don’t use this stuff ever. And the facility is nice enough as it is. I’m not paying to
change it.
I don’t use these
I don’t use Bardo or have any interest in bardo so I have no interest in helping pay.
I am not benefited by these services.
N/A

Undergraduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year
1. Art programs are extremely underfunded
2. If the bardo fee is added to student activity fee, there also shouldn’t be a further increase in the student activity fee.
3. I can barely afford to pay now I can’t afford any more increases to fees please stop.
4. I pay the school enough already.
5. There will be a dramatic decrease in people attending events. If we are not using the services, we should not have to pay.
6. We already pays fees to watch shows at Bardo arts center.
7. That’s too much of an increase. However, I would like more information to better understand the options.
8. why so many fees
9. Yet again, the majority of students do not use this facility. You should encourage departments to seek their own funding sources. We already pay plenty in the way of fees.
10. I never go to the bardo center
11. I do not use this. This will not benefit me at all. If you want money, ask the people who use Bardo.
12. I do not care to attend these events
13. I have no connection to the bardo arts center so again is a waste of money. But if I HAD to choose I would choose the stand alone fee because it costs less.
14. If this doesn’t have anything to do with me, why would I want to support it? How about hold a fund raiser for the arts center instead of charging students for the support you need
15. i don’t see the need for a new stand alone fee we students are already paying so much besides tuition.
16. I don’t think that the increase is that noticeable when added into the current fee. Because WCU is, in my mind, an outstanding liberal studies school, it is important to support the programs that foster creativity. It seems to go more in line with the culture of the school and the surrounding community.
17. Since it’s a new fee I think it should slowly be implemented
18. I have never been inside either place, but I am a believer that arts are important.
19. I believe the constant increases are absurd, but in the end I feel like the university doesn’t care about the cost because ultimately the student will pay it since they want an education.
20. That seems like way too much
21. Again, I deeply disagree with charging students for things they will never participate in.
22. Why are we buckle and dining students?
23. This is just a way for the university to get extra money. Students will probably never even see any of this money come to actual use.
24. No need to increase fees. Campus organizations have enough money as is.
25. I am supportive of Option two. Since this is already a fee then that is okay. I do love Bardo Arts Center. If the increase helps the center become a better place. I enjoyed it when I had classes in there and walking through the museum. I would actually like to see it more often then I do. I feel like if there were more student plays in there then I
would go in there more. I hope I get to go in there when I have my Education Music class.

26. No
27. The price increase in option 2 is way too high and could cause students to not be able to enroll in this program.
28. As long as I get to see the shows for free
29. Why should I have to pay for an art museum when I have never used what these places have produced?
30. There is no money in an arts degree nor art in general
31. I do not support an increase in tuition.
32. I do not have enough time.
33. I am supportive of a new fee to support Bardo student activities, but I believe a $22 increase in option 2 is more than is needed.
34. 100% not supportive of the Bardo fee. Nobody uses the Bardo building except for art majors, special events, and a couple of classes. Now if we designated a fee for supporting the ART program, or somewhat the theatre department.....then yes. but currently no.
35. Fix Forsyth instead. It's the most used building on campus.
36. I don't even know what a Stand Alone Fee is, so I don't want to pay for something I don't even know of. If I'm alone I'm not paying anyone for it. I also don't agree with paying for increased student activity fee just for the Bardo Arts Center because I don't even use it, I've been in there last semester only when I had class, and I don't know anyone that goes there on their own free will except if they have a class in there. If the art kids want more funding they can do a fundraiser or get donations. I don't want to pay for them like I'm sure a lot of other people who don't use Bardo don't want to either.
37. Not my problem I want welfare too
38. As I am personally not involved in any type of arts at Western I do not feel the need for me to have a few.
39. Itemizing fees helps to see where it goes. Don't just roll it into the standard fees.
40. As an Art Education student, I am supportive of helping the arts as they are hardly ever funded but realistically not every student on campus will be interested or even step foot in the art museum or performance hall so a small fee would be preferred.
41. I never even go to the bardo building or the museum.
42. For students that commute it doesn't make sense to pay for these.
43. It sounds like a valuable program but increasing the fees may not be the answer. Why are these programs not self sustained? Doesn't WCU hold events and charge for the events? Couldn't you increase prices there?
44. What would all of that money go to?
45. I do not use this service
46. Events for the Bardo Arts already cost money to attend.
47. Proposed increase is too much
48. Again, we know the college is a business, still not ok to rake students over the coals financially.
49. The art majors already have to pay an extra fee just to be in their major so I don’t think it’s fair to make them pay any more for their department,

50. Chill

51. The stand alone fee would charge those who voluntarily participate in the facilities.

52. do not participate in activities. I go to school and work full time. I pay for all of my school accept tuition thanks to financial aid. However, I do not make what I did two years ago, which is what FAFSA looks at. I am a CNA of 6 years, I take care of myself and can not afford an increase in school fees or tuition. If you all raise costs, I will drop out

53. None of this benefits me. Improve the engineering facilities

54. The largest learning opportunities that can be gained through the use of the Performance spaces within the Bardo Arts Center is through partnerships with the Department of Stage and Screen. The funding being spent on learning opportunities within the performance spaces should take into account the academic desires, goals, and needs of the performance majors who need the experiences and usage of performance spaces.

55. Supportive of the fee and it’s goals. Wording is not clear, as you have to add the 9+13 in order to get 22. The way the question is posed, it would seem like Bardo is getting a full 22.

56. If this is programed based then this should come out of the students fees that are in the program. Or have art events that are for profits to make up for the deficit rather than placing this on the backs of students paying their own way through school. I am in full support of the arts however financial support will be provided by buying tickets and entrance to events via my own accord.

57. If the school only needs $26 more a year from students, why make the second option $44 a year. I only support this because I am an art major.

58. I think it would be a waste of money. Especially if there is already and increase for facilities. There is already entry fees in place that should cover all the stuff the arts center does. They hold enough events to make it possible.

59. too many fees but the arts center is worth it.

60. The less fees the better

61. I dont really guvevtwo shots about the art center. I spend all of my time at HHS and feiler I'm being robbed by fees like this one that only affect the arts.

62. Option 1 is cheaper

63. I do not participate in either. The students involved in the program should pay as a program or major fee. Not the rest of us.

64. Why would I want to pay an extra $600. That makes no sense. I’m already having to pull loans and so is a lot of other students. I don’t think it is right to keep trying to charge students.

65. Pretty much the same answer as before.

66. Stop adding fees and stop adding too many students into the music programs and work with the money you already have.

67. Bardo arts has enough support already!

68. We should not have to increase payment for a service we do no chose to use. If they want more money they should find that within their majors that they offer.
69. Why can't the university spare some of the funding it puts towards the athletic departments?

70. I'm not the guy to talk to when talking about the arts. I'm into science. However, if you absolutely must raise the charges for students in the arts then I would go with option 1. A stand-alone fee is easier for students to deal with, and I would also trust that the main people behind the rise in cost are good with money and know how much to charge to meet the end goal. I also understand that materials of a good quality are essential for arts as it can impact performance.

71. We already pay so much money in fees. You could take 13$ maybe from campus activities for example for Bardo/FA

72. I don't really go into Bardo unless there is an activity that or I have a class that I want to or have to go to. Again that's somewhat wasting my money for a resource that I don't really use due to the fact that there's nothing I can really use in there no point in me even trying to assume why that fee would be raised.

73. This seems to be the least outrageous of all increased fees thus far.

74. 26 dollars is manageable, but 338 more is not.

75. Not enough information

76. As an art major I'd be willing to add that small amount onto my bill.

77. Need better explanation of benefit as well as reason something else cannot be reduced/cut to reallocate this amount.

78. No

79. Same as above

80. This is too much money to make me spend for something I will likely never benefit from. I have been in the Bardo arts center 1 time in my 3 years at WCU

81. I don't go to shows, nor is it my program so it seems unfair that my hard earned dollars goes towards it.

82. Too many fees.

83. I don't support all portions and facets of the student activities fee.

84. More opportunities for booking Performance spaces.

85. Not too many students participate in events at the Bardo Arts Center, I feel like not everyone should have to pay a fee for it.

86. I have never used this

87. See above

88. No.

89. Personally, I feel like education students should not be charged this fee considering their classes are part-time in Killian and spent in a classroom elsewhere.

90. Only increase for students within the major's associated with Bardo Arts Center and Fine Art Museum

91. ABSOLUTELY NOT. I AM NOT PAYING FOR THAT.

92. How big of a turn out do these events hold? Do they charge there? Should students not engaged with art have to pay 316 dollars? That's a little odd for a program nobody really hears of

93. There are building on campus is much worse shape.

94. I do not support increasing fees unrelated to my education.
95. This money is crucial for student productions and arts work. Art is one of the most important pieces of our culture and is constantly underfunded and over looked. The arts better us as a society and must be funded lest we loose all that defines us as an artistic community.

96. I feel as though these fees should be supplied through other sources instead of raising the fee for college students.

97. I do not appreciate being charged for things that I do not utilize or that do not concern me.

98. I believe that not everyone goes to the Bardo Arts Center programs with that being said I feel as though the students that do should pay as they go.

99. I have no clue what my money would be going to, the description is vague. If I had the option I would pay $0 as these are not things that will help me graduate or get a job.

100. Not everyone uses the bardo center, people shouldn’t have to pay for things they don’t use.

101. This is the same fee, given that there is an increase is student activities fees from this year to next, just formatted different ways

102. Again, things like this should be funding be the people benefiting from it. I pay an engineering fee for being an engineering student, so I don't see how it's fair for the entire campus to be forced to support the arts and performance hall that I've never benefited from.

103. Nope.

104. only students who are involved in that particular activity should have to pay it.

105. GIVE MORE FUNDING TO THE ARTS OUT OF WHAT YOU ALREADY ARE GETTING. THIS IS DISGUSTING. All of the money you get from every single fee we already have to pay and you don’t have enough money to help sustain a VITAL part of education and knowledge? Yet you still have time to fund a lot of Greek life which is OPTIONAL AND NOT NEARLY AS EDUCATIONAL AS FINE ART?!

106. N/A

107. It's not right to ask all students to support the fine arts program when most never set foot in the museum or have any desire to support it. It should be an elective fee.

108. It's a smaller increase but neither option is bad.

109. I would rather not pay more money for something I do not interact with.

110. I do not use the Bardo Arts Center along with a number of students.

111. I don't have any interest in the fine arts.

112. As a senior here at WCU, I personally feel as though these funds do not need to be as high as they are. We cannot take pride in $500 tuition if we are going to charge students another $338 on top of an extra $325 for activities and events they may never attend.

113. I would like to see this funding help students pay for materials not provided by the Fine Arts School.

114. Please help fund the department of Stage and Screen! We have incredibly low funding and NEED MORE CAMPUS SUPPORT

115. This money can be redistributed from elsewhere (ex: executive salaries)

116. I do not know why the Bardo Arts Center would need more funding.

117. I use neither of these facilities, why should I pay for them?
118. Sounds like a major increase for #2. As listed, the two don't seem comparable
119. I think it’s worth the extra money for students to continue to produce and create their own work in an academic context.
120. I will support option 1 as it more directly supports the acknowledgment of student artists as a part of our campus. The fine arts museum works hard to recognize artists within our student community and to make exhibits acknowledging our campus theme. However, this fee should not be added to the Student Activity Fee because it does not have anything to do with them or the scheduling of events for all of campus.
121. I do not have an opinion of the Bardo Arts Center because I have not associated with this part of campus. However, if the university cannot support the number of students in the program, then we should decrease the amount of accepted students instead of increasing the fees and increasing the number of students accepted.
122. please do not increase or add a fee. I am not involved with that stuff and do not want to pay for it.
123. I don't see how an extra $13 or $22 will do all that much, so I see it as being unnecessary.
124. I just feel like some of these should be based off of majors and not everyone.
125. I do not benefit from this, while I do enjoy campus activities, I am paying for my education first and foremost. And extra $22 dollars is too much.
126. Inflating fees to promote low tuition is not fair to students.
127. Give an inch you will take a mile.
128. that place doesn't matter
129. I would need more information about what "student centered programming and intentional learning partnerships" actually amount to.
130. Support the arts
131. As said before I have no interest in paying for others enjoyment. I am neither an art student not attend any social gatherings on the subject of WCU artistry. I am very angry I need to take time out of my busy schedule to inform you that I do not support your communistic ideas.
132. Just because I support the arts
133. The fee should be optional. Some people don't like the arts.
134. Neither of these fees would benefit me as an engineering student and would increase my financial burden. Asheville is a cultural hub full of art and music, the commute to the city is not that bad for the minority that would like more fine arts.
135. Both of the options make no difference whatsoever to allocation of funds. The question is whether or not to at the $13 increase for BAC. No opinion.
136. I would support option 2, ONLY if the entire $22 went to Bardo, but the umbrella of the student activity fee will likely give less than the $13 of option 1.
137. that is not my major, so i am not interested in paying for this.
138. This is ridiculous to put this fee on all students as I would say the vast majority of students do not use the Bardo Arts center. I personally have only been there once or twice since attending WCU and I’ve been here nearly two years so I do not see a $22 or even $13 fee increase as justified!
139. Does not apply to me.
This is great for students who actively use these resources but as a student who has a major outside of those facilities and don’t use thing. I don’t want to be paying a fee.

I don’t participate in anything fine arts related

N/a

I am not involved in any of these so I have no opinion

Bardo doesn’t need more money no one goes there anyway.

Student who do not participate in those events will pay more for thing they do not plan to attend

How about more commuter parking first?

Isn’t that the same amount of money either way? Why does is matter which option I choose?

Only charge the people in the major who actually use that building.

Why am I paying so much money for art????

We are already paying $650 for campus activities. a new fee should not be added for more funding when we are already paying the same fee under another name

If I pay for bardo, i should get in the shows for free

I don’t have anything to do in the Bardo arts center, therefore I don’t feel I should have to pay for a facility I wont use

Both options are not fair to us. I don’t even use the bardo arts center. This should be a fee for those who are art majors or regularly use this building. I’m sure there is other ways to make up this money rather than asking me to pay for it.

I need to understand what the stand alone fee is and why it is increasing. I did not find information on it.

Again, why should I pay for something I don’t use?

I believe that there shall be ticket sales instead of adding fees to the students. I have never set foot in the Bardo Arts Center and if I had a choice I would not pay fees for something I never have nor never will use.

I think that requiring these costs to tuition is meant to support the arts and spread awareness to other students who don’t usually come see these things, but what will most likely happen is that these students will end up paying more and not realize that they’re paying for something they never go see. Also, many students working in the arts currently have the privilege of receiving free entry to performances and such so requiring payment in tuition just means that those students are no longer getting free admission at all. Adding this fee makes it less of the university's responsibility to give the arts money and piles it onto the students who are already paying way too much in additional fees.

Option 1 is cheaper

It is not necessary.

I support this fee being separate because I wouldn’t want to see its potential scuppered by a connection to the previous fee’s successful passing. The arts programs at WCU are so amazing, and deserve every opportunity to shine.

Undergraduate Students Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

1. Biltmore Park students pay way too many fees for this VERY little access we have.
2. I would be more supportive if extra fees actually the Biltmore park campus and its students
3. For students like me who ONLY attend classes at Biltmore Park, I think these Cullowhee related fees should be waived.
4. Why can this NOT be added to a specific fee for the program? Akin to Lab Fees for science courses.
5. I have trouble for paying for groceries, I ask you, please do not make me take out a larger student loan.
6. Neither. We have kids going to this university who have accumulated $30k in student loan debt for a degree that probably won't guarantee them a job after graduation, so, I'd rather each student have that extra $13 or $22 every semester to be able to feed themselves maybe a night or two instead of having whatever superfluous crap these fees would provide for us.
7. Again as a Biltmore Park student these fees are irritating to begin with because we don't have access to the programming at the arts center without making a very long drive and with the rigor of our program that is virtually impossible.
8. I'd be more inclined to agree to any increase that falls on students if the financial records for the university were available and there was a justifiable shortage. Beyond that, I can't see a reason why a school that has amassed such a large customer base over the past few years would need to take more money than it does already. Surely there is a different solution.
9. I am supportive of the fee and fine with either option. I am curious about why the stand alone fee is lower than the same fee assessed as add-on to student activity fee. Where does the additional money go?
10. I would not benefit in any way from this.
11. As above. I really do not get the opportunity to participate. Just seems like another tax...
12. Again, being a distance learner, I have no way to enjoy these programs, so I feel I shouldn't have to pay for them.
13. I don't support these fee increases for students taking classes exclusively at Biltmore Park, not using these services. As a second-degree seeking student, I have no use of these services and find it a burden to pay for them. I would request that these fees be waived for ABSN students at Biltmore Park, who have no connection to these services, nor utilization of them.

Graduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year
1. Option 1 seems to actually guarantee that the funds collected would actually go to the BAC.

Graduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year
1. For those who have never been exposed to the arts, this programming is a key part of their human development at WCU. It seems to align well with the other kinds of student activity fee categories and I am not a fan of long lists of standalone fees.
2. I never use this.
3. again, these are fees being charged for which not all students are able to take advantage of. i think that instead of charging fees to all students, these items should be payed for
by students individually as they utilize the service, not as a fee attached to all student tuition.

4. That's fine

5. As the Bardo Arts Center currently does not collect funds I believe it is fair to pay a nominal amount. Especially compared to the astronomical amount we pay towards other departments and services.

6. Stop trying to take more money from students who already don't have any.

7. none

8. Again, I don't think option 2 would benefit me or most students.

9. If the center was visited enough then it should be payed for, the purposed fee is to subsidize the fact that not enough people want to see what is there already.

10. do not pertain to me, I am at Biltmore Park

11. Grad students who live off campus shouldnt need to pay this

12. The fee added in to student activity is higher so this doesn't make any sense. Also, I think those involved in art should be the only ones who should optionally have an increased fee. I'm not understanding what this fee is for.

13. Once again, this should be optional.

14. I would prefer neither, especially because this is irrelevant to me.

15. These options are not explained and do not break down the costs to students and how these costs are going to benefit students

**Graduate Students Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year**

2. I support the fine arts but, again, as a student at BP, I rarely use these resources. I would propose you take the funds you have stolen for Greek life and put them towards THIS instead

3. this is a manageable increase.

4. Is the a difference in Including it in an existing fee vs. new stand alone with respect to book keeping or optics of another added fee?

5. I'm in Asheville and it isn't practical to drive to WCU for anything extracurricular

6. Take money from bloated athletic fees to support the arts.

7. As a graduate student solely at the Biltmore Park Campus, I do not feel it is fair that my tuition and fees are put toward activities and programs I do not use/am not in. As, it is typical for people in my program to only visit main campus once, and that is at graduation.

8. NC promise reduced tuition to make it more affordable but they fees are negating the benefit of NC promise.

9. As a graduate student who takes classes only at Biltmore Park, I believe that I should be exempt from these fees. The nursing anesthesia program is based in Asheville and surrounding hospitals. It is rigorous and I believe I speak for everyone in my program when I say that we have neither the time nor desire to travel to Cullowhee to take advantage of any of the activities we are forced to pay for each semester.

10. I think more money should go to this, and I don't think students should have to pay it.

11. I am not on main campus, I should not have to pay for main campus services

12. Again, I am not supportive of any fees outside of the Tyrion that pays for my education.
13. I never use any of these facilities because I do not live anywhere near campus and already feel like I shouldn't be paying for it so the idea of paying more doesn't make sense to me.

14. I was a performing arts major in undergrad and so I am familiar with most arts programs being underfunded and overlooked by universities so I am happy to see that WCU is trying to help the arts.

15. I am a commuting graduate student who attends classes at Biltmore Park once a month. I do NOT access or utilize these activities or venues.

16. This fee, if passed has absolutely no benefit to Biltmore Park students and should not be included in our fees.

17. I do not use this facility or receive any benefit from it.

18. again, these opportunities are not available to Biltmore Park students
Proposed Athletic Fee Increase

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1. It’s already extremely expensive for me to do anything on campus. I have to take out loans to be apart of these things
2. Why does the football team need more training ground and a indoor field, that I have to pay extra for when they don't win
3. if i’m not an athlete, why should i pay for them?
4. I already pay enough for athletes to live here. I do not want to pay any more.
5. We just raised a ton of money for the athletic programs and I really don't think there should be any increase in those programs at ALL.
6. I don’t go to any game
7. While any extra fees aren’t ideal, I go to many sporting events on campus, so I get to see where my money is going.
8. Our athletics are not at the appropriate performance level.
9. Money should be found elsewhere, not from students, to pay for other students.
10. the football team sucks so stop investing money in it
11. Don’t care about sports.
12. The athletic department can’t even sell out a game, why do they need more money from us?
13. Refer to my previous comment. I know renovations and whatnot need to be made, but I don’t see the fruits of those labors benefiting me in anyway, especially when I'm already paying extra for various nursing college fees and necessities.
14. NO.
15. I don’t see the reason for increasing the athletic fee. I don't think we should have an athletic fee in the first place, but to increase the fee is just wrong.
16. No.......... Charge for tickets instead of charging people who don’t even have time to go.
17. We aren’t good at sports. Why is it fair that we have to pay all this money for our sports teams just for them to lose some if not all of their games. Football especially. We are decent in other sports, but at least those are worth watching, football isn't. We just lose and the games are just not interesting anymore. Nobody likes to watch their team lose
18. unless yall paying this fee for me, don't be increasing nothing. y'all do too much for some mediocre ass teams, besides our track team they are the superior ones.
19. Again, many of us could understand modest increases. A more than doubling sounds like price gouging, however.
20. It should stay the same because it is helping students stay healthy while in school.
21. Raise the admission fees by $1 or $2 per ticket to raise these fees.
22. The equipment and fields we have now are sufficient. Increasing prices alleinates poorer groups from doing sports.
23. We don’t win...why would we pay extra? Also, we shouldn’t have to pay extra for things that we don't participate in, or that we are not apart of. That’s not fair to run up our prices if we aren’t a part. Let us into everything free with ID, then maybe we will talk,
because we have already paid with tuition. Don’t run it up because we buy unnecessary items.

24. Not everyone participates with athletics so the athletic fee should only be charged to athletic students

25. Keep priced the same

26. I understand that athletics are a large part of college and the facilities and money are needed to support them.

27. I don’t even go to games and our athletics suck. Stop giving them money and put it towards academics and other clubs

28. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO GIVE SO MUCH TO SPORTS

29. Why pay more money for a football team that can’t win a single game. That’s just a disappointment. Have the football pay for their stuff like the marching band does aka band fees that we the band students pay not every student.

30. Why would I pay an athletic fee when I don’t go to the games, our football team is losing every single game and it’s a problem

31. I have nothing to do with athletics, nor to I go to any games. This is a charge for nothing.

32. I shouldn’t have to pay for something that I’m not associated with.

33. We’ve already had increases in athletic fees. It’s too much.

34. They need to pay for THEIR OWN EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.

35. The teams have a horrible reputation. They do not deserve more funds when they are not what is talked about nor the group that puts in the most effort. The marching band is far more popular and is in far more need of funding.

36. Get fucked on this one.

37. I don’t even play any sports or Engage I’m sporting events at all

38. Get better coaching for the football team, then we can talk. I would be more supportive of this measure if it went to the teams that actually deserve it (for instance, our rugby team that no one seems to talk about) AND the marching band, who definitely deserves more attention.

39. NCAA teams should have to raise money for their own good if they need it.

40. They are not good so why do they deserve our money

41. If you’re going to raise the price for all students to pay for Athletic teams, have the football team win a game before hand.

42. I personally dont care for athletics. Doing athletics is fun but I dont care to watch them. I dont know where this is nessecary.

43. There are a lot of people who don’t even go to games and charging them more wouldn’t be fair.

44. I think that instead of a set fee for every student, implement a $2 or $3 ticket instead of them getting in free so as to not make those who do not go to athletics have to pay.

45. If we are going to pay for this, we need to have the ability to change out coaches that are not bringing in wins to build our school spirit

46. Students should not have to pay an increase in sports. It should not be mandatory because some students may not be able to afford the increase.

47. I can hardly afford to go to this school as it is with its low price and all of you draining my pockets with added fees. I refuse to allow you to increase them
48. I think many students would be disappointed to know where this extra fee would be going- not so much the cost itself. It's not that we don't have $12 extra dollars, it's that we don't want to see the Ramsey Lot- (From my observations- the favorite commuter lot- especially in the evenings AND our tailgating lot) be taken. Quite frankly, I believe many students would agree with me when I say that we don't want to give anymore money to a hopeless cause. If we were an athletic school- sure- but I would rather my money go to successful organizations such as Pride of the Mountains than to, for example, a football team that can't block.

49. I will not support it until an NCAA Men's Soccer team is instated on campus and we should not be giving that much money because football takes up most of it and our football team is sub-par at best.

50. Not fair for those that are not in athletics. Those not in athletics are already having to pay...only those in athletics should be responsible for the increase or increase fees to attend the sports.

51. The athletic department keeps getting more funding per year but we haven’t increased the way that we play, so nothing needs to change.

52. But are football team is not good I’m not a fan of the coach

53. It’s ridiculous to have students pay for renovation of the Ramsey center when it’s perfectly fine. Especially when I’m personally I. The Ramsey center maybe 2 times per school year.

54. If you want to increase something you can Increase our scholarships that would be well needed.

55. It was $200 more this semester and You want to raise it more fuck no

56. This is not a sports school, it’s just not, this is an academic school and should focus on that. And providing for its students.

57. We just renovated and several donors support these renovations.

58. As long as non athlete students don't have to pay it I don't really care

59. Most of our athletics are horrible, I don't support them getting money when they can barely win. If it was different and they had chances at winning, thats different and I would support it but new equipment and such will not improve their game, the coaching will and thats what we need, new coaches.

60. I’m not an athlete so this shouldn’t apply to me

61. Our football sucks stop wasting money on them. Jocks think they own this school causing a unhealthy atmosphere.

62. It makes so sense for every student to pay for it when half the student body doesn’t go

63. As long as you don’t ask for students to pay our athletes I will have no opinion.

64. To support athletic teams, I agree that not a lot of support is given because students are limited to what they want to support.

65. I am strongly against paying this fee. I am not an athlete so I should not pay this fee

66. I’d support the athletic fee increase if we had a better football team

67. I didn't come to college for the sports.

68. >I dont use these services

69. I’m not an athlete

70. I do go to games so I understand the increase in this
71. This fee is absolutely unnecessary if you are not involved in sports. It is not my responsibility to pay for the teams travel or tuition.
72. I do not want to pay to support a losing team, until we start winning it doesn't make sense to increase money coming into this program.
73. I'm not in the athletics department therefore also does not pertain to me. Maybe you should ask for more sponsors or something
74. This is stupid. I am not an athlete nor go to any of the games at all. I understand this helps get students in for free but why does this university have to put aside so much money for athletics rather than more important things, like campus activities.
75. No, have them do fund raisers. I am not paying for sports I am paying and coming here for my criminal justice degree.
76. No.
77. We aren't winning any games...why should we put more money into this
78. I do not want my money going to something I will not utilize
79. I believe that this fee increase should go to improve all of our athletic facilities including E.J Whitmire Stadium, Ramsey Center, etc.
80. I don't go to the athletic event why do I have to pay
81. Once again I shouldn't have to pay for something I don't participate in
82. I feel we already have enough support for athletics
83. No increase in fees
84. Our teams suck and im not paying for them to loose and suck
85. An athletic fee already doesn't make sense for students that are not on any of the schools NCAA teams. It is not fair to charge an increase to students who do not play on these teams.
86. With all respect, the team at WCU has not been doing good this year, so many loses so far. They should not get more funding especially when it won't change the outcomes. They receive enough funding as it is, the money should be distributed evenly to upgrade books we use in classrooms and especially to add more healthier food options on campus. The money could even go to renovating buildings in which we live in, some don't even have AC or the walls have holes with plaster coming out, the bathrooms are rusty or very small for 2 rooms to share. The beds could be replaced with this money as well.
87. Not apart of sports don't understand why we have to pay for athletics to support a football team that has only won once this year and has not done well in the last years. We never hear about other sports on campus doing well either. Additionally $12 x 11,636 (number of students) = $139,632 for one semester. Which is outrageous since I am going to school for my education not to watch sports. $806 x 11,636 = 9,378,616 a year not including the public paying for tickets and money being donated. Our athletics is not worth it. I should not be paying for a football players full ride to school so the can toss a ball around.
88. Only supportive if money goes to more than just football.
89. Again creates more stress on students, whose financial situation is not the best.
90. Do we? Ever win?????
91. What is the maser plan? Is our facilities going to be improved? Better pricing ranges? More recruitment staff? I understand they need support but what is needed for the master plans.

92. I don't really care about sports, so I'm biased here. I will say that our football team sucks, and that maybe we should emphasize funding to other departments as a priority.

93. The Athletic Fee seems appropriate. It would be fantastic to see the funds shared as equally as possible among all sports here at WCU!

94. Absolutely against the athletic fee as a whole. I hate that I am paying for student scholarships and I hate that this is forced on the students. I don't go to these games and I have no interest in paying for the athletes opportunity to play an expensive season as well as their scholarships. NO, significantly lessen the fee, or make the fee optional to the student population. Maybe make it so that student can only tailgate if they pay the fee that way it will limit both alcoholism and offer an avenue to get these unjust funds similar to taxes on cigarettes and other harmful endeavors.

95. The school makes enough money from the games the athletes participate in. You shouldn't tax the students who more than likely will pay you anyway to go see the games.

96. I don't participate nor care for sports. I think it is unfair to raise my tuition when I willingly participate in none of this.

97. The fact that the majority of students do not engage in these activities yet have to pay for them is a little silly. For those of us who are under financial stresses and are not able to received FASFA should have the option of if we would like to pay all of these fees.

98. You guys seriously need to have a focus on one "fee" or area per year because so far my student debt has outrageously increased and the burden of making our athletic or art feilds should not be one me as as student.

99. Our athletic teams suck and you signed on a coach that continues to suck so no, I do not think I should pay a dime. Considering how much college coaches make, I think it's disgusting that you require us to pay any fee.

100. We pay too much in fees already.

101. this is a waste of my money. I do not recommend this school for any student as is,,, increasing the fees makes your reputation worse.

102. Financial support is not evenly distributed among athletics. Funds that made from each support should be put back into the sport to maintain the facilities or the funds should be evenly distributed.

103. If we do this then the food and drinks at the games needs to be lowered some. I’m ok with this one due to us getting in any home games free

104. Do not increase the fees for us for athletics because our teams are not worth going to watch as it is already. So why pay more when you’re not even going to attend any events?

105. Our sports teams will not get better by further ripping off students.

106. I don't want to pay even more money than I already do for the athletes to get fancy new shoes and athletic wear or to eat out at fancy restaurants. Maybe if we were good at something I would agree with this but that isn't the case.
107. We are not all involved in sports so why make non-athletes pay for things we aren't apart of in the first place let alone put an increase in place.
108. I would like to see our teams get better.
109. There's already enough funding for the athletic teams. Share some of that with the other things that need money.
110. I don't want to pay the fees if I don't go to the games to see the benefits. Not my responsibility.
111. Our athletic performance doesn't warrant this sort of increase. Bluntly said, why invest in a losing team?
112. Our football team needs to focus more on improving their skills and training before being rewarded with newer facilities, as does every group on campus.
113. Athletes are a huge part of WCU and the fee is only $12, so I am okay with it.
114. We don't need new facilities we have good facilities now. We need a new coach.
115. I don't want to pay fees that don't affect me!!!!!!
116. I also shouldn't be charged for something I am not apart of nor am I engaging in.
117. We have too much when it comes to athletics fees anyway.
118. I don't have money.
119. Most of the athletic teams at western are not very good and most students on campus talk trash about the teams. There is more support for the band than any team on campus. Why would anyone want to put money into a program that is not successful?
120. Why am I paying something I won't be doing?
121. See previous remarks.
122. We do not need to give any more money to athletics on this campus.
123. I put supportive because I'm all for our sports teams, however I do NOT support that our football team is the one getting all the funding and more successful sports like track/cross country/tennis/etc. are constantly receiving less and less financial support.
124. Athletic fees shouldn't be charged to students not participating in athletics.
125. Not part of any athletics teams so I do not wish to support them.
126. Again I am not sure what this would go towards, so I would rather not give an opinion on the increase.
127. Students who do not use the athletic facilities should not be charged for it.
128. I think the athletic department gets a lot of money as is and the athletes already have a lot of benefits so increasing everyone else's fee is unfair because students are paying for other students to benefit from it instead.
129. Well I assume most of this goes towards the football team considering that's how I assume most school athletic programs function. I don't really think they should get more money for doing so poorly. As long as the money goes to the teams doing well then personally I'd be fine with it.
130. I don't participate in athletic events so I don't want to pay more money for something I don't take advantage of. I do suppose I can start being more active in athletics, though.
131. Sports are important but academics are MUCH more important than sports in my opinion.
132. Why should I pay for athletes to go to school? That makes no sense to me whatsoever.
133. No, use your booster club and donations. Not all the students go to games.
As stated before because of my major and the 2 jobs that I work i am almost never able to go to these events and it makes me angry that I have to pay almost as much as my tuition for something i cant even participate in. There should be an option to wave this fee.

Ask donors to the catamount club and the athletes to pick up the increase in this fee, it is for them and should not be mandated by the entirety of the school to pay for items in the "master plan"

Absolutely not

The problem with our football team is not the budget, it’s the players and possibly the coaches. Work with what you have don’t make us pay for it.

should be if sports teams performance increases then fees should increase, because theyve increased every year yet producing same or lesser results

I don’t even understand why I’m already paying $391 so I definitely don’t want to pay $403.

Students that are not in athletics shouldn’t be forced to pay for them

No, not all of us go to games or participate in sports, I work every game there is. I don't want to pay this.

Our athletic teams will very likely not gain skill with greater funding for their facilities, which are already ample in size since this a small school, but will increase in skill (therefore yield greater ticket and merchandise sales) with less distractions and greater commitment to their respective teams.

Yeah no, I do not wish to increase this payment because I already have to pay for band

I feel that we should purchase tickets to games on our own instead of having to pay a large general fee for the year.

I don’t really care for sports

Dont participate, dont care

As far as I know there athletic program really doesn't need any more funding, why not put funding towards something like CAPS for all the mental illness on campus?

I am highly not supportive of this. We already pay enough for losing sports teams and it is not fair

I do not participate in these teams therefore I should not have to pay for them.

I have never been to an athletics game and never plan on going. I shouldn't be required to pay a fee that supports them, when I don't support them.

There are other things that need more attention. Our team isn’t good, accept it. Fund a group that needs it like ecocats and such.

Again, 75% percent of students do not apply to this. If there is a need for money in the Athletic department, the athletes should be charged, not everyone else.

I do want to pay a fee to support the athletes as I am not one.

If they want to increase the fees somewhere, they need to do so towards education and new equipment for the science facilities or something more important than athletics. Brains over brawn, my dudes.

I'm not an athlete here so again, I shouldn't have to pay this. However, I would support this fee, if the athletics were worth it. Our sports teams, football especially need to be better if you want me to support this.
I’m not involved in athletics so I don’t think I should be responsible for paying for them.

Athletics has enough!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It’s not fair that they are getting school scholarships for playing for the school but the band kids are not getting anything! We work equally hard or sometimes harder than some of the players in these athletic teams.

The sports teams have more than enough funding.

I’m not an athlete, why am I paying for their sport fees for equipment and field maintenance.

It is probably going to be used by the Football Team...

We lose every game anyways, not worth it.

I think that athlete scholarships should be dependent on academic standing and if their academic standing falls then they should lose their scholarships and then the program could that money for improvements.

You are about to get an obscene amount of money from playing Alabama, please don’t make our lives any harder.

Why is that?

Undergraduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year

1. Only if you actively work to make the football team relevant and not a joke
2. I have never gone to a football or any other game and never will, it is not interesting and I don’t want my money going to stuff I don’t care about.
3. Our Athletic programs are terrible. There should be no reason to increase athletic fees if we aren’t getting decent teams out of it. Other than Track & field we’re trash. How about instead of worrying about our trash athletics, you worry about our student safety and the unanswered about of bugs in the cafeteria. This is awful, and there needs to be something done.
4. I don’t play or watch any sports, and yet I’m expected to pay for them to meet their needs
5. Until athletes are compensated, what are we paying for? These students barely make it through college, graduate with heavy debt, yet are the backbone of an athletic program (especially successful programs like track and field.) It is no secret that most of the diversity on this campus resides in athletics and yet our university does so little to support them.
6. As a student uninterested in sports, I don’t go to any of the game so I don’t really see a point to this
7. I do not want to have to pay a increased fee for athletics when I am not an athlete.
8. I pay the school enough already, give some of the money that goes to our crappy football team to academics.
9. Athletics is the last thing that needs additional funding in my opinion. Different avenues to get money for athletics and adding to student fees shouldn’t be one.
10. If tickets were free for students, I would be supportive. However, that’s a ridiculous amount to pay for in fees PLUS paying for tickets at the games?
11. our athletics suck, I don’t want to pay for their crap
12. Yet again, most of us are not on an athletic team. They should find their own sources of funding. Maybe full-ride athletic scholarships are an unintelligent idea because of this "need" to increase fees.
13. Our teams are awful and we never win anyways.
14. We already suck enough at every sport.
15. These fees add up and our athletic teams are kinda trash. If you up the fee give it to the band to support the band kids who can’t afford to go the the trips they go on. I couldn’t go to Macy’s this year and be in band because it was so expensive out of pocket.
16. I do not go to athletic events. I do not use the gym. Why would I want to pay for something that I do not have to go to?
17. These fees make Western more expensive or as expensive as other colleges.
18. Once when The athletic department is actually good, then fee people.
19. Paying $806 dollars for athletics is ridiculous!! It is almost the cost of my education and I don’t even play sports! This fee is completely unfair!! The athletic fee should NOT be this high!
20. Not all students have something to do with athletics and that’s okay if they don’t support athletics. Making them pay more money toward this will only lose their interest even more.
21. Athletics already get a lot of money. Absolutely not. I don’t participate so don’t make me pay.
22. Get a new coach and see the results. Then you could increase it.
23. I don’t feel that athletics define WCU and they are not something I wish to pay for in my tuition. It seems to me that they should be able to create their own funding, as academic clubs and research teams do.
24. I believe that the athletes have so many supporters in the community that are not even students. They charge admission to the football games and for concessions. Personally, I do not think other students who are not athletes should have to pay for this.
25. Why do they need more money?
26. This is almost the amount of what I pay a semester for my tuition, so I think this is absurd. Our football team isn’t even good, so for me to pay this much is just sad.
27. I don’t participate in any athletic event and don’t see why they should get more money.
28. Yet another example of more funds being filtered to programs that only a fraction of the student body is involved with.
29. So were being charged 400$ for games not everyone goes to?
30. I do not wanna pay more to attend the school for fees that go toward something I know that I will not utilize.
31. Students should get the OPTION to pay this fee as well, it is ridiculous students who do not attend athletic events have to pay this ridiculous amount.
32. I don’t see a problem with upping the athletic fee since we do get into games for free. I think it is fair.
33. Should decrease and reallocate to other areas. We spend to much on non-academic spending.
34. I do support this plan because I have heard from some of our athletes that some of their resources are not up to the standards that they should be. I know the football team
does not have all of the resources that they need. Some of our athletic teams need some updates to their resources and their facilities. I feel this way because if I were an athlete I would want some help to be successful in my sport but to also represent the school well.

35. I'm broke
36. I do not care for sports.
37. I won't support a fee increase in athletic fees until we can actually show that our athletic teams are worth it. I suggest a decrease in fees
38. I am not an athlete I do not want to pay $800
39. $12 isn't enough to make a difference and everyone knows our sports teams need some help.
40. Are teams are trash
41. The sports here fucking suck ass. Stop wasting my money on shit we suck at regardless. I can barely afford this shit
42. I don't attend college to subsidize a football team.
43. The moment we have better coaches for the teams (other than our actual good sports) then maybe but I was really disappointed going from a non defeated football school to only winning one game in the season is sad and depressing. Football is the center of my town and to say my college football sucks is kinda heart breaking. Maybe if the coaches actually put people where their good at and not where they want to be and actually coach different plays instead of the same dang one every year, you know we might win. You don't see the other school play the same plays every year now do you?
44. Our sports teams are the bottom of the barrel and I don't go to their games. The fact that I have to pay for it and you want more money is excessive.
45. If a student is not interested in athletics they should not have to pay the fee
46. Maybe if the football team would get a new coach that knows how to coach
47. WHY ARE YOU CHARGING US THIS MUCH FOR SPORTS?? Increase ticket costs to pay for this. I'll never understand why students who don't enjoy sports have to chalk up $800/year for no reason. And y'all have the audacity to ask for MORE
48. I do not support any increase in tuition.
49. I do not participate in sports or attend athletic events. I work when I'm not in school
50. We should focus more on academics and other organizations that serve to better the world rather than sports. They serve a purpose to a point but there is no reason to increase fees for everyone on behalf of entertainment
51. Although I do not participate in athletics, I believe they're important to support and engage students. If updates to facilities are needed then an increase in the fee is helpful.
52. No reason for an increase. Our athletics department is not living up to what we expect. Now, our volleyball program so far has done well. But you guys pay the employees garbage (minus the football, basketball coaches), our football program has never been good and yet they still expect us to honor them when marching band is a far more successful program. I hear stories nearly everyday of how students in marching band are forced to go to South baseball because football is "more important" and get the field...... Yeah no, not supportive. Sorry.
This is probably one of the very few I actually don’t mind supporting because if we do have good athletics, it will bring more attention to the school and we could possibly get more people.

We suck at sports why give more money. I want money for failing idiots

I highly disagree with an increase in athletic fees. We are currently being charged way too much for our athletics to be well below mediocre.

Our teams are terrible anyways. Love sports but I think we’re fine.

Athletics have no place in higher education.

This is another fee that I think should be taken away, not every student attends sports events and it’s ridiculous to charge so much. If anything a decrease would be a better idea. As of this year I have attended 0 events put on by any of the sports yet I was charged $391 dollars that I don’t have to give to them, now how is that fair?

I dont want to pay for sports I dont think you understand how disinterested i am in your sports

Why have an increase in Athletic Fees when our main sport (Football) can not win at all, if we had winning sport programs then I would be supportive of this plan

For students that commute it doesn’t make sense to pay for these.

Our facilities are suchificent for the conference in which we compete

I do not participate in athletics and I don't care for our football team. Ask me about an increase when we are actually winning.

Athletes get plenty of financial aid to attend western, therefore, it is not fair to those paying out of pocket to pay for their facilities.

I would rather be charged as a student for every game I attend rather than give the athletic program $800.

They need to be good first.

They are being supported enough it seems.

Athletic events already cost money to attend which should cover these costs. I am not interested in any athletic events so I should not have to pay for their funding.

too much money, nearly matches tuition fees. sports teams aren’t even that great, why pay more?

Not everyone is an athlete

I don't go to any sports games. It feels quite odd for me to pay almost 800$ a semester to not attend any games.

Again, we know the college is a business, still not ok to rake students over the coals financially.

The facilities wouldn’t have needs more than what they already have if their athletes and attendees treated the facilities better.

This money should go to students who have a hard time academically. Not for sports that don’t even win a game I.e. football

Stop funding athletic programs and put more funding into research, arts, and sciences. I know athletics must be funded but I don’t think that we should have to support something with money, that in return has no benefit for people who are here to obtain their diploma.
Athletic funding should come primarily from those who choose to participate in the athletic activities in the NCAA, and from donors who voluntarily support the endeavors of athletic activities.

Our football team sucks. They don’t need more money.

Given the income earned through ticket and merchandise sales for athletics, I don’t think the all of the students should bear the cost of supporting the programs, particularly when fees for programs like science and Fine Arts are only assessed to those students who are majoring in them.

do not raise

do not participate in activities. I go to school and work full time. I pay for all of my school accept tuition thanks to financial aid. However, I do not make what I did two years ago, which is what FAFSA looks at. I am a CNA of 6 years, I take care of myself and can not afford an increase in school fees or tuition. If you all raise costs, I will drop out

I clearly did not choose this school for their athletics...

Absolutely not, I will not pay more money for a sports program.

I should not have to fund athletics i do not attend or participate in

Our football team is not good enough for this. This is absolutely ridiculous to keep adding more funds to this failing organization.

There are so many students who don’t attend games or participate in the athletics.

Athletes need the facility’s but this shouldn’t be on their backs alone.

Provide a service that will provide the additional funds and/or increase individual program fees related to the stadium and fields. This should not be taken out of the overall student population's pockets.

You already get enough from me for sports that I don’t play.

Our MENS teams are not good enough to warrant the increase and have already seen upgrades in the past couple of years. I would only support the increase if support went directly to the women’s teams and their facilities.

I don’t want to pay for the athletics when i’m not an athlete.

DELETE OUR FOOTBALL TEAM!!!!!!!!

Due to the poor performance of the WCU football team and the recent renewal of the Head Coach contract students should not have to invest more into an athletic team and coaching staff that is failing.

Athletics gets enough money

They do not need an increase because the teams dont win any games

Make it optional. I only get to go to 1 football game a year due to my schedule and I would happily pay to attend if it meant I didn't have over $400 a semester added to my tuition.

I feel like the Athletic program already gets money because of all the sponsor we already have therefore it shouldn’t increase. It’s not fair for students to have to pay more when sponsors give in donations. Regular academic fees aren’t even as much as the athletic fees.

I am NOT going to pay extra for our sports team. They are terrible and I am not going to be spending any more of my money towards them.

We need to be more supportive of athletics
100. It is absolutely ridiculous that students have to pay an athletic fee, when we get nothing out of it. If they want to play, let them pay. I gain nothing paying for them to play. There should be no athletic fee at all for students who are not athletes. There should be an athletic fee for students who want to be athletes. I don't see an Education fee for all students, not just those in the Education program, and I don't see an Engineering fee for all students, not just those in the Engineering program, etc!

101. I don't play sports or even attend events because I'm busy working on school and work to pay for college and get a degree. I shouldn’t have to pay athletes to play a sport that I don't watch, 2 pay them to get special advantages in school and learning. They should pay for this, they chose athletics over school and working.

102. I don’t play sports and definitely don’t want to pay another $800! What in the world are you all requesting so much money for or trying too! I find this so wrong saying your students already pay so much and mostly come here because it is cheaper then other schools. Don’t push them away.

103. Not all of us play sports, or are interested in sports. Why should we have to pay for others to play sports? High schools have to fundraise, I believe there are a lot of people in the community would be more than happy to contribute to such fundraiser.

104. Give scholarships to the marching band. We bring in more money to WCU than the football team and you know it.

105. Y’all already charge us an arm and a leg to pay for athletic teams stuff and do not need to increase fees.

106. There is no propose for losing teams to get more money. If the money would go to willing teams sure but if it is all Athletics then no.

107. Why do I have to pay an athletic fee when I have nothing to do with athletics. Have the athletes pay it.

108. Student attendance has been down, we should not increase just to come up with that money.

109. Athletes should provide their own financial support, or students could potentially pay for games. It is unfair to require students to pay for atheletic activities who are not a part of the teams or do not attend games.

110. I am not even an athlete. Why do I have to pay anything for them?

111. Our D1 teams are not great. raising the fees for them is not going to help them get any better/make me want to see them compete more

112. I’m trying to return to athletics and play football I don't agree to having to increase the price that athletes and students especially since many of your non athletic students think that all sports should be shut down except track. Its really stupid because its going to bring up a lot more controversy among non athletic students and athletic students because they feel like if the athletic teams can't win then they are wasting their money paying extra

113. The athletics fee is already the most bothersome fee as most students, if not nearly all students, do not even attend these games. They would not be missed in almost all aspects other than bringing in money to the university and are seemingly functioning at a more than fine enough level as is.
let all the money athletics brings in cover it. don't push the extra fees onto the students? our sports teams suck make them pay for it instead of regular students.

Again, 24 dollars is a manageable increase.

More money needs to to academics rather than towards sports.

I think the athletic fee is a bit high. I'm fine with supporting the athletic fees, but part of that fee goes towards admission to games that I never have time to go to. I think you should decrease the athletic fee and not automatically have students pay for admission. If they want to go to games they can buy a separate student pass, but don't make us spend that money if we aren't going to use it. We're losing enough money as it is.

I will not pay anymore for a team that cannot win.

If the football team did better I would be more supportive. It seem like each year this fee increases and our athletics results decrease.

They get enough money.

With no intention of ever watching/attending a sporting event...$806 a year is already too much.

I don't go to games and should not be charged for them.

Again, I am attending college to obtain a degree (academics), not for sports. Those who play sports should be the ones who participate in the funding of those sports. If a percentage of profits made from concessions at given sporting events were proposed to be given back to students, then maybe this increase might start to make some sense.

There is already enough money floating around the athletics. Maybe instead of increasing student fees, someone else should just stop pocketing so much of the money.

Every year I've been here they increase athletics fees. The facilities in my opinion are okay.

I do not go to athletic events. Why should I pay for it.

Absolutely not. Stop giving out full ride athletic scholarships to dirtbags and rapists just because they can throw a ball. Make them pay a little bit and use the rest to support the athletic facilities. They seem to get enough resources as it is.

Stop giving scholarships to athletic programs when the teams do not win more than 2 or 3 games per season, put that money into facilities management and to people with 4.0 gpa's. I do not want to be charged more for this.

I am not an athlete, and I do not participate in any of the sports. As a student who is not involved with these extracurricular activities I should not be expected to pay for them. They don't benefit my education.

.... When we start doing well and increase the fees. We need a new football coach as well as bball coach.

Our teams are not even that good but you want to build a second football field??

We are bad

I will not pay for athletics. And can pay for their own stuff

I do feel we need to support our sports teams, as representatives of WCU, and the WCU student body.

see above

I don't even attend games. I don't want to be charged for something I don't use.
I do not want to increase my money going to athletics when they are mean to the student body and cannot play well.

This is fine.

Being a former athlete, I'm not in support of this considering the amount of money the team raised each year and was donated in comparison to the fees of our trips.

NO.

Don't go to athletic events so we shouldn't be charged.

Why give money to a losing team? Primarily it goes to the football team where as we have other great programs who don’t get near as much funding, I understand that the football team makes the most money for the school but the increase is pointless unless going to other teams

Education should be the focus not entertainment.

All students already contribute enough to the athletics programs... especially paying for other students to receive scholarships.

This school has too much money flowing in for athletics as it is, for very unsuccessful teams.

They get enough money as it is.

The athletics at western are pitiful and not successful, students should not have to fund a team that doesn’t show the school pride.

Why should I pay for our football team? We don't even win games. You could get rid of the team completely, and I fully believe that 90% of the student population would not care at all. Most of the students just go to the games for the tailgating, I'm basically paying for an excuse for students to party in the parking lot.

I do not support increasing fees unrelated to my education.

I feel as though the athletic fee is already appropriate and covers the events that students can go to. To rise the costs is not reasonable for college students to pay.

why are students who don’t go to athletic events charged this fee? and now you want to increase it? this should be an option fee that students who actually go to a lot of athletic events elect to pay.

I am not an athlete, and I do not appreciate being charged for things that I do not utilize or that do not concern me.

This money should be coming from what is made from games

I think the school puts enough money towards athletics. This will not benefit most students.

if you want more support get a better team and a team that actually brings money into the school.

we don't need any more money going towards sports

I'm here to get an education not watch sports. If the athletic teams need money ask for charitable donations and hold events to bring in dollars.

Athletic fees account for the majority of what I pay and I've never attended an athletic event here at WCU. It is a waste of my money and serves no purpose for me.

Raise ticket prices. I'm not an athlete and don't go to sporting events. Athletes and the people who watch them should fund athletics.

Stop making me pay fees for shit I don't participate in!
Our sports should be the least of our worries. They're not good. Our athletics suck. We pay too much as is. Why pay more to watch them still suck.

Charging a fee this large is unfair to students who do not participate in athletics/athletic events.

Use less money on the band and more on football. If WCU had a better football team, it would bring in a much greater revenue than the band ever will.

They have so much funding, if they can afford to shoot off t-shirts at every game, have different uniforms, and give scholarships like that they’re freaking fine. College is not just about sports.

Myself and my children are not a part of the athletics department and should not have to continue to pay higher fees for something that we don't utilize or take part in. Make fees elective for those that use the funds, not all students regardless of their involvement.

Again, not a huge increase. It’s doable.

I would rather not pay more money for something I do not interact with.

Is the income from the football games, basketball games, and every other sport not enough? Where does all the profit from the tickets and concessions go? It definitely isn't going into the student section (it looks run-down).

I don't go to any sporting events.

If you want to increase the financial support for athletes, increase their tuition rather than the tuition of those students who will not attend events.

Make people want to come to our games more.

I barely even attend any of the athletic events plus not all of our athletic teams are any good. So why should I pay for mediocre?

No.

Our sports teams being in millions from playing other teams. We don’t need to pay for them!

This is a fee that I see no benefits from.

They don't need more money.

Our teams would be most benefited by changes in leadership, both of the team and the administration that oversees our athletics.

We do not need more funding for our athletics.

I don’t like sports, I don't watch sports and I don't care about them. I came here to learn, not watch football and I most certainly do not want to waste my hard-earned money on some neanderthal like activity.

Bar a handful, most of our sports teams perform poorly and game attendance is already abysmal. $800 is totally wasted money evidently.

The football team sucks and the other teams are underfunded. Our track and field team, as well as the tennis team, do not get the proper funding they deserve for the amount of recognition they bring. Again, the football team sucks.

The Athletic Fee shows no reason to be increased. The main purpose is to cover student ticket fees and support the teams needs. Nothing else needs to be considered.
If our athletics are not bringing in enough money to support their facilities, then it should not be up to the rest of the student body to make up for them. The football team has more than enough to succeed, like a Bluetooth workout machine. Players get scholarships, and fees waived and yet athletes are still not taking it seriously. Players are being suspended for drug use while other facilities are struggling. Why would we give money to players that cannot keep drugs out of their system long enough to get through a football season, but yet still get to travel the world to play football while students in the STEM majors have to pay out of pocket to go to a conference in-state?

It is not fair for students to pay for other students to play sports. I can’t play sports because I can’t afford to play so why should I have to take on more debt so people with sports scholarships can get more benefits?

please do not raise the fee. i do not even go to games.

I do not support putting any more money into the football team because they have not been using the facilities to the best of their ability since we have been having horrible seasons since my freshman year (2017). I do support giving money to the track and field team because they actually win their meets and competitions.

Athletic Fees are currently one of the most expensive fees that students have to pay, and I am not sure what the numbers are for how many different students use these services, but I am not sure why this number is so high. I am also not sure why it keeps increasing. Especially when many people do not have time to access these. The gym in particular closes too early for the amount of money that goes towards keeping it running.

I feel sports already get enough funding.

I have no interest in athletic establishments at Western and should have to pay nothing so students who do can play sports.

Athletics could use improvements. Improving this will be a good call.

Inflating fees to promote low tuition is not fair to students.

Give more stuff away if you’re going to increase the fees

I don’t believe it is fair to charge students this fee when the student doesn’t attend any of the athletic events. I understand the fee is for ticket cost and supporting the needs of the school’s athletic teams, but I personally think it is unfair to place that high of a charge on the students.

Give an Inch and you’ll take a mile that is why the fees are already so high. The athletic program should make more money than it spends.

I think this is necessary in order to maintain the facilities and to build new ones that have been proposed in order to keep the athletics department up to date and supportive of our athletes.

the athletics suck here why do we want to pay more

Athletic fees are already 391 dollars a semester, and now there is a proposed increase across ALL students for 12 dollars, what could you possibly need 12 more dollars per person to spend on athletics? how about your mental health programs like caps? they need the 12 dollars per student more than our football team does.

Not everyone uses their passes for games as is so there’s no reason to pay more for it.
201. Athletic fees are one of the greater sets of fees, and I personally don’t benefit from any of them. I think our athletic programs are very advanced in comparison to others, and would like to shift a temporary shift in priority before we continue to increase fees for athletics. So yes, but not yet.

202. A lot of our sports suck but sporting events are very important

203. We’re not good enough for an increase.

204. As said above I will NOT pay for services only a select few use. I do NOT attend sporting events; I will not pay other’s way to these sporting events, as I do not even want this service.

205. You should FULLY use the profits from ticket sales for athletic fees. Again, I am a student at Biltmore Park and should not have to pay these fees at all.

206. NCAA athletic team does not impact me in any way. We can do away with the sports teams, why should I spend money for them to play? THIS IS THE MOST RIDICULOUS PROPOSAL ON THERE. Our sports teams are notoriously awful, just get rid of the program???

207. There is not enough information included in this survey to see where exactly the money is going. It is masking where the funds are going and puts the responsibility solely on the survey taker to search through documents for information. The athletic fee is already a massive burden in student fees and should not be increased, if anything it should be decreased. It would be more logical to propose an increase in athletic fees IF the overall athletic program was successful. As far as I’m concerned, the only successful sports we have at WCU are running sports who do not require a large portion of funds due to the fact that their equipment is minimal compared to other sports. I am absolutely in zero support of an increased athletic fee. Especially at this large of an increase.

208. Unless the band and other club sports receive money from the fee I don’t see a need for an increase. I haven’t been to a football game is my entire time here. I’m a senior. Our football team can’t even win a game but our band will have been to Macy’s twice this year. They deserve better from this school. I’m a psych major I’m not in the band but I know they work their asses off to represent this school and are getting little to no thanks from the school. New York is going to see our schools name in two weeks 100% due to this band and 0% due to our football team.

209. I don’t feel I should be forced to support our athletic teams anymore than I already have.

210. Fee increase is not reasonable considering the lackluster performance of the majority of our athletic teams. I don’t see a fee increase as necessary until our recruitment and athletics pick up beyond what they currently are at.

211. Our athletic teams need to start winning before they get more money.

212. Not a large enough increase to make a difference in my life.

213. Improving athletic department will appeal to athletic students looking to compete & graduate

214. I love Athletics but think it is crazy that $800 from students a year is a lot.

215. I think an improvement in athletic facilities is needed so are football will win games

216. N/a

217. Our sports teams suck giving them more money isn’t going to fix that
218. Out teams suck and nobody actually cares about going to the games. What's the point of raising fees on athletics when there is nothing to care about, especially when our football coach needs to be fired since he calls the same 5 plays over and over, which is NOT OBVIOUS TO DEFEND at all. Literally our only good teams are in track and field, baseball, and the women's teams, which don't get the support they deserve. The basketball and football teams are hot garbage and could easily lose to a good intramural team put together here.

219. How about more commuter parking first?

220. Decrease

221. Too much money is spent on athletics. I understand donors like when we win football and basketball games, but how about creating some scholarships for out of state students to subsidize the difference between in state and out of state tuition?

222. I have a feeling some of the money for this goes towards football....a losing team.

223. Athletics here are not good at all with multiple loosing seasons. Funding needs to come somewhere beside the students

224. I dont care about sports are teams here suck anyway, charge the people trying to major in athletics, dont punish everyone for this dumb fee increse.

225. If we do not participate in sports, we should not need to pay an athletic fee to support the student athletes who should be responsible for their own support monetarily. The school could still make money for athletics by charging students for ticket into sports events so that the students who do not participate or go to events do not have to pay an unnecessary fee.

226. Yes, I would like to see WCU athletics grow exponentially.

227. A lot of us don’t do athletic sports so it’s a little bit pointless for us to have athletic fees increase and pay for them

228. This is ridiculous. I am not an athlete, I don't go to the games, I don't use any athletic equipment. Why do I have to pay money for the most funded section of the school while I don't benefit from it?

229. We need more money in athletics

230. We literally lose anyway. Why give them money if they can’t give us a win. It's undeserved.

231. Our football team never wins they do not need more money for a failing team.

232. They get enough money.

233. Not till we start winning more.

234. it only helps the athletes, not anyone else. maybe if we started a fund for a gym in which everyone could powerlift at i would support.

235. GREAT! we need it, I'mâ€œ very excited about all the new possibilities that can come from this fee increase. Wonderful work.

236. Most athletic teams here deserve a modern looking facility, or renovated, but football needs to produce wins if we as students are going to agree adding more money for them to renovate what they want.
237. Why do they need more money? To cover up the football players getting caught smoking pot and failing drug test? No thanks, sports is doing fine without more money. You don't need more of my money to pay for their scholarships.

238. Why should I have to fund sports when I don't participate or watch?

239. I am on the baseball team, but I don't feel like other students should pay for us.

240. We should not pay for the athletes.

241. This doesn't benefit me in any aspect.

242. My “sport” isn’t considered an NCAA sport so this only adds to the fees that should be supporting my team but is going to other teams. Why should I pay more for something that doesn’t help me?

243. I understand that these fees allow the students to go to athletic games for free. However, if I want a drink or a snack I am paying a large amount for something small. It may make more sense to hire students through Work Study programs to get the facilities help needed.

244. These costs look small until they are adding on more and more small amounts each year to manipulate the student body. Once again, it should be the university's responsibility to support their own facilities and not the overpaying students.

245. Just reallocate money instead of asking for more.

246. “The Master Plan” is a spooky name for a university document.

247. As someone who enjoys sports, I really don't believe that Athletics should have an increase in comparison to the other school programs. I feel as though more money is being spent on sports than other programs at the school.

Undergraduate Students Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

1. Biltmore Park students pay way too many fees for this VERY little access we have.

2. I would be more supportive if extra fees actually the Biltmore park campus and its students.

3. For students like me who ONLY attend classes at Biltmore Park, I think these Cullowhee related fees should be waived. Actually, I'd like a working gym at BP or relationship with the Reuter YMCA for a student membership.

4. The football team either needs to be improved drastically or needs to be removed. So much money goes to football and does not support our other sports teams that have performed excellently which do not get the credit they deserve. There are UNC schools that are bigger than WCU and have no football team, so it would not be completely unheard of to no longer have a football program.

5. I don't care about athletics, but I do know that it is part of the University "machine" and requires funding, and with inflation things will eventually cost more.

6. A student whose program is 100% of the time at Biltmore Park does not benefit from or have the opportunity to participate in athletic campus life and resources associated with the hefty Athletic fee. It is unethical to charge BP students for this fee and in return provide them with a 20X20’ workout room.

7. Though I desire to encourage and support Athletics at WCU, I also want to eat. Please do not make me pay more for athletic teams.
8. If I wanted to express my financial support for our athletics teams, I would show up to their games. Oh, sure, but the "Master Plan," which doesn't entail paying these employees-oops, excuse me, student-athletes being paid for their labor, calls for a $12 increase to cover "facility needs." Do a bake sale, start a gofundme, quit paying the administration of the athletic department salaries they don't deserve, I don't care, but don't raise athletic fees on the student body, especially when most of them couldn't give a scintilla of a damn about any of the athletics teams at WCU.

9. This fee is my least favorite! I don't care about the Athletics department at WCU and it does nothing to improve my education or support my learning.

10. As mentioned before, for me to agree with any increase to fees there needs to be proof of need in the financial records as well as an itemized report of how that money would be used.

11. Haven't watched any games. I hear we aren't too great.

12. HELL NO.

13. Enough of this crap.

14. Again, Biltmore Park students aren't participating in these activities.

**Graduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year**

1. The athletics already makes over 3 million dollars a SEMESTER off of this fee from other students who do not participate in this. I think that's enough.

2. The primary purpose of having a sports team is for marketing. This fee should come from that department and not from the students who have already chosen to attend WCU.

3. If athletics cannot generate monies enough to support them, then I do not believe the general student population should be penalized with increased fees for this purpose. Raise ticket prices, charge a minimal fee to students who choose to attend athletics events, or do something that will only affect those who utilize athletic programs.

4. I think it's ridiculous to charge students for the athletic teams. That is not a prerogative for a majority of students and this is a large amount of money to pay for something that is unwanted in the first place.

5. If our team can't win games with the $391 dollars I'm giving them a semester. How is $12 going to help?

6. It is already too much towards something that grads rarely participate in

7. Athletes can work a second job like everyone else or should be paid athletes in general instead. I shouldn't be paying them as I basically would with the fee. The school they play for should pay them.

8. none
9. Is this fee included with all graduate students? Why is it that much? Seems awfully expensive. I probably won't see a game or match in the 2 years I'll be here. Again, I have to commute, and won't have time. Seems like way too much.

10. The money for upgrades should be a portion of the purchase budget already in place.

11. Outrageous. Again, I am paying nearly $3,000 out of my tuition for an athletics fee that I do not benefit from at all. There are 15 in my class- that's $45,000 from MY CLASS ALONE none of who reside in Cullowhee or have the ability to use these services.

12. Do not pertain to me, I am at Biltmore Park

13. Grad students who live off campus shouln't need to pay this

14. Again, what is the current fee not covering? What is costing so much for so many increases in these fields?

15. Those who want to attend athletic events should be able to choose this option. As a graduate student, I have never attended an athletic event and neither have most of my peers.

16. Once again, this is unfair to the student body as a whole. Charge a "try-out" fee or those who are inducted into the team. Athletes have proved they are in physical shape; so why can't they wash cars or something to raise money for their team???

17. Athletics does not need a large portion of funds. The additional funds should go to smaller masters programs or improving residence halls.

Graduate Students Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

1. Again, as a student at Biltmore Park athletics are not accessible to me and it is outrageous to have to pay $806 yearly for this.

2. How much more money does Athletics really need? My guess is the athletic department gets far more funding than most.

3. this is a manageable increase

4. I’m in Asheville and it isn’t practical to drive to WCU for anything extracurricular

5. Not everyone is into sports. Why does so much money go to it instead of the arts?

6. As a graduate student solely at the Biltmore Park Campus, I do not feel it is fair that my tuition and fees are put toward sporting events that I will not attend, as I live far away, and no sporting events are offered at my campus. As, it is typical for people in my program to only visit main campus once, and that is at graduation.

7. I would support this only if you eliminate summer school athletic fees. Otherwise I do not support an increase.

8. As a graduate student who takes classes only at Biltmore Park, I believe that I should be exempt from these fees. The nursing anesthesia program is based in Asheville and surrounding hospitals. It is rigorous and I believe I speak for everyone in my program when I say that we have neither the time nor desire to travel to Cullowhee to take advantage of any of the activities we are forced to pay for each semester.

9. This fee is already insane for Biltmore Park students and should be completely be dropped for them, not increased. Membership should be optional.

10. I am not on main campus, I should not have to pay for main campus services

11. The athletic fee should be paid with funds generated from athletic events not from students.
12. The tuition for graduate students is fine. My issue however is the amount of fees charged to graduate students at biltmore park. For instance, I currently pay fees for transportation (cat tran), athletic facilities (gym) and other items that students at Biltmore Park do not use. These fees add up to roughly 1/3 the total cost per semester. Personally, I do not think that is very fair, as most tuition reimbursement plans employers offer only covers tuition and books and not the additional fees.

13. I wish WCU would disband all athletic teams and truly do not appreciate that as a graduate student I am used as an economic prop for teams that are unable to economically support themselves.

14. I never attend any athletic events because I do not live anywhere near campus and already feel like I shouldn't be paying for it so the idea of paying more doesn't make sense to me.

15. I will never use this

16. I am a commuting graduate student who attends classes at Biltmore Park once a month. I do NOT access or utilize these activities or venues.

17. I don't feel that it's my responsibility to pay for our athletic teams. It's not relevant to my experience or goals as a graduate student at Biltmore Park.

18. Biltmore Park students have almost no reasonable way to receive any benefit from this fee. There should not be an increase.

19. I do not use these facilities or get any benefit from it.

20. It is difficult to cover the current fees. This will increase student debt.
Proposed Room Rates

Undergraduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year

1. It’s already extremely expensive for me to do anything on campus. I have to take out loans to be apart of these things! IT IS ALREADY EXPENSIVE
2. WHY?????
3. It’s hard to be able to pay that.
4. It would be cheaper to live off campus if the prices are going to rise. Only reason WCU wants to increases fees is to make up for loss tuition money. I would rather transfer to another school
5. Lower them for in-state students
6. Rooms are different. We are there just as much as we are in class. If an increase means better means then yes. Increase it.
7. Some of the dorms are not the nicest so unless they were fixed I do not think an increase will be affective.
8. I already can’t afford the normal prices and I know I’m not the only one.
9. I would say that with maybe having more students we have enough room for them cause of a new building built recently but i dont think that the rates of housing should go up more than they are now unless it is for something that we need
10. It’s already expensive especially when some of the residents hall not worth the amount you paid for
11. The increase shouldn't be so varied between doubles and other doubles. They're small rooms with basically the same amenities
12. The maintenance issue would be fixed if the buildings were remodeled
13. Im already broke
14. Increasing rates defeats the purpose of lowered tuition
15. the rooms are already expensive ..makes me want to live off campus
16. Residence Halls already do so much. They shouldn’t do more.
17. This will bring better living conditions and cover the cost of MUCH needed repairs. We have one of the lowest living costs in state currently
18. for some students, this isn't an option whether or not they dorm here at WCU. the proposed increases could make it more difficult for those who aren't qualified for financial aid such as myself to afford.
19. Students don’t need an increase in payments in rooms living on campus is expensive enough for a lot of us.
20. I'll be of campus next semester, but this will be pretty difficult for lower-income families to pay without student loans. Probably going to see a lot of off-campus living then.
21. The rooms are fine the way they are. Unless you’re installing air conditioning and heating in every building. THERE IS NO NEED TO INCREASE.
22. I live on campus in Scott and I think the amount we are already forced to pay is ridiculous but to raise the rates is absolutely absurd. A lot of these forms aren’t worth the money we have to pay to live in them. There are mold problems, no AC, and old worn out furniture everywhere. To raise the price of dorms would hurt the students funds.
23. Room rates should not go up it's already too expensive.
24. Just raise the tuition since keeping the promise is raising prices in every other category and keep theses prices the same.
25. Like that the village will be private next year
26. No. I will transfer if my FAFSA doesn't go up. I had to pay 2,500 out of pocket last semester.
27. I don't know if next year i will be able to live on campus or not, so I don't really have an opinion on this to share. Other than the fact that i think there should be enough housing on campus because what if we can't afford living in an apartment?
28. these residence halls ain't nice enough to be this damn expensive. unless im getting the whole room to myself don't be increasing nothing.
29. Would support, as it is a modest increase. However, room rates have continued to skyrocket in recent years.
30. They should stay the same because there are old dorms.
31. Absolutely not. Western Carolina has been ignoring the freshman dorm crisis. They are sticking people in barely functional living halls and then expect us to pay to fix that mistake. This should have been done years ago. It should not be effecting current students especially freshman who did not ask for this.
32. The university shouldn’t require students to have to “pay extra” because of utilities. We are in a CAMPUS dorm...not a personal, renter out, dorm. The expenses to keep utilities up should be on the university. Not the students.
33. Raising prices will encourage students to move off campus. Is that what you want?
34. I dont feel that there is any reason to raise living room rates. The buildings aren't any more expensive than they ever have been. I feel like this is a b.s. fee meant to pay for the new dorms you are constructing and if it is then why wouldn't you just be upfront about that?
35. We pay enough already
36. Why are you trying to make it more difficult for students? We are already going to have a huge debt!!!
37. These rooms are so expensive as is and some we have to live in with no air conditioning or where we can’t even control the air.
38. You're making it hard for people who are not rich pay for college. I'm already in debt and I have 6 more years so you're screwing everyone.
39. Room and board is already expensive as is.
40. The maintenance is average. The rooms I have gotten still have damage or previous things still in the rooms. I would expect if I was paying more they would be better.
41. I can't afford these increases.
42. Can barely afford it already so that's cool
43. I am ONLY supportive if this increase is actually used for maintenance, I do not like the majority of the current residential staff due to their attitudes and some of their practices. I do not believe they deserve a pay increase, the mildew issues in dorms such as Reynolds turning into mold issues should be of a higher concern for both staff and students.
44. They are already high we should drop them
45. The facilities at Noble are, at the moment, fairly decent. Wi-Fi capabilities are occasionally spotty. A rate increase in not required; consider gutting the RA program and appropriating those funds to the residency as most students find the RA program to be a form of harassment.

46. The price was increased this year.

47. If they would take their time building the dorms and not rush them maybe there wouldn’t be as many “operational expenses and renovations” needed to be done.

48. Rooms are already expensive, I cant really afford to live on campus if rates go up and I cant really commute either so i dont know what id do.

49. Room rates are already too high especially for the tiny space.

50. Supportive ONLY if this increase is used for maintenance in some of our older dorms like Reynolds, Robertson, and Harrill.

51. Too high and hitting an unreasonable range.

52. I currently live in the village and they do not allow privates in the houses. Increasing prices may drive more student to move off campus, thus if you do the math it will total out to be cheaper to live OFF campus. Not a good idea if you want students to continue to live on campus.

53. The increase is outlandish and will make it difficult for me to continue to reside in my current dorm.

54. I will not be supportive until I see exactly how that money is being spent. Thousands of dollars per student in a building that houses 400 students is easily 10 million. How much of that is really necessary?

55. Room is already a lot of the money we pay and it shouldn’t be raised if extra money is needed a fundraiser is always a good idea.

56. Resident halls are already very expensive and most students cannot afford them. There should not be an increase in price, other methods of lowering cost should be put in place. Just because the University is adding new resident halls it does mean they should increase the cost of all of them.

57. I will absolutely not be able to afford to live here if the residential fee increases.

58. Already a hardship.

59. Y’all I can’t afford this.

60. Not great.

61. It’s not the students fault that things are breaking down and requiring assistance. Nothing should change.

62. They’re already expensive no need to make it more unaffordable.

63. Why are we increasing rates for on campus housing when many of the buildings are not being improved.

64. Those rooms are not big enough to charge that much for them that’s ridiculous.

65. It’s already half the price to live off campus why make it more expensive.

66. Don’t raise prices.

67. For some people living on campus is safe and better than living at home, it isn’t right to make that more difficult for lower income students.
68. It may seem reasonable now to increase it by a relatively small percentage, but every year it is increased. The purpose of the NC promise is to be more affordable than other Universities, but soon it could be just as expensive as other schools.

69. We already overpay to stay in the dorms because for a lot of students it's the only option we have, there's no need to up the prices more.

70. The current rates of our resident halls are very expensive where 4 of them do not have AC. Both bathrooms on each hall of certain residential buildings are not accessible which is tough when you have 20 plus girls sharing 2 or 3 shower and 2 stalls. On top of that, many students already struggle to cover their current cost or are deeply in debt.

71. You're already taking so much money from us and if you built the buildings properly the first time, you wouldn't have to worry about renovations or utilities fees. I barely get any financial aid as is, I rather not have my parents pay more out of pocket than they already do. This semester, its about $4,000 we are paying out of pocket and having these constant fees increase is hurting us and will hurt other students in a worse situation. Constant increase in fees is going to cause your students to be unhappy and some possibly drop out due to the cost they wont be able to afford so that would be major money loss for you.

72. I feel living is already expensive but if you have to raise it nothing over $50

73. Not that much of an increase I don’t mind this!

74. Again, tasing the prices of all these fees makes it so much more expensive regardless of nc promise. We would be better off without raising fees and without nc promise.

75. No.

76. Lower them

77. It’s all ready expensive enough

78. Housing is already expensive as it is. If it increases I will probably commute.

79. I am in Balsam right now. Being in the honors college is supposed to be a reward, yes? Well, we're already paying too much for the dorms. I depend on scholarships to go to school. These extra fees are making it harder and harder to actually go to school and, you know, get a job.

80. Upperclassmen already have housing insecurity, that should be a priority before tearing down dorms and having no place to go.

81. Unless you are offering a new service or increase in quality for the next semester then you can’t charge us more. I don’t want to pay more for the same product.

82. the room rate is what I am paying now for a semester. I do not think this is fair to students. and if buildlings were made right the first time then it would be cheaper in the long run.

83. If they actually build the dorms to a better standards and not as fast and took their times, then maybe it wouldn’t need renovations. Maybe try turning the lights off at night for the hallways to save energy or maybe make them sensory lights.

84. Don't really understand why room rates are increasing each year when nothing new is happening to these dorms. My room is so nasty. I have mold in my A/C unit, little pubes stuck to the ground, the shower curtain does not even cover all of the shower so water gets everywhere. I would be more in favor if the increased money went to help fix some
of these problems, rather than using this extra money to build a whole new residence hall that is not even supposed to be started until I graduate.

85. Focus on working on parking before you work on building new dorms.
86. It is already too expensive for how shit the dorms are now.
87. They should stay the same for students already enrolled
88. Renovate less often and more slowly and rates won't have to be as expensive. Students don't need constant changes in their environment to be happy with their surroundings.
89. Dorms are already expensive
90. just use it wisely
91. There is no purpose in NC Promise if the rates of everything else will increase even more. All this does is drive students to live off campus to avoid the cost, causing a shortage of living spaces off campus and forcing students to take loans out to compensate. The students face consequences for trying to take advantage of a false promise.
92. Half the rooms suck. We can't cool the rooms to below 69 which is the set point for Balsam, but it never goes below 72 anyway. Even when I put in a maintenance request nothing helps it
93. Why in the world am I paying more for something my building isn’t receiving? There are broken TVs that have been broken for years now, our ovens have issues, and yet I’m paying more for â€˜renovations’? Be real. It sounds like I’m paying for your new buildings. Ones I won’t be in.
94. Paying for rooms is difficult as it is...
95. The village housing isn’t nice enough to pay what I do now, I wouldn’t pay more
96. Stop putting up buildings we don't need and letting in more residents then you have room for.
97. My family already struggled to pay what we had to pay this year. An increase in rates will make it even harder.
98. Room rates are high enough as is. Increasing the cost of rooms puts more of a financial burden on low income families who may have been attracted to WCU's low tuition as a way to afford college.
99. Housing is already the most expensive part of living on campus for most students
100. Almost every single room on campus is full and no more halls are being made. the only reason these would increase is for yall to offset the cost of closing down scott and walker like it is purposed next semester. however from this information it seems like they are staying open. there is absolutely no reason to increase the cost when we are almost at capacity and turning people away for housing.
101. The residence hall fee already takes up most of financial aid.
102. IT'S HIGHLY EXPENSIVE TO LIVE ON WETERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUS. I DO NOT AGREE WITH RESIDENTIAL LIVING INCREASE
103. I have lived in the village before and I think it very unfair to increase the fees associated with ALL residential houses on campus. Our house had MANY issues and was not in the best condition and maintenance made it seem like we were not a priority to them. So in that case, to increase the fees associated with a building that is not worth it and not
getting the same attention as some of the other housing building that have planned future renovations truly will discourage people from living on campus.

104. Please dont increase already struggling with loans and affordability of college
105. I already have to pay enough for my room. I should not have to pay more to live on this campus.
106. I am supportive of this increase if it means that older dorms (Reynolds’s, Robertson, Buchanan, etc) get the needed renovations.
107. I support the increase in hopes that the dorms are renovated soon and that we see big changes in next few school years. Some dorms that are either without AC or too small for two people to share are higher priced then what they should be. As for the newer rooms, I support the increase.
108. We already pay so much I can’t afford to pay even more
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112. Students already have enough stress while trying to pay for college, why create more?
113. I get it, it makes sense, it also makes me want to (ã•’Ä«¬ìµ«”»ô”Â”»)
114. This is outrageous. The rates, when applied need to be used correctly. I currently live in Roberston and we do not have air conditioner and things seem to be falling apart quite a bit. Improvements need to be made to the halls that need it, not necessarily needing more residence halls unless you plan on moving those residence from the less privileged dorm into a better one. Why are these increases needed all of the sudden? We have had the NC Promise for going on two years and now we are deciding to increase the fees? Maybe give a better numerical back up, instead of just a percentage show us how much will be made/increased in a dollar amount.
115. I wouldn't support this if I didn't know some of the employees in my dormitory, and how devoted they are. Please give them some benefits and stop fudging around their hours.
116. I hope that the new Room Rates provide help to upcoming projects on campus, providing our campus with more and more attractive housing options!
117. The fees should be less entirely, much less the atrichous living environment of the less than desirable dorms. Residential living makes plenty of money as it is, they do not need an extra hundred dollars a semester, the students need their opportunity for affordable school and that is predominantly why student chose to go to western.
118. THE ROOMS ARE ALREADY OVERPRICED. STOP TRYING TO ABUSE STUDENTS! You have enough money for renovation, and paying staff. If you honestly need to increase how much you charge students for their rooms than you need to show evidence of such instead of just stating it.
119. There is no way that residence halls should be as expensive as they are now, let alone increasing the prices. I pay 3000 a semester for a room that isn’t 15 feet long and 12 feet wide, no air conditioning, a bathroom and shower that I have to share with 4 other people, fire alarms that happen at 4 in the morning, a desk chair thats as old as the
Moore building, a "mattress" that hurts my back on occasion, a kitchen 2 floors away and on the other side of the building for, 6 washing machines to share amongst the entire building, a door lock that takes fidgeting with the lock to open, and a forced meal plan that I have to spend at least 1,000 dollars for already.

If it will help better the dorms then I'm 100% okay with this. However, there are issues in every dorm that need to be fixed immediately and not held off for a few years.

Why are you making students pay more? But hey. Keep hiding behind your $500 tuition to lure people.

I understand the need to increase rates. I just don't want to pay more.

The rooms are old, dingy, and outdated. I can’t afford to live anywhere nice because of how expensive they already are. It’s actually cheaper to live in a 100% nicer APARTMENT than it is for these run down buildings. Please do not increase the cost.

Too much already, it isn't fair to those of us who rely on our financial aid refunds to do stuff like, get home or pay for medicine or pay for co pay for the doctor

Housing is already the largest expense for students and should not be increased.

Since the dorms are supported primarily through rates charged to students, I feel it is the 2% increase is necessary as costs to maintain the buildings are increasing ever so slightly. In the future, I could not support anything more than around 2% increase per year.

We are all fucking broke ...STOP IT.

I think this is take advantage of us as students we need shelter and food. Although some of the dorms have cleaning staff some of the common areas remain dirty with the same stains in the floors for weeks at time and the food in the courtyard is not satisfying.

The room rates do NOT need to go up whatsoever. If you are going to raise the hall prices then get better AC in the ones with AC and actually let us control how cold or hot it gets. You can’t do that? Then don’t raise the prices.

Utilities and everything else would not go up if more people than what the university can hold were not admitted each and every year. Do not punish us by having to pay more for the university wanting to grow. This seems just like a way to get the money back that was lost due to NC Promise. $500 tuition sounds all fine and good until everything else shoots through the roof.

Rooms with no air conditioning going up in price?

Give us rooms worth an increase in fees, until then keep the fees for the better dorms.

I don’t have a logical reason as to why this is a stupid proposal but the most of a $86 increase!! That is almost $100 dollars, a fifth of the tuition per semester. No thanks.

Just not fair for the ones already struggling to pay tuition as it is

Both Allen and noble and newer than balsam and therefore should cost more.

I believe that these rates should stay the same. Seeing that I would like to stay in a Noble double next year with a friend of mine, I don’t think these rates need to change.

Why is there a larger increase for Balsam and Blueridge dorms when they aren’t even the nicest dorms on campus?? you're telling me I have to pay almost $8,000 for a year whereas others are many hundreds less.
139. There are still many things needing to be improved upon that we aren't seeing our money used for right now and living isn't the cheapest as is....
140. I want to see our residence halls stay nice and become nicer, not go down hill.
141. I live in a single in Balsam. I feel I'm paying more for the location than the quality of the room. If you hike up the price for on campus living, then you may as well plan for more commuters.
142. Why? When they don't fix the current problems or ensure we're living in proper facilities.
143. Our dorms require renovations and maintenance as mentioned above.
144. Our rooms (I live in Allen) are in need of maintenance already, though it hasn't even been open for one semester. The building was constructed as quickly as possible and it shows in some aspects of the construction.
145. What is the point in increasing each for about $50-90?? It is not like this will make a huge difference. I just don't see the point. It is NOT needed and NOT necessary.
146. The room rates are expensive enough, especially for a private room. There is not need for that much of an increase or one at all.
147. Room and board is already really expensive, and I don't want to pay more if I'm not getting more out of it. I'm not made of money.
148. Dorms on campus are already crazy expensive why make them even more expensive.
149. I can barely afford housing now, and it is not ideal living AT ALL.
150. Only Allen, noble, balsam/blue ridge are worth the money. Benton, Albright, Scott, walker, and Buchanan are COMPLETE wastes of money, scams, and should have been torn down 15 years ago. The price is far unjustified for the latter listed dorms. Again, literally only noble, Allen and balsam are worth the money in any justified way. Tear down the rest already. Living in Albright and Benton or Buchanan is literally worse than a prison cell. At least prison cells have a toilet, a/c, and sink...which we don’t have?
151. The rooms aren't improving with these funds.
152. I can barely afford what I'm paying now. If you raise the rates, I will have to work another job full time over the summer just to pay for one year of college. That would be two full time jobs in one summer.
153. Some rooms are already small enough, I shouldn't have to pay more for nothing.
154. Although I would like to see the room rates stay the same, I would be more agreeable to a room rate increase than any other fee increase.
155. I'm sorry, but I can't support this proposal. I've been at Western since I was 17 and the prices just seem to constantly go up and up. I see no point in raising expenses for "operational" expenses, when in reality there's nothing being fixed or renovated.
156. This would be a mistake.
157. The more rates go up the more students will search for off campus housing.
158. No.
159. Residents need the cheapest cost possible.
160. While I do not agree with it, this would not drastically prohibit people from being able to live on campus.
161. I don't want to pay more for no A/C etc.
162. Rooms are already expensive why increase it more. A lot of money comes in from students living on campus
163. The current state of the older dorms are not improving, so the costs should correspond. Without change to quality, the cost should remain.
164. There shouldn’t be an increase to fees for resident dorms when the quality of the dorm itself has not increased.
165. If the cost of residency on campus is going to be increased, officials should renovate upperclassmen dorms before building more freshman dorms because freshman should not have nicer living conditions than students that have been here a few years.
166. Dorms are already too expensive.
167. They’re expensive as is. Increase financial aid.
168. I do like that it will benefit the health of the dorms, but it is a big jump in cost.
169. This is understandable because a lot of money goes in paying water and electricity. Many students use these.
170. I have no opinion because I am on the fence. I am not sure if I will be living on campus or off since it will be my senior year. However, I know a lot of buildings are getting older and starting to deteriorate so this money will cover those costs however a huge chunk of our fees do already come from these room and board fees.
171. Dorms on WCU campus are already some of the most expensive in the country
172. It’s already expensive enough there doesn’t need to be an increase
173. Don't you even dare raise this because many people can not afford college in general and you charging people to fund your construction projects that you don't even finish on time.
174. I shouldn't have to pay near close to the price of a Scott 1st Private when Judaculla hall only has one water fountain for three buildings, not enough laundry to support all three buildings, poor water heating in the winter, and little control over heating and cooling for suites.
175. I don’t really want to pay $86 more each semester for housing. the rates are already high and everything adds up quickly.
176. This is absolutely ridiculous! I understand that you need money to maintain buildings and such, but there is no reason to increase our living expenses. People are struggling to pay for just the housing alone. We don't need that extra financial stress.
177. If you’re gonna raise the room rates, then make our dorms better.
178. Living on campus is already expensive and raising rates will force students off campus.
179. I don’t have this much money.
180. Upgrade rooms in Scoot, Albright, etc. before you increase rates
181. Housing is already expensive and you can’t move off campus because the apartments take advantage of students by up charging as well
182. If we’re going to be increasing how much it is to live at the dorms then we should have more washers and dryers in each dorm. I live in Judaculla currently and there is 6 washers and 6 dryers for 3 entire building. Nobody can ever get their laundry done in a timely fashion. I also find it ridiculous that you put thermostats in our rooms but we don't actually have any control of the temperature in our rooms.
They already cost quite a bit and what if financial aid can't help with it? This is too much honestly.

Does residential living break even with their expenses each year or do they consistently increase their profits, year after year?

The university makes enough money from the students as it is.

This is so dumb, stop asking for more money when we as college students are all ready going in debt, maybe give back money to the students if you really want to make an impact.

I is broke

What about the operational rates or personnel costs are increasing? If it is because of a growing student population then the tuition from more students should help with operational rates.

Why is there an increase? I live in a private in Judaculla and it’s crapy for the amount I pay. Why would it need to get anymore expensive?

I supportive this fee because the increasing of operational expenses is a valid reason to increase such fees. But, I feel as though the older dorms that don't have personal heat or a/c shouldn't have as much or any increase in fees at all.

disagree strongly, living should not cost that much

These increases are not affordable.

As a resident of the BA building. The conditions inside the building are at a bare minimum. Although the season in the mountains is mainly winter. Not having any AC and or hot water in some showers is ridiculous. However, some of the nicer/newer buildings do provide a healthier environment. No mold or high humidity levels are to be expected in those buildings So in that sense the increase is fair, but only to some buildings.

I don’t believe that we should increase these

Its hard enough to pay for housing as it is

While I am supportive of this, the money needs to actually be used to fix problems. Allen was built so fast that the ceilings in a lot of the rooms are LEAKING. This is not only a problem, but a health concern and yet it’s being said that repairs are not going to be done until the SUMMER. That is absolutely ridiculous.

Stop making students broke and taking away space for parking it's ridiculous

We already pay so much to live in dorms and some of them don't even have air conditioning. I don't agree with any of these because like why is a balsam/blue ridge private more than the new dorm Allen, and why is Allen for freshman and not for upper classmen. It is already so expensive so why raise the cost.

Residency halls are a lot of money to stay in already, I am paying out of pocket for some stuff already and this is almost 80 plus that makes a big difference

The residence halls are in need of this funding increase to support the large number of students. I would be very willing to pay this small increase if it meant that, even by a small margin my residence hall would become easier to bear with more funds for repairs.

I thought Scott was getting torn down. Please update us on that, please.

do not make them more expensive.
203. If it gets increased then there should be a change in maintenance and everything should be taken cared of before hand
204. Why pay more when I only have a chance of living here although I guess I can understand with all the plumbing issues
205. The rooms are already too expensive and if the rates increase I don’t know if I will be able to afford to live in a resident hall.
206. I genuinely do not understand the need to increase room rates when they are already so high. Find the funds somewhere else.
207. Why are rooms becoming more expensive every year? You already paid off the buildings over and over again. It’s ridiculous that you all feel a need to raise prices year after year. Especially since you’re not putting the money into these buildings.
208. I like my hot water.
209. Room rate are too high already and should not be increased.
210. Rooms are expensive enough so I don’t think the cost should increase
211. I don’t think the cost of living should go up for college students. We already have enough to worry about paying for and the debt adds up.
212. What exactly is the increase for? Our own dorms or maintenance of other dorms that were rushed and have to be redone. How is that the fault of residents? I live to far to commute and it’s already expensive as is.
213. If the money would go towards specifically helping operational expenses, I believe that is okay.
214. The increases are pretty pricy.
215. Some students can’t afford $600 for an apartment a month, so they live on campus because in a way it’s more affordable. I don’t agree with raising the prices of dorms.
216. Rooms kinda suck I dont have central lighting and the room is small for 2 pretty large guys.
217. Would like it to be lowered
218. We pay enough don’t we?
219. Makes it much harder to live on campus but is for a better cause
220. Where I live currently is not worth what I pay to stay there now, why increase price for something undesirable?
221. Do you want us to be in debt forever? At least update the older buildings with the new increase
222. Room rates keep rising. If it is an attempt to push upperclassmen off campus then it is working.
223. I somewhat disagree with this increase, due to the fact that most of the residence Halls are very old and crappy. If the conditions of the existing dorms improved I would support. If new forms were built that were very nice, I would support.
224. Why does this have to change? Are the resident hall operations not operating up to 'standard' if they aren't then what are these 'standards' you are upholding them to?
225. Living on campus costs an exorbitant amount of money already, and there are not enough places around campus for all but freshman to live off campus. Keep the dorm rates the same.
226. To expensive. Can get an apartment much cheaper a year compared to what I am paying for a balsam private

227. What is the point of having NC Promise to lower tuition for students if you guys are just going to make up for it with all of these extra fees?

228. Residential living isn't nice enough for us to pay more. These buildings are old and beat down.

229. Residential Living is already extremely expensive and it’s not even a nice place to live. If I want to pay more I’ll go live off campus where I can have somewhere that’s actually worth living in.

230. No need for them to increase! Rooms are in good condition

231. You can increase my costs when you can explain to me why a freshman is paying just about the same as an upperclassman to live in a brand new dorm with great utilities compared to an upperclassman living a busted dorm with crooked floors, a bathroom that’s three times smaller than Allen's, and where the shower molds (a lot.) every two days no matter how many times I clean it. You want to increase my payment? Renovate the dorms or better yet, demolish them and build new ones. You're not the one having to deal with these problems, think about that. It's not just money, it's my health.

232. I'm in support, but why is the increase higher for private rooms? A large portion of students need private rooms for a myriad of reasons and don't have the money but it's a need.

233. Already expensive rates should not be increased.

234. There are many private rooms that are smaller than others, and should not even be rooms. If people get smaller rooms please don't charge them the same amount.

235. Why has the prices increase?
Proposed Meal Plans

Undergraduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year

1. I shouldn’t have to be paying for a meal plan at ALL just because I live on campus. I have food allergies, and because my biggest allergy is gluten I can barely eat anything in the cafeterias and therefore shouldn’t have to have a meal plan that gives me swipes for those.

2. I think the meal exchange option six tasting is a lot of students use that when they run out of TB so that they don’t have to use money that they would usually use for things that they need in their dorm room.

3. Lower them for in-state students

4. To me DB teaches students to manage money like a Debit Card, though only with food. I use more DB than I do Meal Exchanges.

5. how much is the 65 block plan? it looks unfinished.

6. There are currently more and better options available than what is proposed for next year.

7. There needs to be more options on campus to allow for an increase to be feasible.

8. I dont like taking the DB away, I use that more than I do swipes.

9. Why change them what we have is fine now

10. This is absolutely horrible. The meal exchange opinions are NOT good for me and my dietary restrictions, and it’s much easier to use DB. Please don’t change this.

11. I think that yes we need mkre exchange and db but not as many upstairs caf meals cause some people are picky eaters and eat certian things and sometimes the caf is not that good

12. No we shouldn’t have to pay this much already for bad food.

13. I like the old meal plan options more, they are easier for those who live on campus

14. Improve The food quality then maybe I'll consider it

15. Not every meal exchange is what students are interested in. Some of us would rather use more DB than meal exchanges or block meals.

16. This seems like even less money given, which means less meals. I do not see a problem with the current meal plan.

17. The meal exchanges are bland and small meals.

18. Less options when there is less DB

19. Currently, DB isn’t as efficient as swipes or an exchange and it goes much faster.

20. this year..I paid for roaches so no

21. I like the current plan.

22. If you decide to increase the amount for the meal plan, get food worthy that I’m paying for.

23. I don't think any of the meals plans should be cut out.

24. I like the current meal plans

25. to be honest, Aramark cooks mediocre food at best. I don't agree with this change because there's a lot to be improved... from quality to pest control in the cafeteria.

26. I do not go to the cafeteria that much, which is why I would rather have more DB then block meals.
27. More plans
28. The new plans would be trash compared to the ones we have. We have good ones for good price. No need to lower the food plans for a high price.
29. I feel these new meal plans take away the variety that the students have. I feel it may be better to add these plans on in addition to the plans we have already but to replace the current ones with these proposed plans wouldn’t have a positive effect for students.
30. The food is trash and meal exchange option are even worst than last year. That's why everyone get the most db. Stop wasting my money.
31. This is not a good change, most people would rather use declining balance than meal exchanges so we can actually eat good food rather than courtyard dining hall every meal. Exchange meals have way to few of options to be increased. If meal exchange options changed and increased rather than just two options per restaurant then maybe it would be better.
32. Why is the 900$ DB being taken away?
The food in the courtyard sucks and there is BUGS THERE. IT STILL ISNT FIXED. Why should i have to pay so much money to eat in a place full of bugs?
Also not to mention the mold at moes. There was mold in the sour cream, it was addressed by a student, and the worker just shook their head and filled the bucket of the moldy sour cream and didn't do anything to fix that situation.
That is just sad and disgusting.
33. this food nasty as hell, and yall wanna increase the prices??? out of your damn mind. get some people who know how to cook first and then we can talk boo.
34. Good ideas
35. This works well because exchange meals get you a good amount of food versus the the over kill prices of restaurants
36. Not everyone needs as much DB as others, and some need more DB than others. Although you can add more DB, it’s not fair to take away meal plans from students, and make them more expensive. If you are going to run up the price, give more DB and Exchange Meals. Make it fair. Not one-sided.
37. Because of my dietary restrictions decreasing the DB would not help me.
38. These look awful. Not gonna lie
39. You decrease the amount of DB but you increase the prices of meal plans? Total bullshit. You are cheating people like me who depend on DB to buy food from the C stores and other restaurants for my lunches when I am off campus for internships.
40. keep declining balance. it is very hard to eat with exchange meals for people who are vegetarian or vegan. also exchange meal options are super limited. you basically just want us to spend more money and get less food. stop being corrupt and messing things up. its already bad enough we have to eat gross food because you're too cheap to get quality food with any nutrients.
41. Why get rid of a good thing, if anything needs to decrease it should be the block meals because no one wants to pay for terrible food because the cafe food is nasty with a capital T
42. Quality of food does not increase with fees.
43. Not a huge fan of increasing meals or DB here because there are few options for groceries or high quality pescetarian/vegetarian options
44. I use the 65 block BECAUSE it has the most DB. Do not take away DB! I will want to leave the university. Offer new meal plans
45. I do like the prices but the problem is that people who live on campus don't like the cafe don't like brown. We like being able to go wherever we want with db. So 500 dollars is not enough for people who live and eat on campus every day.
46. The meal plans aren't bad but what is bad is the food selection here. Where's the food for people that have gluten allergies. Where's the vegan options besides that one table that has maybe 3 items
47. I still don't like extra charges.
48. I use Declining Balance way more than exchange meals, plus the exchange meals aren't always very good.
49. The current balance is good as it is.
50. Why decrease Declining Balance? That seems counter-intuitive to me. I never use my meal exchanges because the options for meal exchanges keep decreasing and the quality of options is becoming worse. I would be more supportive of this if you gave more variety for meal exchanges. Food quality at Western isn't the best, but decreasing options for students would make the problem even worse.
51. Stop charging more and claiming you are an affordable school
52. I would likely be choosing Unlimited Premium next year if these changes were made. I choose unlimited because I primarily eat at the two cafeteria locations. Because of this I barely use all my exchange meals and DB now. I don't need more of those options.
53. The current Meal Plan options are fine, the proposed changes are not however. A lot of the people I have interacted with on campus (including myself) make more use out of their Declining Balance than Meal Exchanges or the lab tests that is the cafeteria food.
54. This is a change in a direction that could be good, but these plans still put too much value on the Cafeteria portion of the plan. This portion of the plan has very little value to students and more focus should be put on BOTH exchange meals and DB.
55. I like the new 150 block plan
56. I enjoy my current meal plan. You are raising the pricing of the Unlimited Plan but reducing the amount of DB we have which I am definitely not in favor of.
57. They should stay the same
58. I use declining balance more than block meals
59. If the new plan is to replace the current options, then I don't support that decision because it looks like you get less of both exchange meals & DB, and I'd rather have the current availability.
60. Why fix what is not broken?
61. More exchange meals is a good idea but I feel we should have less swipes, more DB, and More Exchange meal option.
62. Students like the use of DB
63. Raise the tuition.
64. I like the way it is
65. I use more DB then exchange meals.
66. If you do this it would be a good idea to add more options at restaurants that could be gotten with the block meals, if you don’t getting rid of most of the dB is a bad idea.
67. A lot of students use declining balance as a way to purchase things at places that sell things besides just food. If you take the emphasis away from DB, you will be leaving those students with less resources to buy necessities.
68. We need to see the meal exchanges to see if it’s worth switching it over
69. An increase in exchange meals should benefit students. As long as meal plans do not increase I think allowing exchange meals to count for cafe swipes is a good idea.
70. I will not be able to afford to purchase a meal plan if you increase these fees
71. I think that students might be hesitant at first when they initially see fewer options and less DB, but I am in full support of plans being altered to be unlimited. I can’t count how many times I’ve heard something to the extent- "How many swipes do you have left?" and I am in full favor of limiting food insecurity on campus any way we can.
72. Already a hardship.
73. No changes should be made.
74. I like to have more options around campus. I rather have more dB than block meals.
75. The cafe is nasty and bug infested fix that first
76. If meal exchanges were present in Unlimited basic, I would be supportive.
77. I don’t know how I feel about this yet, we’ll see when it gets changed I guess.
78. I agree with the meal exchange deal
79. I know dang well you ain’t adding more exchange options soon. Keep it as is and bring back McAlister’s
80. Keep the normal meal plans
81. Keep original meal plans
82. The cafeteria’s are not clean and not good. I am completely unsatisfied with how it’s going. I want to use my meal swipes as meal exchanges now in the 2019 school year as well as in the future.
83. If you increase the exchange meals and decrease DB you need to offer more variety as far as full meal replacements are concerned for meal exchange credits. For example, a Grande drink at Starbucks should not be a meal exchange because it does not have the estimated $7-$8 value allowed. I know this is done to offset, but with the limitations on meat at Which Which there are really four meal options that would count as a complete meal. Decrease the caf swipes instead.
84. I rely heavily on the declining balance for multiple reasons, but overall it’s nice to have and not have to worry about money for snacks and things like that.
85. Yall’s cafeterias are total shit and I RARELY ever eat there because it never tastes good or you dont have a range of food. If you got better cooks and a better range of food then maybe I would eat there and if you got rid of the bug problem then I would eat there more. I spend more of my DB than anything else and being limited to $500 as the most? No student will be able to survive on that without having to add more. That is going to cause students to either eat less and starve themselves, use their real money when they have too, buy more at walmart so they dont have to go out or eat off campus more. You also need to make the food down stairs better and properly stock places.
86. Needs more DB
There are too many limitations to the meal plan already. This becomes unfair and very hindering to the student.

For exchange meals, it should stay down because each meal change at different places does not cost the same value. Having more DB is better in exchange because you can use it to get more food at the same value. For example, if you use a meal exchange at Panda Express, you only get a bowl and a drink. If you use DB, you can get a bigger plate for just one dollar more. If the meal exchange meal does not fill you up, you need to use another meal exchange to get another bowl, which costs more. An addition to having DB, you have more options of going to the Pod to get any snacks or drinks of your choice. Of course it is not cheap, but it is an understandable price for on-campus.

Please, don't do this. I mean we keep comfort corner here and panda express. But some decent places on campus first.

I am fine with my amount of db available

The meal plans as they are right now don't allow for a person to eat three meals every day.... which is healthy and a basic human right. The thought of losing even more money to use on meals is absolutely outrageous.

There is not a lot of options for food on campus and there is always a difference in cost already when ordering from restaurant. One day it could be six or eight the next or no indication of extra charges.

Listen, I like having my 175 Block meal because it has a good amount of exchange meals AND DB. No one wants to have an unlimited plan for the dining hall because it isn't that great. Having a high DB count means that I can have more variety (the variety that campus has to offer) and have more control over what I want to eat. This new 150 Block meal sucks. 500 DB and 150 block meals is not enough.

It's already expensive enough

I'd prefer more dB than blocks.

I am not supportive of this at all. I will not live on campus if these are the options for a meal plan

Once again, the food already sucks. How are we supposed to afford this? Not all of us have money.

I like my current meal plan. If students are not being responsible with their DB then that is a personal financial issue.

I like the changes but I feel the "Unlimited (80 Exchange # $309 DB)" option from the 2019-2020 Plan should also be included. I feel this way because there are still plenty of students who can not really afford the options at other on campus retail places unless they have DB. Again, the 2020-2021 Plan is nice, but keep the "Unlimited (80 Exchange # $309 DB)" option as well.

If the 120 meal option allows for exchange meals I support, however not having a middle ground option (ex the old 175 block plan) I am not a fan of. This plan allowed those with financial security issues to find a nice middle ground between budgeting declining balance and the unlimited plan. Also, would question if the unlimited still allows for unlimited courtyard or brown swipes.
101. I have the 65 block meal plan this year and I love it. It is perfect for me, I do not like eating upstairs café or Brown all the time. I would rather have more DB, but upstairs café honestly sucks. There is always the same thing and I do not want more swipes.

102. Do not like the idea of less DB. I never go to Brown or upstairs in the cafeteria. However, I am interested to see how this new meal plan will work.

103. I've lived on campus for 4 years. I'm pretty tired of the food on campus. So why do we need EVEN LESS meal plans? I use the 175 block, but I know people with the 125 block who enjoy that more. Not to mention you're giving even less DB to the 150 block plan. Sure it costs a lot, but god this is an insult.

104. Increase quality of food, before you increase pricing. Also, eliminate the wasteful, mostly unwanted food offerings.

105. Declining Balance is an essential part of the meal plan for students. By increasing meal exchanges and getting rid of the meal exchange options, (such as the grilled Chick-fil-a sandwich) WCU is effectively limiting their food options the students can choose from.

106. You have bugs in the food why would we pay more for food that might even be safe to eat. This is really making me upset. Stop being a business and be a education center.

107. They are getting more expensive for less stuff included. That is dumb.

108. Why are they contractually obligated to increase each year? Conversely, I think that if any increase in fees should happen it should be to support students who have dietary restriction such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, or nut free.

109. I much prefer the current system that emphasizes DB than a switch to an emphasis on exchange meals and blocks - students already blow through DB as it stands grabbing items at pod or at restaurants/starbucks. Unless there is a vast overhaul in meals available as exchanges as well, students who rely on DB as a primary food option for groceries through POD Market will be left abandoned. If these meal plans are offered in addition to the old plans, then this may be a worthy experiment, but not otherwise.

110. Meal exchanges are awesome, you can get so much more for your money.

111. There is not enough information on these new plans for me to be supportive. Test run them as new options maybe? And what about commuters? The exchange meals themselves have been massively slashed this semester, what's stopping y'all to make them a bag of chips?

112. I do not appreciate the removal of the 125 block! The preferred eating areas are often resteraunts within the lower floor of dining!

113. This is robbery.

114. The only way that I could see this new plan for meal plans working is if you were to completely revamp the options for meal exchanges at retail locations. The current options seem very limited at places like Which Wich this year and personally do not feel worth the cost.

115. I like the meal plans that we have now. I enjoy the DB more than exchange and block meals.

116. Please improve the food quality for the cafeterias.

117. DB is much more helpful on campus since it can be used anywhere. Block meals are nice, but the flexibility of DB makes it a superior option.
Exchange meals are honestly kind of difficult to use and it’d be better to lose those than DB.

We need to keep the amount of options we have, or have MORE options, not less.

The reasons cost have been going up in the past are because Aramark can’t control their bug problem. If this proposal is put in place then the exact problem that is happening now with the fast food will happen with the cafeterias. Giving us no DB and charging us more is ridiculous.

DB is great please don’t take that.

OH NO! PLEASE DON’T

I personally use more DB than block meals, and with the current state of much of the campus food courts, I am feeling more and more discouraged from eating on campus in general. I do not enjoy eating in the cafeteria generally, so to limit the amount of DB offered and try to encourage us to eat in the cafeteria (Upstairs) makes me a little frustrated. If this is the case I believe we need to step up the food in the cafeteria and the current health standards.

There should be exchange meals.

Make meal exchanges more varied if you do this.

So for the unlimited basic plan in 2020-2021, is there just $100 DB or is it $100 DB with a number of meal swipes?

I would like to have DB so if I do not want to eat upstairs I have options. Especially for a diet plan, I have to have to stay healthy.

The food price tax shouldn’t be raised because it is already hard to find good food at Brown or Cafe. All the food chain places have rodents in their kitchen. Even if there is more DB or meal exchanges you can’t eat out everyday for every meal.

I personally never use swipe meals if I do ever eat in the upstairs of courtyard or brown, it is because everywhere else is busy. They don’t have many options and the options they do have are not good. I don’t want to pay more for something that I’m not going to use and have a decrease in what I do use.

This is absolutely ridiculous. I have allergies and can’t eat many things at the cafeteria and rely on DB to survive. Taking away the other options would be a real pain for me and many others in my situation.

It is hard enough to find a place to eat because of the amount of students we have. The meal exchanges should be kept to help students have more options to eat and save money. Unlimited should stay the same for students and athletes to be able to get through a semester able to eat. Your focus should be more on healthy foods and real health inspections because we do not have a healthy eating environment or food that is not dry or covered in oil. This year it has come more to students attention that health inspections are being waved or not fully done correctly leaving students with food poison and roach filled or other unhealthy eating areas. This is where your money should be going not to up the cost for us but up the cost for the university to pay more for its own inspections.

Take the roaches out of the cafe and expand the choose for meal exchange.

A meal plan should not cost more than the annual avg food cost for 1 person which is around $4000.
Paying between $4000 and $5000 for 9 months of the year is ridiculous for the quality of food we are getting. If we were actually provided quality food and a variety or healthy options other that the cafe I would be more willing to pay outrageous prices, but it’s not happening. Dining need some big changes this is confusing and the unlimited basic just says 100 DB, what does that mean More DB

First off, the wording on this table is terrible and confusing. Second, students want more declining balance and less exchange meals mainly because the exchange meal options are super limited. If you want to offer more exchange meals than change the exchange meals that are offered and also make items that are exchange meals more even across the board. Why is a $4 item and an $8 both exchange meals? It’s very confusing.

I’m honestly not entirely sure what you’re trying to tell me DB has become the most important fund in my meal plan account, and I do not support its marginalization. These Meal Plans have an awesome ability to provide students with more options!

I don’t understand next year’s meal plan. I dont even want a meal plan as I resident. I have the cheapest one and end up wasting half of it because every time I eat on campus I end up being sick.

Exchange meals are criminal because they offer a limited selection of whatever is cheapest for the restaurant to make. The service and options on campus are horrible and the only reason the meal plan is existent is because it’s forced on students who live on campus. I have gotten sick from plenty of places on campus, I refuse to eat at courtyard because of the horrendous sanitation and practice thoroughly cooking food. All students want is more DB and meal exchanges and a smaller price tag for the plan.

I hate the dining situation on campus and the only reason it is sustained is because they have a monopoly and their own common currency. If these restaurants served undercooked food frequently, made customers wait for 30 minutes, or had horrible customer service elsewhere they would go out of business or significantly lose customers. Aramark is a joke and I will be spending as little as I can possibly spend for food on campus as soon as I get an apartment and am no longer forced to get a meal plan.

I do not need that many caf swipes. I would rather have DB.

I would be supportive of the meal plan changes if food at Courtyard and Brown had ANY emphasis on quality. As it stands the cafeteria food here is distasteful, unhealthy and frankly, unsanitary.

The meal plans as they are right now seems to be fine. The 2020-2021 plan seems to cost more and give us less, which seems highly unfair.

Students use their DB wayyyyyy more because the exchange meal is the one meal nobody wants. Also, keep in mind of GLUTEN free or DAIRY free people? they will suffer from the low DB.

It says there will be a decrease in DB and increase in meal exchanges, however, the new plans do not seem to have the number of exchanges listed. I do appreciate the meal
plans being rebalanced instead of simply increased by 4%. I support this change if the
150 Block plan includes meal exchanges and if it is made available to freshman.

148. I think you should make the meal plans customizable. You can pick how many of each
component you’d like.

149. I feel that the near $1,000 DB option is the best option for some students who do not
eat in the upstairs cafe and enjoy using DB in POD Markets to get sandwich things to
make in their own room, etc. and with the higher rates of goods in the POD with a meal
plan of $500 DB Max would run through much faster when keeping supplies using the
POD

150. The meal exchange options at many locations are not not always what we want to eat. It
it important to have the high DB amounts so we can have the option to get whatever we
want. I just don’t understand how the cost of the meal plan can get more expensive but
it’s contents are lesser than and not worth the money. I highly dislike these options and
honestly it really deters me from wanting to live on campus and have a meal plan

151. I wish there were more tiers to choose from than just 3 in the next year. I am not quite
sure what the changes will entail but I like the current tiering system much better than
the proposed tiering system.

152. This isn’t clear as to what changes are being looked at for the meal plan.
153. this is a bullshit excuse to raise rates due to building a new dorm hall on campus that
the school cannot afford. no one is obligated to raise prices of anything.
154. I think this is take advantage of us as students we need shelter and food. Although
some of the dorms have cleaning staff some of the common areas remain dirty with the
same stains in the floors for weeks at time and the food in the courtyard is not
satisfying.

155. $1,700 for the current 65 block meal plan is a good price. Prices do not need to go up on
meal plans either. It’s a money racket at this point

156. Declining balance is the only thing that is fit to have. The courtyard is not worth eating
due to the bug infestation, and meal exchanges are not as strong as they once were.
When Papa johns was still on campus, that was the best eating one could ever get.

157. I’m confused on if the university will be taking away meal exchanges but please don’t
they are the best option and no one uses the courtyard cafeteria because the dishes are
never actually clean and if they are clean, they have cockroaches crawling on them.

158. Does unlimited mean unlimited exchange meals and swipes?
159. why are you getting rid of the 65 block meal holy cow I was using that to save what
money I could and now I don't even get that option.

160. A lot of us are not using our meal plans to the full extent either way but i would still
include the 175 block within the plans as many students do use that plan.

161. more exchange meal options, I’ve mostly relied on those
162. Yeah I ran out of my exchange meals way too fast
163. That just looks like you’re trying to get more people to pick the most expensive option.
164. I don't use block meals, why do I pay for them? Cafeteria is shit and dirty. I get sick every
time. Our options have dwindled and it doesn't make sense for life styles.
165. Want the 65 block
I do not like the black meals and last year did not use 80 of the 175. To me and my parents this is throwing away money. Often times the block meals are just not good. Also, Brown has such limited hours that it is difficult to impossible (based on my classes) to eat at Brown. If it were open on the weekends that would be helpful. PLEASE do not take away the 65 block meal plan. A reduced DB will make me look for housing off campus to avoid the block meals.

I would be more supportive if we were told that the food quality would increase in places like the courtyard dining hall and/or brown.

I use my DB to eat every single day. I never use meal exchanges nor do I eat in the caf. These meal plans would be awful. Why would I pay more for a meal plan when I don’t get hardly any DB???

I enjoy having a lot of DB with the 175 plan. However, I do see how unlimited swipes for cafeterias and meal exchanges might work better. The only thing is that with the new plans, I wouldn’t be able to get food from those retail locations that fall outside of meal exchange as often and I wouldn’t be able to purchase needs from the mini marts as often.

I get faaaaaaar too many meal swipes. It is impossible to eat that many meal swiped per day without either dying or becoming morbidly obese. Charge less for meal plans and give more declining balance.

limiting the options and those are almost all downgraded with fancy titles

I like the exchange meal program with the 175 block.

This is acceptable. The cost of food has gone up nationally, even globally.

We don’t want exchange meals, we want more DB. I don’t trust a lot of food area’s on campus due to the "bug" fiasco, so I’d rather hit the POD with my DB and by packaged food.

Leave the meal plans as they are.

The only plus side to having to get certain meal plans is the DB.

DB is an excellent way to manage money and if we have less of DB it will be harder to get things in the continent stores like deodorant or personal items.

Taking away exchange meals would be stupid. People need the ability to choose more of where they eat, while the caf provides food, the meal exchange offers students the ability to eat elsewhere and as a result they are more happy.

I do not use my block meals hardly ever. I love my 65 block meal plan because it is a good plan.

Don’t change something that doesn’t need to be fixed. At least increase the availability and variety of exchange meals.

If the meal plan price is increased we need to have more quality food. The food at the cafeteria is very inferior to the food at Brown and that should be fixed as well as the growing bug problem in dining areas.

I prefer having more options for meal plans.

Do not understand

I like the original 2019-2020 plan, and I do not see why it would be needed to change. It gives students the option of choosing a plan based on their eating habits.
185. I think meal plans are already expensive and I don't like that you will be taking away meal plan options while also increasing prices.

186. We need more declining balance than anything because that's what everyone benefits the most of, so we can have more options.

187. The food isn't even that good and you charging us for food that is infested by foreign creatures isn't going to help and the cult that is aramark is draining their students of life and minimum wage.

188. Removing all other block plans besides 150 blocks limits the amount of food people with dietary and religious restrictions can purchase. Some students solely rely on food purchased from the PODs or other limited options.

189. People like eating at the downstairs locations more. I feel like this would also crowd the upstairs cafeteria, also giving less options to people doesn't sound like a good solution to me.

190. I like the options we were given 2019-2020 year. the 65 Block worked perfectly for me and I would not be happy if I was only able to have $500 DB rather than $900 DB. No one wants to be forced to eat at the cafe because it sucks.

191. This is even more ridiculous than boarding increases. I could literally spend less at the grocery store biweekly within the same period of time that this meal plan applies to. Again, I understand that you need money to keep things running, but you shouldn't force people to pay for these expensive meal plans on top of an apparent increase in boarding costs.

192. I am on the cheapest meal plan and I still have a lot of surplus.

193. I personally only use DB, rarely use exchange meals, and never use block meals.

194. The food isn’t even good, and there’s not many options for food. And the lines are too long!!

195. The new meal plans do not have as much DB as the current ones. Meal exchanges are nice but are not used as much as DB.

196. The largest option of 65 block plan should still remain. I’ve had it the last two years and it really helps me out a lot I love the plan.

197. The meal plan is difficult to understand as a freshman and lowering the amount of DB in a persons account from the get go will increase in students running out before their first semester is out. Maybe there is a way to keep the original Unlimited plan but still make the other 2 changes listed.

198. People don’t want more block meals. The food is terrible and invested with bugs, people want the option to get as much DB as possible in order to each food that is actually appealing and doesn’t leave you feeling sick for a week after you eat it.

199. Does the cost of food and the wages for employees go up 3.9% each year?

200. The meal plan system is great how it is offering a lot of selectivity.

201. Having more meal exchanges and less db I'm against because the meal exchange options are very limited and its already hard enough to eat healthy at this school given our options. DB gives us the freedom to make those choices.

202. I don’t support this because all the new meal plans are gearing you to eat at the campus cafes (courtyard & brown), which isn’t needed for someone who doesn't prefer to eat in the cafe. No one wants to eat at the same place every day so variety is important and
the new meal plans are too limiting. Also, the new meal plans are not balanced will between swipes, meal exchanges and db there all mostly gearing to the cafe like I said before.

203. Exchange meals are worth the most, i use those more than anything else.
204. I would support this if I knew what the meal exchange options were going to be for each location. But some of the meal exchange options are very specific and they don’t allow me to get the food I would like to get.
205. this is the dumbest thing WCU has done to date, the 175 and unlimited plan does not sell because no one likes eating at the cafe and having low exchange meals, the quality of food is not there to be offering only 3 options of food. this definitely is a cooperate suggestion by armark because they loose so much money. also who ever produced this survey neglected to put the price for the 65 plan and the proper db amount. i believe this will push many to live off campus next year.
206. Some people on campus live off of there db because of the limited sources and health inconsistencies with the food. Also same thing goes for meal exchanges. Going to the Dining halls is useless when there’s nothing there that’s appealing or worth using a swipe.
207. The meal plans are perfect as they are. We have enough options that are fair to everyone.
208. No. If you’re gonna take DB away to this extent then HHS needs some kind of food availability that is an actual meal for meal exchange. I’m there all day and need my DB for food.
209. I don’t understand
210. The quality of meals is a clear concern. It would be nice if we were presented with healthier options as well.
211. no, can’t afford it.
212. If the students have to pay for a more expensive meal plan then there should be healthier better options to choose from
213. I personally have no reason to use swipes at the caf or brown. i only use db so the 65 plan is perfect. my money is better spent on db than swipes.
214. DB is better than exchange meals
215. There needs to be another option like 75 Blocks with $750 in DB as most of the students depend on the POD for groceries and lowering DB will make things difficult. Also, several students do not use meal swipes at all, so please keep that in mind.
216. I would rather have more DB because the cafe food is gross and I find hair in my food plus I have seen bug crawling around and would rather eat at the restaurants. Plus we get taxed when we pay for a meal plan and then we get taxed when we go to buy stuff so we are being double taxed which make absolutely no sense.
217. I would rather have more declining balance
218. no that’s so dumb
219. If it increases then we should have better meals being made everyday
220. I just like the ones we got beacuse I like having a lot of block meals and having DB for other places. I really dont wanna choose one over the other
221. I like having more DB and always get the 65 Block plan and would not want the other ones as I do not use swipes often so it would be wasting my money
222. Why would you get rid of so many options?
223. keep the 65 block means. It is very valuable to those who rather not eat in courtyard dining hall
224. What is wrong with the current meal plans? This give the normal student less than what they got the year before. Why change something if it isn't broke?
225. I don't think there is any reason the meal plans should be changed. They are fine the way they are. If there is a change, the same amount of meal plan options need to be listed.
226. DB is more useful than meal swipes.
227. I'm a vegetarian and don't have many meal exchange options so having more DB is much more useful than having exchange meals. Please at least keep the 65 block plan so that we'll have the option of having more DB.
228. The cost compared to the quality of food here at WCU has not proven to be worthy of giving more money too considering I pay $2k and I see roaches crawling on the floors on a weekly basis.
229. The meal plans are a perfect schedule the way they are. The multiple block plans are a nice tier to have, if anything, just split up the unlimited plan into two new ones.
230. The price would be increasing but our DB for the Unlimited would decrease even more. I think the original meal plans we have now are fine, but more DB for each would be worth our money.
231. DB is a very big luxury in choosing what to eat. The quality of Courtyard or the variety of exchange meals is nowhere near the state of which to make me support this change.
232. As I will be a senior in the EMC program next year, I am planning on living on campus, however, I wont be on campus enough for 150 swipes due to my clinicals. I wish the 125 or a 100 block plan would be included.
233. I have a 175 Block meal plan, and I like the mix of DB and meal exchanges. I feel like I have more options. Sometimes I don't want to commit to a whole meal exchange, especially if I have limited time and only want a sandwich or chicken nuggets. It's more flexible. I do like having meal exchanges because I don't have to worry as much about saving money, but I don't need many more than I already have.
234. Would like it to be lowered
235. I rely on DB more than block meals, decreasing it would suck
236. I agree with this new change, it gives people more options to choose from. However, there needs to be something a step down from the Unlimited. No one needs that many swipes to which they're never going to use. It wastes both student money and time.
237. Meal plan costs went up this year, while food on campus got worse. Also, if Western is trying to respond to food insecurity concerns, why would most meal plans be based more on swipes in Courtyard and Brown versus DB? The dining halls are where the most food is wasted. Having less DB and meal exchanges will actually increase food waste.
238. The new meal plan selections sound awful. Western Carolina University had impressed every person I know who attends a different college because of how wonderful the
current options are. Current and incoming students would be very disappointed in this change. Please do not change what works well. There is no need.

239. These meal plans are insulting. DB gives far more freedom than exchange meals, and many restaurants on campus have reduced the options we have with our exchange meals. There's no telling what will be available for exchange meals next year, and I'd rather keep the devil I know than the one I don't.

240. This is the worst idea I have seen. Please keep our meal plan the same. This will impact those with dietary restrictions a very negative way.

241. This seems weird.

242. I never use block meals I refuse to eat at the cafes I use db and exchange only.

243. With the new unlimited plan, we do not have as much DB which I feel like would be helpful versus 40 more exchange meals. The unlimited basic is not worth it either as we barely would have anything but swipes since DB can go quickly. That is only $6.25 a week that we can spend in DB and there is not many places on campus at all where you can get a full meal for $6.25 and that does not even include tax.

244. I feel that we should be able to switch out DB to exchange meals or what we see fit for us so it could be more versatile.

245. The costs that we pay do not reflect the food quality we receive. If food was better and good quality, I would support. I personally use DB more than Exchange Meals or Swipes. If the focus is moved to exchange meals then more need to be added and improved upon.

246. I have the unlimited meal plan and I have not even used half of my exchange meals, and the semester is over half way over. I think every option listed above should be offered. Some people like more DB and some like more meal exchanges, however lowering the DB by $100 and raising the meal exchanges and price of the meal plan all together is not a fair option. However, offering every type of meal plan listed above so that diversity can be given to the students to pick a meal plan based on their needs is more sufficient.

247. I don't like the decreased amounts in DB.

248. It is too easy to use declining balance. More exchange meal options will help meal plans last longer for most students. It's a good idea.

249. People use DB more often than y'all think. I have the unlimited block meals and I barely use them because I am always using the exchange meals or DB.

250. Why would I pay more for meal plans with no DB?????? That makes no sense at all.

251. Are these still including exchange meals?

252. Increase my payment on food when you can finally get the roaches situation handled and when every time I bite into a piece of chicken it's not raw.

253. I think the shifts in how the meal plans function are a great idea.

254. Most students prefer DB over meal exchange.

255. Most people don't eat at courtyard, that I know of. A lot of people run out of DB quickly. There should be an option to do more DB + Meal Exchanges and less brown/courtyard swipes.

256. N/A
Undergraduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year

1. Why would anyone want to pay more for a meal plan than they are getting. That is actually insane.
2. I’m not going to get either of these plans.
3. I will still not be getting a meal plan because it is cheaper to buy groceries and cook for myself.
4. All this money for long lines, terrible service, and poor nutritional ingredients. Aramark is a joke, WNC deserves better.
5. It should not cost $50 for an al DB plan...
6. I don’t have a meal plan, so no opinion here.
7. The meal plans we have now are perfect. As a commuter I do not feel as if I need more DB.
8. My pay check isn’t increasing, why is the cost of everything else?
9. More cost means less people buying meal plans.
10. Commuter plans are garbage and the 40 block meal is too expensive.
11. I cook.
12. The best idea you’ve had so far.
13. I will not purchase a meal plan next year.
14. Having resources to cook in apartments is good for developing life skills.
15. I think this is a great idea. Seems a little pricey though. Meals on campus are not that expensive even if you are paying in DB.
16. Block meals are much less desirable than exchange meals. Most of my insecurity was running out of exchanges and DB. The cafeteria food is not very good and lines are ridiculous. I would never pay more for less options like this. I don’t think too many people are going to want to buy the meal kits either. A lot of freshmen barely know how to make macaroni. It should have its own separate plan.
17. Not quite sure what it all means so no opinion.
18. It would be beneficial of you could keep the 650 meal plan for the less expensive option.
19. there is no need for the meal plans to raise in price.
20. I understand there is a need for an increase because of operating costs, but I think there need to be an increase to contribute to more on campus places to eat. We pay a lot of money and sometimes the lines are long enough that we have to skip a meal between classes and just not eat. We are encouraged just to stop by the pod and get something quickly, but there have been many times where that line is also too long or they do not have any pizza.
21. If healthier options and efficient service (not 45 minutes for a coffee between class changes), then I would be supportive of new changes.
22. Unless the cockroach problem is taking care of I don’t think it’s fair to charge more for the food plans.
23. I will not be purchasing a meal plan, this may be a good idea for students who will.
24. I plan to live off campus next semester, so I will not be purchasing a meal plan.
25. On campus students shouldn’t be required to have block meals included in their plan.
26. I don’t understand this fee, I’m a commuter and do not eat on campus.
27. I 100% support this. I think it is an awesome idea and not everyone has a meal plan, or the same meal plan as everyone else. I believe it could be beneficial to use and it would be healthier.

28. I am supportive of changing the meal plans for commuters. Sometimes I do miss eating the food on campus and when I want to I have to use my own money which is hard because I have to use my own money for other things such as groceries, gas, and rent. I might consider getting a meal plan during the next school year.

29. I'm broke

30. Many students do not enjoy using their block meals because the courtyard dining hall consistently sends below average food. Brown serves much better food. However the meal kit is a great idea. I think students should learn to be more independent so that they may take better care of themselves in the future.

31. Food needs to be better before you can increase these fees.

32. I think this is a great idea and could benefit many students!

33. We have roaches

34. Stop raising prices on food if you won’t increase the quality of food. Everything is disgusting and options are too limited. For example: no one even goes to comfort corner but its still taking space when something better can go there. We need more food options. Get ideas from other campuses.

35. I really like the idea of of the meal kit thing. I really think that would be effective. I also think it should be given to freshman as well, but if we’re really talking I think freshman should have to take a finance class to learn how not to only manage their money, to do their taxes and also how to not wasted their declining balance and stuff. I also think there should be a set balance of how much you can spend a day on the DB because a freshman could blow through that DB in a day if they really tried and wanted to. Or in a good month.

36. I just wish y'all would require recyclable or compostable packaging on all foods. So much goes to waste on campus.

37. I do not use meal plans, but I do not support an increase in tuition.

38. I don’t eat on campus.

39. I do not eat on campus.

40. N/A

41. I would rather have more DB as it can be used in more places, and exchange meals in the lower courtyard are not worth any bodies time. As a commuter, I have a meal plan so that I can eat on campus I’m the event I don’t have time to go Home. This typically means I do not have time to sit in the cafe and eat. (brown hall is absolutely horrid in regards to dietary restrictions and allergies and almost sent me to the hospital so that’s not happening)

Using Grubhub ordering with DB is generally the only way I get food that doesn’t almost kill me. If you want to emphasize swipes/exchanges, actually improve the quality of where you can use those first.

42. I really like the meal kit idea.

43. I commute & I don’t get a meal plan because it’s so expensive.
44. 700 dollars dB = 700 not 749 I can’t believe y’all this stoopid running this school
45. We dont want a meal exchange. They aren’t a good value a most place and you dont get
a lot of food at all. Food in campus sucks and I dont like paying 10 dollars for a meal at
everywhere but chickfilla and steak and shake.
46. Declining balance is more versatile and can serve more uses
47. Maybe give us more options and stop taking away places like the UC where nothing
replaces it. The chick fil a replaced McCalistars but then nothing replaced the
restaurants in the UC. Especially since WCU continually adds a new class that has around
1,000 new students each year.
48. The home delivered meal kit idea sounds to me like a good way to funnel money to a
private for-profit business. NO THANKS!

As a commuter, what would help me the most is giving me a discount on purchasing
meals in bulk at the beginning of the semester when I still have financial aid money. But
why on earth would I buy 100 meals for approx $1000 when 100 individual credit card
swipes costs the same?? Offer me a reason to prepurchase a semester worth of food
and I will!
49. I feel as if the reason for commuter meal plans is for the low cost and the ability to get a
meal in case you need something to hold you over. However by charging more that
makes it less likely for a commuter to actually get the meal plan as they could save more
money.
50. Need to work on food safety before this is done.
51. Commuters are more likely to simply pay for meals as needed on campus.
52. Why do we have to pay extra for DB?
53. We need more LOW COST food options, NOT more meal plans. It costs too much to eat
on campus and that’s why so many commuter students go hungry
54. I don’t eat on campus.
55. seems interesting, but if i’m living off campus i won’t need as many block meals.
56. NOTHING IS BEING DONE TO UPDATE THE FOOD ON CAMPUS WHY SHOULD WE PAY
MORE!
57. If the students are off campus, there is no need for so many block meals, and if the meal
kits are through Aramark then what would the quality be
58. I love the focus on increasing block and exchange meals for commuters. Prices for new
meal plans are WAY higher than I’d ever pay for so little. Unlimited is only a little more
than the 80 Block($550 DB) but with unlimited I get unlimited block 80 exchange and
$330 DB. I get FAR more.
59. I will never buy another meal plan or support the dining halls. They are stingy with the
food portions, bad at preparing what is on the menu either online or downstairs on the
print out, etc...
60. Meal plans are already too expensive for the quality of food the students are receiving
in both the dinning halls and restaurants. Maybe allocate more money to keeping
dinning areas clean and not infested with roaches.
61. Commuters would likely rather minimize the cost of the meal plan, rather than receive
additional credit for use at homechef.com.
62. This is a wonderful idea!!
63. Change Commuter DB to 750 db
64. do not participate in activities. I go to school and work full time. I pay for all of my school
accept tuition thanks to financial aid. However, I do not make what I did two years ago,
which is what FAFSA looks at. I am a CNA of 6 years, I take care of myself and can not
afford an increase in school fees or tuition. If you all raise costs, I will drop out
65. There should not be added fees for the same meal plans.
66. You guys really think I have time to make meals? That’s funny.
67. Nobody will buy the meal kits.
68. Current and New plans are not transparent.
69. unclear whether these are being added as options or if these will be the only options. If
added I won’t be purchasing them because I like the meal plan i currently have.
70. I’m hesitantly supportive. With the increase in cost would there be a comparable
increase in available student loan offering?
71. no meal plan is required for commuters so I don’t care.
72. There are no safe food options on campus
73. Never had one. Never getting one.
74. Commuters shouldn’t have to pay this much for a meal plan. It should remain the same
or decrease .
75. These meal plans are not good. Thanks tho, try again.
76. The meal plans are great. Stop trying to use your students for money. We don’t have any.
77. I plan to live off-campus next year. While I will probably eat at home more, I will still be
on campus regularly. More options should be provided for commuters because their
needs will change depending on their diets. Along with the higher DB meal plans, there
should be one for around $300 for those who will grab food every once in a while but
not enough to use all of the $550 plan.
78. It's not a bad deal
79. I’m a commuter I shouldn’t have more access to more food than others on campus. I
don’t expect someone, who lives on campus, to help pay for my food.
80. Find a way to decrease the meal plans and housing in general.
81. People are already struggling to pay for meal plans. If people wanted to cook at home,
they would.
82. For commuters the declining balance is best in my opinion because we dont use much
other that the places that accept DB
83. I don’t use meal plans
84. It’s nice to have every option as a commuter. I would never pay those prices but I’m
sure some would.
85. I can barely afford the meal plan as is. I will probably not have a meal plan next year if
rates increase this much.
86. I use more DB than anything. This may be better for some students, but not all.
87. I have no experience with the meal plans since I live at home. It just isn't that
convenient for me.
88. Changing the name of the 40block plan but not changing the amount of meals, BUT increasing the price is ridiculous. students often do not want to eat on campus because of the amount of pest activity from spring and fall 2019. no one would want to buy these meal plans knowing there is no increase in meal amount.

89. The food isn't that great to pay that much for gross food especially when roaches are found in the buildings where students eat then at the end of the year you have students freaking out that if they don't use it all they are gonna use it all. I'm at the point that i'm not using a meal plan as long as I live off campus because that is another months rent I could use and a little extra money that i could use to either eat or get school supplies.

90. I do not and will not ever have a meal plan but I know that students already overpay for theirs and can hardly eat anywhere but on campus due to this.

91. “contractually required to increase every year”???? are yall fucking kidding? you have ARAMARK on campus destroying any food quality we have left and you’re “required” to increase its cost every year???? this is ridiculous

92. You want US to pay more because YOU GUYS can’t keep our cafe clean?

93. Good plans. However, this should include cost

94. I have the 40 exchange meal and $450 declining balance and I use both DB and meal exchanges equally. I would not purchase this plan next year with meal kits. I purchase items to cook at home at Ingles.

95. If food is increasing I understand that there might need to be a increase in this.

96. Meal plan prices should not increase. Trust me we pay enough for those already thank you.

97. Sounds like a good idea on paper, but honestly not sure how successful the Meal Kit will be.

98. The prices are already ridiculous and I know for a fact that most of the students never even use all of their meal plan money so the school is pocketing lots of money from that that they should use for these new expenses.

99. You already get lots of money off me from my meal plan because I don't use all I have, so don't take more.

100. There should certainly be better options for commuters & encouraging healthy cooking at home is a great idea

101. This is a great idea! Would definitely use it

102. I don’t live on campus, and as such I rarely eat on campus unless it’s lunch. In that, I pay for my meal with my own money. There’s no point in me having a meal plan if I buy my own Groceries.

103. Things are already too expensive

104. I don't have a meal plan at the moment so I cannot comment. The Block 40 is an interesting idea though...

105. The food needs to be better. I would never buy this food.

106. I like the idea of a meal kit because it will allow students to learn to cook, a currently lost skill. I don't think it should be mandatory. Those students who will not use the kit should have an alternative like equal credit in DB or X amount of block meals.

107. Don't increase the amount on food.
108. Why pay more for food when nobody has anything positive to say about the meal options we have now? The bug problems, the lines for food, the quality of the food are all poor. It’s absolutely astounding at the response from the school and Aramark as a company and I couldn’t imagine spending another dime more for such terrible quality. **TAKE CARE OF YOUR STUDENTS IF YOU WANT TO CHARGE US MORE.**

109. The food here isn’t worth the money

110. We need more eateries if you're going to up the price. You can't run and grab food in between classes anymore, the lines are exponentially long. It's a waste of money without more places to eat.

111. There is a constant issue with bugs when it comes to food in the dining halls and restaurants... so why should people have to pay more money?

112. I like that an attempt is being made to address the food situation for commuters. However, the meal plans are honestly a rip off on campus and it continues to worsen with the growing student population. It is insanely expensive and continues to increase. The lines for any food on campus continue to grow and make it very difficult to get any food quickly before class. All of the commuters I know do not get a meal plan and eat at home because it is less and expensive and not any less convenient.

113. I cannot stress this enough, do not make meal plans more expensive. I know people who just didn't get one and are struggling to eat cause it was too expensive

114. Why increase the amount of db, which many students never would use up completely, especially for commuters? Price gouging.

115. The food on campus is terrible and the facilities are dirty.

116. Many students don't even use all of the meals on their meal plans and it is unreasonable to uncharge the cost for the meal plans especially for the students who don't live on campus.

117. I live off campus and do not have a meal plan.

118. There should be meal kits for students to buy somewhere on campus

119. I think more options are nice, I could see this working for some students. My problem with the increased price is that meals have been decreasing in quality since I first came here 5 years ago. Why are students paying more for worse food? One of the biggest draws of moving off campus was that I wouldn't have to pay for food I don't want to eat.

120. The only thing I think is that the prices should stay the same.

121. DB is way more valuable than exchange meals. another bs money racket

122. There should be a cheaper option (i.e. $300 DB) because a lot of commuters only eat one meal a day on campus and $700 is apt of DB for one semester.

123. why is there a $45- $49 fee just to put money on my cat card to use for DB

124. I like the idea but that’s a big jump in price

125. **STOP MAKING EVERYTHING MORE EXPENSIVE WESTERN YOUR ADMINISTRATION SUCKS. FEWER COMMUTERS ARE BUYING MEAL PLANS BECAUSE ITS JUSY CHEAPER TO USE REAL CASH. STOP.**

126. N/A

127. I like that there more options with this plan.

128. As a commuter why would I pay $750 for $700 of credit?
If anything, a full switch to DB would be much better. The food really is not that great in general (Courtyard Caf especially).

I don’t receive meal plans so I’m not affected by this.

As a commuter, the meal exchanges/block meals do not equal the price being asked. Commuters would rather budget their money than pay $750 for only $700 in DB.

This doesn’t save commuters money even though it is advertised that way.

I love the home chef idea.

Our food options are terrible on campus.

I think that the 40 Block meal plan with exchange meals and DB should stay as it is.

I like the options; however, I do not feel the current meal exchanges are worth the current price. The meal exchanges need to include a larger quantity and variety of food. There should also be more healthy options provided.

Meal plans are the single largest waste of money imposed on students. Campus options are downright unsafe (100’s cases of food poisoning in the main cafeteria), or simply inadequate. The campus has already seen a loss of options following the closing of the UC Food area, so the proposed price increases for sub-par food are absurd, especially when Aramark’s profit margins are already large.

I do not have a meal plan as a commuter.

I think that’s a great idea.

I’d love to see some sort of discount or assistance for students who can demonstrate financial need or insecurity for the 80 Block meal plan.

Campus dining is plagued with roaches, bugs, health code violations, and poor quality. The contract with Aramark is disappointing as they are a company known for their terrible quality of food as well as their underhanded ways. They are known for overcharging state governments, underfeeding prisoners, and committing numerous food safety violations. It is a stain on WCU’s character to have anything to do with this company.

These meal plans are completely overpriced for the quality students are being served with. The meal kits are only $6.99 a serving on the homechef website. If students wanted to use a service like this, it would be much more cost effective to get it for themselves instead of using it through the campus. The DB plans should be flexible for commuters and be formulated in the students best interest instead of the university’s.

I do not have a meal plan and do not plan to purchase one. However, before you increase the price of the meal plans, you might want to make sure there are no insects in our food.

Your meal plans are a scam.

please do not makes things more expensive.

I feel like this will make it even harder for students to stretch their meal plans out through the semester, because most students use their DB and if there is less of it then that hinders students from eating at the places they want to eat at.

you shouldnt be loosing money for having db. youre better off with just paying with a debut card. its messed up.

It is not right that if you have an all db meal plan, you get less db than what you actually pay for.
I am a commuter and an at-home meal kit would be beneficial. I do not use the Meal Plans as it is cheaper to pack my meals and/or eat at home. Only if the food gets better will it be worth the extra cost. I do not need a meal plan. An increase in more meal exchanges over DB is tough since the meal exchanges at restaurants are very limited. Meal plans are already expensive. Commuter meal plans should be cheaper. We’re already paying for school, rent, and groceries for our house. If we choose to eat on campus we should have a cheaper commuter option! $800 is ridiculous! I don't use meal plans, but this sounds like a healthier set of options. Most commuters will not eat at the dining halls due to it ending up being more expensive in the long run.

As a commuter it is hard to eat on campus with the influx of students. It’s hard as a college student go cook all the time so raiding the prices and lowering the quality to target the students forced off campus is wrong. Meal plans aren't worth it for commuters since the places to eat have cockroaches. WCU food has given me food poisoning a total of twelve times in two full years. The nature of WCU's food and the requirement to buy a meal plan for on-campus housing has prompted me to move off campus. Few want your meal plan; I do not support raising the prices of your food without first raising the quality substantially. Meal kits are so overpriced and expensive, this is just supporting corporate interests. Let the students learn to cook and buy groceries for themselves. I love the idea of the meal kit and the meal exchange/block plans. HOWEVER, my frustration is with the commuter DB plans. It is better to get no meal plan than to purchase a DB plan. It is absolutely a waste of money and anyone that purchases it is a fool. The university is asking students to waste $45-$50 just to have money on their cat card when they can just use cash or personal credit/debit cards. This needs to be addressed. You are asking us to pay $749 just to have $700... that is ridiculous. I love the meal kit plan idea but PLEASE address the DB plan or get rid of it completely.

The food is terrible. The fact that the kitchens often have to be fumigated and deal with rodent issues is disturbing. The food is more expensive that it should be already. I really like the idea of the $120 meal kit plan. If you really want to help with food insecurity, make it so that students who have unlimited meal plans can use their unlimited block meals to swipe other people in instead of using their meal exchanges or DB. Also, why does the new commuter 40 block cost more but come with less DB?
172. Please these are far too expensive for the subpar quality of food if we are to pay around 1000 dollars annually for a meal plan it should be at least decent with more exchange meals and DB.

173. People can choose not to get the meal plan so I agree with the increase

174. The food is terrible and filled with roaches. Get rid of the mandatory food plan anyway. I would rather buy groceries than eat such shitty food. I don't want exchange meals because I don't want to have to eat fast food every day.

175. As a commuter, why would I buy a meal plan that is taxed when I could just use my own cash on hand at the restaurants and not be taxed twice? I do not support this.

176. Too expensive

177. stupid

178. I clicked that I support this because I like the idea of the meal kit idea. That is really creative. However, that idea is not for everyone, and one benefit of the all DB plan is that it is significantly cheaper than the other options. So why did you raise the price of that option? It makes zero sense. Also students want DB not meal exchanges. NO ONE wants to eat upstairs cafe so having a block meal will be a waste of money.

179. Keep things the way they are. Courtyard's and Brown's cleanliness has been a problem for quite a while now and we should not have to be charged because of the university's lack of effort to clean the dining halls. I understand operating expenses increase each year, but we are not seeing any improvements in the cleanliness of the dining halls. That uncleanliness keeps people away from the area and we should not be charged extra for that.

180. maybe consider offering a meal plan with less db and more block. sadly, not every student wants to constantly eat food on campus. so maybe a 50 block 40 exchange and 350 db. just a suggestion for those who want to be healthier.

181. Unless you plan to account for people with restricted diets this change isn't good. For people like me who are vegetarian it severely limits my options

182. This proposal is on with me only if there are no hidden fees. If I get the commuter meal plan for $700 and pay $749, the $49 more dollars better just me a state sales tax. And if I am already paying tax on the meal plan then why am I paying tax at the different campus restaurants?

183. I find the meal kits to be very interesting additions to the meal plans, and I am in support of that, but majority of students much rather have higher DB and less swipes into either cafeteria. Also, why would a student pay $749 to only get $700 in DB? This has been an issue every year with how the school handles how much their meal plans are. I personally know that I will not get a meal plan next year with such conditions.

184. Exchange meals are not as useful as they used to be. Because of the change in what is offered as an exchange meal they are no longer better alternatives to using DB.

185. There isn’t an option for commuter who want a low amount of DB

186. Meal kits will not be a good plan. Students do not want to cook and do not have enough facilities to cook.

187. Doesn’t seem to be a realistic budget for sustaining healthy eating habits without forcing students to buy groceries in addition to mandatory meal plan.
188. I support the meal kit opportunities, but I do not support the exchange meals over DB change. DB is really critical for students that can’t make it to a cafeteria for their meals.

189. Meal exchanges create limited options. I use DB more than exchange meals so this would not be preferred to me.

190. I live off campus and do not utilize the meal plan currently.

Graduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year

1. DB allows more freedom for purchases than exchange meals ever will so this is a hard no from me.

Graduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year

1. A cooking class would be a better solution. I had the Block 40 this year, but would not buy it again if it included the meal kit instead of access to ready-made food on campus. The point of a meal plan is eating on campus, not buying overpriced kits.

2. Unnecessarily expensive for prison food. Shame on y'all.

3. I know of very few commuters who have a meal plan. I don't have one. You're just increasing the price to get as much money out of those who do have them to make up for others not buying them.

4. The food is horrible; I would not waste my money on another meal plan.

5. None

6. Why are you increasing block meals. Nobody likes the caf, the cooks are trash, and the food tastes awful. Also raising the price for the same shit is shady as hell. You already steal enough money from these already struggling families.
Proposed Book Rental Rate
1. I’d rather have a fee that covers all books then have to try and rent or buy all of my books myself.
2. DONT RAISE PRICES OF BOOKS THAT PROFESSORS DONT EVEN USE.
3. See I can handle this, our free books are wonderful.
4. That’s fine by me. Though some of the text books do need replacing as my PAR 260 book I received this semester was almost off its binding.
5. One of the reasons I chose western was because of the benefit of not paying for books.
6. Should increase amount of books carried. That way all students can have books. It would be disappointing to get charged the fee, then not have the book you need.
7. You make students purchase many of the books separately, including the purchase of books authored by faculty. This is borderline illegal. I don't support the paying of faculty royalties.
8. I don’t care about my book quality
9. I do not have the money for this.
10. Better than paying full price for textbooks
11. I love the book rental plan and that we do not have to buy expensive textbooks because of it!
12. Don’t think it should increase because no matter the price of the book it will be returned and constantly reused making up for the price.
13. I’ve had no problem with the quality of books during my time here
14. Academia is the most important aspect. Our book rental program is still lower cost than independent purchases.
15. i do not use the books do not increase
16. Books and supplies are important. Four dollars is not a big deal. It should not go up any more than this because there are thousands of us paying.
17. This is one of the few fees that I am 100% okay with because I would spend way more than 149 a semester on textbooks, if this was not a thing, so I appreciate this fee.
18. The program is so convenient that I don’t mind an increase.
19. Book rental through WCU is an incredible benefit to being a student. Increasing fees are slightly intimidating, however to continue this wonderful program I believe it could be beneficial.
20. We are lucky to have books included in with tuition, but if the $500 tuition is not being held to what we were told, I don't agree with this. But as of now, I see it as fair because we are lucky to not have to pay the real price of every boo. I do believe that other promises should still be withheld though.
21. Access to quality books is important. However, I still would support taking money from athletics to compensate for this.
22. I fully support this. I love how I do not have to buy textbooks like other Universities. I love being able to use books and return them because other students can use them and get the same out of it as I did while saving a bunch of money. The books are always in great condition and I am glad that Western does this.
23. No
24. An extra $4 a semester is not a problem.
25. Pull some money from athletics.
26. $4 is nothing and we have a great book rental program!
27. Most professors do not even use books or we are required to get them but again they are not used. I don't want to pay more for what won't be used or beneficial to me.
28. I don't have to buy my own copy so it doesn't matter to me.
29. Book rentals are a great program at WCU.
30. I do not support an increase in tuition.
31. I don't use books in my classes.
32. The book rental fee has been instrumental in helping me afford higher education. I believe the fee is low compared to what I would otherwise pay and I am supportive of reasonable increases to ensure it's survival.
33. I support this because we need our books for our education.
34. Your really that broke 😂😂 sad asf
35. I appreciate the book rental here at WCU
36. Still affordable compared to purchase.
37. I thought books were “free” with the NC promise
38. I have read about 20 pages combined from my textbooks since I have started here.
39. It’s already so expensive
40. Charge more for books returned damaged.
41. Tell the teachers to make sure they put in their request forms. It is annoying when I pay the rental fee and then my professor makes me go buy another one when they can easily have requested it and it been covered by my rental fee.
42. I would spend much more than this on books during a semester. I love this program.
43. Books are needed. Who knows, maybe buy new books. or no books at all and use an online system.
44. One of the reasons why I wanted to go here was for free book rentals. My community college charged between $100-$400 per book and I don't want to start having to pay again for a book I might not use.
45. books are very expensive, i like the way wcu has a rental program.
46. with new options like amazon book rental, renting books through the university is becoming outdated. I have had semesters that would have cost less than $145 to rent books.
47. Renting books is more reasonable than buying and is a good aspect western has
48. When a corporation says "mandatory" increases, that basically is stating that it means whatever the corporation wants it to mean. Bottom line is that we, the students, who support this industry, is being charged more because the "top dogs" in the system want more money. Again, this is a joke. college should be affordable, not cost an arm and a leg to attend.
49. The book rental program here is phenomenal and I will support it anyway how
50. do not participate in activities. I go to school and work full time. I pay for all of my school accept tuition thanks to financial aid. However, I do not make what I did two years ago, which is what FAFSA looks at. I am a CNA of 6 years, I take care of myself and can not afford an increase in school fees or tuition. If you all raise costs, I will drop out
51. Nickel and dime us on everything? Great strategy
Only because we need new books.  
New books are GREAT for education.  
I pay you $290 a year for “all books to be covered” when you can’t buy a brand new book for me to use with only $8 more  
Make books in the book store that are not rentals cheaper if you are raising the fee for rentals  
I understand and support this fee but would like it to stay as small as possible.  
If the fee is increasing then the books should be available. I’ve had times where I’ve had to wait months to get a book for a class.  
Books are expensive enough especially with all of the extra materials professors ask to get  
I’m not paying anything extra.  
The book rental program at WCU has literally been a lifesaver. I am so grateful for it.  
The books we get right now aren’t even in that great of condition. Once, I had a book that was given to me not in good condition, and they tried to charge me full price for it when I tried to return it, so I had to spend $80 to buy a used one to trade for the one they tried to charge me for. It’s not even a book I can use in my lifetime, so it was a waste of money!  
I think books are vital in our education. Some of the books now are lifeless and are in need of new ones. Ultimately, some people can chose to purchase their books, while others don’t. It’s cheaper in the long run for everyone to rent books vs purchasing them. However, if a student purchased their books, they should be exempt of the book rental fee if they can provide concrete evidence that they have that book in their possession.  
We do not need an increase in fees on this. The majority of professors don't even utilize the texts books made for their classes. I have a textbook for one of my classes that isn’t even out of the plastic wrap it came in because the professor never has us use it.  
Buying books is a lot more expensive than renting. I love that we rent books here.  
Book rentals are something that I find extremely helpful and saves me money, so a small increase would not affect me too much.  
Book Rental is a blessing.  
Most classes rarely use the textbook anyways. Especially in CoB. Why not systematically reduce textbook usage so this isn’t as much of a cost?  
As a science student, I will attest that the required books, in fact, get expensive when you need to buy 5 of them at a time. I generally am very militant against the rising cost of the scam,*cough*, I mean books. Very little information is added every two years and we all know that books are expensive because we have to get them from the Mafiosos *cough* *cough* I mean the two companies most science books come from in a public school. But the truth is that as much as I would rather get cheaper books that contain the same essential information not all professors have an efficiently structured class. If paying the extra five bucks means that it will help me in that regard then so be it. The same goes for the computer programs that science students often have to deal with. I would rather pay to use a well-structured program that actually helps me learn by showing me how to do what I did wrong then use a free program that is very primitive.
69. the rental program is an opportunity for students that not many other universities have. I hope to keep this around for future students as it prevents us from going into debt over textbooks.

70. Understand that I need my books and that I'm from a low income family and paying extra for anything is going to make it harder for me to do what I need to do. So raising the prices of books kind of makes it harder for me to go to school no matter if its $4 or $400

71. It is incredible offensive to have us require books then increase the fee to rent them.

72. Can help buy better books

73. I don’t see why it would need to increase so no.

74. This is a great plan IF the book store has the required books. This semester, I received just two books out of the seven required for my classes, the remaining five books I had to purchase and have rush shipping applied in order to participate in class assignments and activities. This increase ONLY makes sense if the book store supplies the students with the books needed for their classes.

75. Much cheaper for students than buying books, but there should be a push to have all course required material through this program. We shouldn’t have to pay for a rental program AND buy books as well.

76. Love the book rental

77. Still cheaper than buying a semester's worth of books

78. I feel like the textbooks don’t have to be super nice, a lot of students don’t even read their textbooks. I think that if students take care of their books everything will be okay.

79. Thankful I don’t have to pay for my books

80. The book rental program is a lot cheaper and easier for students, than having to buy books each term. An increase of $4 seems fair and economically feasible.

81. One of the best benefits of WCU

82. This is fine.

83. We could use that money to buy updates textbooks which all in all we could use.

84. I think it's important to maintain the books.

85. Most classes don't even use the books.

86. The way the books works here saves us a lot of money. I'm okay with this increase because it's a good service.

87. I support programs that help my education.

88. The book rental program is very helpful to students who can't afford buying books. Along with this program many professors still request students to buy extra books for the class and it is hard to afford a higher book rental price when you are expected to buy other books for the class.

89. The rental plan is a blessing itself, books are expensive. A total $8 increase is cheap compared to having to buy all books.

90. Some professors don’t use their books so some books don’t ever get used

91. I have barely opened any textbooks and am doing well in my classes. I dont want to pay more for books I'm not using.

92. Book Rental Program is one of the highlights of Western. Having to buy and try to resell textbooks is a hassle and Western's program takes that burden off our shoulders.
93. We have to buy other things for our classes we shouldn’t have to pay more for books we need
94. The book rental system at WCU has worked very well for me
95. I’ll always support having text book rental included, this is an amazing thing.
96. N/A
97. Why don’t we go to electronic books? If the library can check out electronic copies of books, why not do the same with textbooks? Would save warehouse space and could control the access, making pick-up and book return easier.
98. Not a bad increase.
99. WCU book rentals are one of the best parts about WCU from a financial stand point.
100. This is a fair increase and provides a useful service.
101. I didn’t use a few of the books that were required. THE QUALITY OF THE TEXTBOOKS IS VERY POOR AND NOT WORTH HAVING.
102. I feel like to rent the books shouldn’t be charged anyways. We should only be charged if we don’t bring the books back. I don’t feel like there should be a fee to rent books we can find cheaper online.
103. I have only used my one textbook out of 5 that I have once and it was used look up a definition in class. Many professors aren’t using them because they aren’t up to date.
104. Electronic books
105. “Free” book rentals is one of the primary reasons I attended Western, and enables students to obtain materials without budgeting $500+ a semester like most other schools. This fee increase is slight, and would allow for the rental center to maintain the exceptional quality of the provided texts.
106. It is important to the students at WCU that we are able to rent books, so if we need to pay a little bit more in order to keep that ability, thats fine with me.
107. my books would cost way more so i prefer the rental plan entirely
108. This is a perfectly reasonable increased proposal to accommodate the better quality of textbooks available to students.
109. If you cannot support the number of students accepted, then accept fewer people.
110. i like the book rentals and would be okay paying an extra $4 for the rentals.
111. I’m saving either way because i’m not buying the books
112. We are required to buy books we don’t even use
113. Great program! Saves students a lot of money.
114. Some of my text books and curriculum have seemed outdated, but I am thankful for the price.
115. We tend to not use the textbooks much and use online resources much more.
116. Inflating fees to promote low tuition is not fair to students.
117. Id rather it go up 4 dollars than pay my own books
118. This is reasonable because it is still cheaper than buying/renting books at many other colleges.
119. Not a big increase, and I have been to other schools where they do not have this luxury. One hundred percent agree.
120. N/A
121. Never use my books anyway. I'm in EE
I do not support paying more for book rental through WCU without first increasing the quality of books you are distributing.

Not many people actually use the textbook.

I like not paying for textbooks

Address the issue with availability of books for “special topics/493” classes and I am in support. I had to purchase two books for CJ 493 Missing Persons out of my own money through the bookstore. I think if textbooks are provided for every other class special topics classes should be included as well. If the increase resolves this issue, I am in support.

Whatever the fee increase, it’s cheaper than buying... Please strive to continue this program for future students.

Quality textbooks are necessary so $4 increase seems reasonable

If this meant that there was no other text we had to buy then yes increase. But considering that there have been times that I have had to pay over 300 for a text that wasn’t provided is ridiculous to increase the price if we can’t get the books we need.

The idea that the books are rented makes an increase alright.

$4 more won’t make the books useful

All of the textbooks I have seen have been shiny and newâ€”textbooks are meant to be shared and reused.

It makes logical sense and it’s a wonderful service here.

We do not use the books, please don’t increase.

$4 isn’t much for current up to date text books

for 90 percent of the school year, we don’t even use them.

Books are usually not right for the classes anyway why increase this?

Gotta have books, and since the nursing program can FINALLY rent books, sure.

This is fine. Because it’s actually NECESSARY.

Book rental is good still. I like being able to rent them and not have to spend thousands of dollars on them

Not all professors use their textbooks and even if they do, its not often. Rather than proposing an overall increase, have the option for students to gain text books individually. This lessens the students using books which makes them last longer which saves both students and the university money

I have gotten some really beat up textbooks in the past. This will be a good thing to keep good, usable books in the book store.

It's $4. No biggie.

I like not paying for books!!

If students have to buy extra books on top of this fee then the fee should be low.

I'm very thankful that we have a rental program so whatever it takes to keep it.

The text books available are all over a decade old and are already far too expensive.

You raise this too high and students will get smart and buy their books somewhere else. Be careful

We already pay a decent amount to rent the book in which case most classes do not even use the books.
Most classes end up not using the text books or give online access to text books. Why increase the fee when the students can basically look them up for free.

I think an increase in Book Rental is okay, because the market for books is changing.

I can hardly afford to go to this school as it is with its low price and all of you draining my pockets with added fees. I refuse to allow you to increase them.

This is by far the most acceptable fee. I have friends who pay insane amounts of money just to rent their textbooks, and I have no problem with such a small increase.

No changes should be made.

No. Half the time all the books aren’t available any way.

Half the teachers don’t even use the text book required for the class

Most of the classes don’t even use them

This is ok because getting to rent books instead of buy them is a luxury and still cheaper than purchasing them.

We are binding our own books and they fall apart as of right now

Doesn't matter to me.

Honestly, just start going paperless. Online textbooks is a thing.

the book rental is something that works and I want to pay for stuff that works instead of something that is pointless like some of the above things.

It’s only 4 dollars and it’s for new books. I would rather rent books than buy books

As long as I don't have to buy my books and pay so much for each one separately.

Book rental is a positive incentive for Western Carolina Students.

This is not expensive so I’m ok with it.

Anything to keep us from buying the books on our own.

As long as we don’t have to pay for all the books then we are good.

Eh. As long as I don’t have to pay for actual textbooks I’m down.

Pointless to raise prices for books we wont be using half the time anyway. Money draining and wrong.

I have saved hundreds if not thousands at this point due to being able to rent my books. If they need more to be able to continue this service, then so be it.

half the books the school doesn’t have for classes and if the school does have them there usually isn’t enough for the entire class offered. start rotating books out and use the massive amount of money the school gets from our fee to actually by a new book.

I SUPPORT INCREASE IN BOOK RENTAL FEES BECAUSE THIS IS A WONDERFUL RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS

Many of my classes are being switched to online forms of supplementary reading and textbook reading, so to have a charge increase in textbooks feels like a step backwards from a paperless world. Many times I get a textbook and never open it a whole semester, I do not want to have to pay more for this same issue.

Nooo

The books should be upgraded or bought and offered in better condition.

Teachers don’t normally require the books we are using and you have to buy separate books anyway

Dont even use textbooks

Book rates are way too high!
179. Do we continue to get “free” books? I’m game
180. How often do we plan on replacing broken or over used rental books?
181. I admire WCU's affordable book rental system, but it's only a band-aid on a broken system. That extra $4 better go towards organizing student protests against the hyper-inflation of the textbook industry.
182. Book rentals outside of WCU are crazy and this minor fee for all books is FANTASTIC!
183. The book rental program is awesome because it has saved students thousands on purchasing books. I will gladly contribute to this effort that is helping students to save money while at college.
184. This I can understand and get behind. Maybe increase this, but keep some of the other costs down.
185. students need books.
186. Still cheaper than buying textbooks.
187. I don’t mind the rental fee. It’s a great system that has saved me a fortune.
188. This seems necessary. This fee alone saves quite a lot of book costs, so I am not really upset about this one.
189. this is ok,, but no higher.
190. I had to return one of my books because I dropped a class and added another one. I was not allowed to get a book for the new class without paying for it. The book rental fee did not cover it.
191. This is another ploy to get lost money back. Then when NC Promise is over, these prices won’t drop because that is more money in the university's pocketbook.
192. Already getting ripped off by the so called renting.
193. THIS IS THE ONLY FEE THAT ACTUALLY HELPS ANY OF THE STUDENTS!!
194. It would also be appreciated if some of the more specific majors like nursing had at least some of the books available for rent or that if your major isn't apart of the program you don't have to pay the fee
195. No one reads textbooks anymore why do we need them
196. That's the smallest fee increase I've seen so far. If it helps the textbook program then I am behind it. Why not pull from the athletic fee as well?
197. I wouldn't mind an increase since it isn't that much and the rental is a great concept, but having to essentially pay for books every semester that I never end up having to use is dumb.
198. No.
199. This is a small amount and is okay. Saves me from purchasing all the books I need.
200. The math dosnt even check out here
201. I can't complain because are books are so cheap anyways.
202. Why do I have to pay for books at all? Why don't I just pay a deposit that I get back at the end of the semester?
203. No
204. I like that it will help maintain the quality of the textbooks and its only $4.
205. Books are important in college so it is important to have a good quality in books.
206. I support this because a $4 increase is manageable especially for nicer books. However, not every professor uses these books so some of us are paying for no reason.

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207. Books are expensive and people probably trash them anyway. Though on the other hand I've had several books that I haven't even opened because I either haven't needed to or the professor didn't teach out of them, or I got what I needed in class and didn't need the book. But the books are necessary to some so it's an understandable expense.

208. Y'all just wanna increase everything.. even for just $4? Chiiiiillllll.

209. My professors make me buy my own text books anyways.

210. It is better than any other place I have received textbooks from. So I have no complaints

211. Due to the fact we don't have to buy our books for classes i feel like this wouldn't be an unreasonable request from the students.

212. Book inventory should also be upgraded. I have noticed many of the books are 8-10 years old. This was unheard of at my previous college, we had a new book every year or 2..

213. Would a school-wide online database be an option?

214. We barely use textbooks anyway

215. Most classes I never use the books so I do not support the fee of increasing the cost of books when I already don't use them anyway

216. I don't see why not

217. I have not seen an issue with the quality of books

218. Hell yeah support books being free

219. Western should implement a “free” book rental service like app stare and charge a fair flat fee per semester

220. The school should be able to offer the latest in greatest books on all topics

221. Book rentals are available on Amazon. Students could have that option and avoid the fees.

222. If people aren't smart enough to shop around for the cheapest option, or have to use government grant funds to purchase books, then what does it matter if you are charged more for book rentals.

223. The book rental program at WCU is overpriced. I will not be a patron of this program. And I therefore will not support the rise in fees.

224. Will the student body be able to recuperate the rising costs of attending WCU due to arbitrary fee increases like this one? I assure you, the recuperated fees would be used to "maintain the financial solvency of the student body."

225. The bookstore is overpriced as it is... online book rentals are much cheaper! If you raise your rates further you will simply lose business

226. Books are a hefty cost, to be sure, but the increase should not fall on the students, the university should eat the cost.

227. This is so much better than us having to purchase textbooks. The price is still worth it to me.

228. Indifferent. I use the bookstore infrequently.

229. We are not allowed to rent our books so it is frustrating to have to pay this money.

230. Book rental is cheaper for us in the long run

231. The book rental rate is already so low that a slight increase is still a very reasonable price.
I love the book rental system but I also would like to point out for many of my classes I have had to buy books.

I think that’s fair. I like the book rental program

Half of the classes don’t even use the books we have to rent....

Small charge for book rental. So much better than buying them

How damaged are the books???

I paid over 200 dollars in supplemental text last year for books western is supposed to provide.

If the quality of books is improved, I will continue to support this

Most teachers don’t even use the textbooks

that seems cheap im okay with this i guess

Textbooks tend to be rarely used

four dollars isn’t a big deal

This university reuses textbooks. Why would you possibly need to raise the price? The rental program is the best part of this university, don’t ruin it.

Don't buy textbooks that bundle unnecessary online content. Find ways to circumvent the arbitrary "revised editions" that barely add new material, and only buy new books if they actually provide substantially more material. Remember that students pay the price of the book being selected and not the professor; be mindful of the students' wallets.

it is still cheaper then renting books

The book rental program is one of the best programs at WCU

If the school wants to create a rental book process, it should be optional to participate. If a student doesn’t pay for rentals then they can't get rentals. It’s extremely irritating to be in a major that never has had a book be rentable so I’m not only having to buy the books I need regardless, but I’m also paying a mandatory and expensive fee for rentals that I rarely need. The book store should also be expanding their rental library if they think they deserve to raise these fees.

I know it’s hard to get books on campus now

We don’t even use the books in most of our classes, don’t make us pay more for something we don’t use

I mean yeah thats fair

It is four dollars for books that would otherwise cost me hundreds of dollars

The book rental program is amazing, and a slight increase in fees is perfectly okay.

Books are so expensive, especially for any liberal studies class where we barely use our textbooks. Yes we need these books, especially when we get farther into our majors but they’re already expensive enough.

If it's only a $4 increase to keep the free access of textbooks, then so be it.

I like having the ability to rent text books, but if y’all are going to increase this price, I best be seeing new and improved books and not ones that fall apart at human touch.

I’d prefer not to pay more.

Yes.

It’ll still be cheaper than having to buy books.

I don't support these fee increases for students taking classes exclusively at Biltmore Park, not using these services. As a second-degree seeking student, I have no use of
these services and find it a burden to pay for them. I would request that these fees be waived for ABSN students at Biltmore Park, who have no connection to these services, nor utilization of them.
Proposed Parking Rates

Undergraduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year

1. I understand the money is needed for new parking operations, but $400 is very extreme for parking, especially for freshman who have to walk a mile to get to their vehicles. Either parking should be closer and more available for this price, or the price should be reduced.

2. Freshman parking is too far away and just not worth it.

3. Parking should not be as expensive as it is for the parking to be as horrible it is.

4. Parking is still a problem so until it gets fixed there is no need for an increase.

5. Prices are already outrageous why make it worse?

6. Freshmen should pay the most, a little less for sophomores, then juniors, then seniors.

7. There is no reason why parking should be so expensive. Half the time you can't even find a good parking place anyway and have to walk two miles to your dorm. I've had cars less expensive than the parking pass to keep them on campus for a year.

8. I think that the parking pass should go down some but not a lot but also that there is need for more parking on campus and that the price should not increase especially if we are paying for it out of pocket and not with financial aid.

9. The day that there’s parking spaces for everyone will be the day I support higher parking fees.

10. This is obviously to capitalize on the large upcoming junior class. It's gross and a negative manipulation of the student body. One would hope that these increased parking fees go to more parking.

11. Increase the freshman cost not the upper classmen.

12. Parking is already expensive considering a spot can only be found some of the time, and the parking options are often far from campus.

13. If you are not building parking lots next to all of the residential buildings then no

14. Increase the price of the freshman passes, we have low freshman parking and much demand it’s simple supply and demand. Also commented passes should be more expensive than resident passes because they are able to park in faculty/staff on the weekends.

15. It’s already hard enough to shell out this much money for parking.

16. Parking rates do not need to go up. I already pay $400 to park my car around 25 minutes away from my dorm. If I’m paying that much money just to park one car then I should be getting better parking rates for how far away it is. Also with such LIMITED options to park my car it’s inevitable for parking operations to give tickets boots and barnacles. The school makes PLENTY of money off giving out as many boots, tickets, and barnacles a day. Use that money for what parking needs since parking operations wants to give so many tickets boots and barnacles.

17. Should decrease each year to encourage full time credit hour schedule.

18. You still get parking tickets, so why are we paying all this money for parking when there isn't enough parking spaces to go around already?

19. ARE YOU KIDDING???? PARKING IS SO EXPENSIVE AND NOT ENOUGH FOR IT AS IT IS. And you wanna RAISE IT????.
20. Stop raising prices for parking when there are not enough parking spaces to park and have metered lots that we have to pay for out of pocket.

21. This is ridiculous to raise the parking pass rates when you don't even have enough spaces to hold the amount of passes sold. GET RID OF PAY LOTS, WE ALREADY PAY YOU $400 A YEAR TO PARK.

22. Literally, this parking on campus is terrible. Why do I have to pay $400 a year every year since I have been here? That is ridiculous none the less, THERE ISN'T ENOUGH PARKING. Why are you forcing students to pay so much for parking when we can barely find any on campus as it is?

23. GET BETTER PARKING BOO

24. As someone who lives a few hours away, increasing parking costs only alienates us from seeing our family. This stops us from going places, missing opportunities and keeps us away from our families. My car was gotten for free from a friend. It is the only way I can see my family. If I can't afford to have my car, I won't see my family until major breaks and even then that's a huge strain on my family.

25. There are more and more freshmen coming in. Charge them more than the upperclassmen.

26. NO. WE HAVE FOUGHT PARKING FOR FOREVER. Do not raise our parking prices because the university can't get themselves together to put in what we need. Forget the buildings. They are standing. When Campus PD is writing hundreds of tickets per week because students (and faculty) are parking illegally because we have no parking, that is EXTREMELY unfair. We are not increasing prices for crappy parking. That's ridiculously stupid. Increase it on something useful, and not something that should have been done along time ago.

27. Will the rates for commuter parking be effected?

28. Raising prices for juniors and seniors is like a slap in the face. They've been committed to this school for several years so why make them pay more?

29. Students who have been here longer should get less expensive parking

30. Are you kidding me? The past 2 years I've been here it was impossible to find parking. This year everybody moved off campus and didn't buy parking passes because you raised the prices. There are empty spots all across campus and we no longer need a parking deck. I am a senior this year and I paid $280 to park. I paid $252 the last 2 years. Please explain to me how I had to pay MORE my senior year rather than less? You know what would have solved the parking problem completely? Banning freshman from parking anywhere on campus except for the overflow lot across the street behind that gas station.

31. DECREASE ALL FEES. We should not have to pay money to PARK on a campus we already pay everything for. STOP BEING GREEDY. There is no reason we need to pay more than $50 for parking per year.

32. If anyone needs to pay more it should be freshmen and sophomores not juniors and seniors

33. Parking. Sucks. Everyone hates it and now you want to raise the rates? This school is seriously going to be hated after changing the meal plans and increasing the cost to park your car like 6 miles away
34. Raise the Freshman and Sophomore. Why would you charge the Juniors and Seniors.
35. Rates should stay as they are rather than increasing. Students can’t afford this.
36. Our parking passes cost almost as much as tuition and you may not even have a spot because give us money
37. If the proposed parking deck I’ve been hearing about since the start of the 2018-2019 school year was actually under construction, I would be supportive. There is no reason to raise parking ticket costs when the "parking deck" is not being built. It is too difficult to obtain a parking spot relatively near one's dorm as is, there’s little reason to increase costs for out of the way parking.
38. They should all be less than 400
39. For the minimal amount of parking and large distance from the lots to dorms this fee needs to be worked on.
40. There is no need to raise the price we already pay way more than most colleges. And the parking availability is not great and the parking services operations give out tickets when you are unloading your car with your flashers on so they are already making extra money.
41. I don’t agree in raising the price of parking at this University. It is incredibly high already to simply park our car and residents are not even allowed in all of the lots. If anything, I would say it would be beneficial to make a parking deck for either commuter or resident students so that students don't have issues with parking and they can get to their class on time.
42. Assigning a parking spot would be a much better choice
43. Parking is already expensive and there is barely enough parking as it is.
44. People expect to pay less for parking for each year that they advance since that is the way it as been you are taking that away and since there really haven’t been that many improvements to parking I don’t think it's fair for students to have to pay more just to have to park further away due to lack of spaces.
45. Being here multiple years should be rewarded by having decreased amount of charge each year you are here.
46. Junior rates are supposed to stay cheaper.
47. If a parking pass is going to be $400 we need more parking, and we as students need faculty to NOT park tractors or construction machines in our parking spots as there is a tractor currently parked in the Norton lot infront of the bookstore.
48. Upper classmen have been waiting for the parking pass decrease and it would be unfair to raise the prices.
49. There is not near enough parking area to be charging $400 for a parking pass.
50. No
51. The amount of money paying to the unequal amount of parking is not justifiable. Make freshman’s not have cars or make us a prestigious small school and not make us an overcrowded school trying to be big.
52. There should not be an increase. Parking is expensive as it is. If more parking are needed than limit Freshman parking, do not increase cost.
53. I can hardly afford to go to this school as it is with its low price and all of you draining my pockets with added fees. I refuse to allow you to increase them.
I think my only problem with this proposal is my confusion. Are there "no effective change in their rates for the next academic year" or will seniors and juniors be paying an increased fee? If the latter is the case, I would not be supportive because I don’t think it’s fair for upperclassman to pay for something (the parking deck) that they won’t be able to take advantage of for as long (or at all) as freshmen and sophomores. Additionally, would the parking deck be exclusively a commuter lot or would it be for all students? It doesn’t make sense for the parking deck to be only for commuters because the North Baseball lot does not fill up to an extent where we would need such an extensive and expensive solution.

No changes should be made.

I don’t like this the upper class should be rewarded better parking and better prices. I also believe that when freshmen who have enough credits to be a sophomore should not be able to get a resident pass until they attended school for a whole year. Not many students leave or graduate after fall semester which brings an increase to resident parking last year made it very hard for residents to get a parking spot.

Upperclassmen campus residents should not be paying the same price for a parking pass as they did two years before.

Junior parking shouldn’t go up because we have already dealt with the crazy prices for two years usually the older you get the price decrease parking is horrible it has no reason to go up. There is already no where to park why would I pay more for the same bad conditions.

U get so much from the bs parking tickets that u can’t dispute as it is fuck no

I don’t even see why having a car here should cost that much in general.

I think parking is already too much. With limited parking available and other universities with cheap parking, it doesn’t not seem reasonable to only increase junior and senior prices. Not all of the prices should be increased- only a limited amount should be.

Add more parking for the students and then we’ll see

Way too expensive in the first place. These should be way lower. It’s just parking. Give us a gravel lot that’s close by we don’t care about how the lots look. Just. Make. It. Cheaper. And who would this new parking deck be supporting?

I already think it’s absurd that underclassmen have to pay more for worse parking, so I’m not a big fan the prices already. Increasing them isn’t ok, even with residential parking a lot of students still have to park across campus because the lots are full. Paying that much for parking that’s not guaranteed to be available isn’t ok.

REALLY??

Being a sophomore I had to pay the exact cost for the parking pass last year as I did this year. When previously as you increased in year the cost did not increase. But if you guys increase this cost, I will be paying the same exact things rather then the normal decrease in rate

You’re increasing our parking fees when you have shit parking to begin with. When I first started going here, I was so excited that the parking fee would decrease each year, every year I moved up a grade but that keeps fucking changing and I keep having to pay
400 fucking dollars just to "try" to park on campus. I will have paid $900 in fees starting next year just for parking. You're supposed to reward your students for the more time they spend here, not increase the fees for the limited parking you have.

69. If you are going to charge a lot of money at least give us more parking
70. If you add more parking spaces
71. Charge freshman more to discourage parking on campus for the first year
72. There is not even enough parking spaces for each student on campus. Raising the price for parking permits does not stop students from driving, because it could be mandatory for some students. Some students work off campus. Knowing that you pay more to get a driving permit just to know you will park far and have to walk to your dorm is not necessary.
73. WCU makes its money off of parking and it is ridiculous. If I pay 400 dollars to park, I should be able to park anywhere
74. If more parking will be provided
75. Don't place higher charges on the juniors and seniors, if anything charge more for freshman and sophomores because they have a higher chance of living on campus.
76. I have paid for my parking pass each year since freshman year. It is not fair to increase ethos fee for juniors and seniors.
77. PARKING IS A PROBLEM!!! STOP OVERSELLING PASSES!!!
78. Parking should decrease by at least $50 a year.
79. Parking is already a bad situation on campus. Fees are outrageous as is, and the speed and efficiency in making parking options better is not up to standard for what I pay. To be okay with these proposed increases, parking options would have to improve dramatically.
80. I HAVE TO PAY 400 NOW! IF MY RATES ARE GOING TO INCREASE FOR PARKING THEN FRESHMAN PARKING NEEDS TO BE CUT! IT IS NOT RIGHT THAT PARKING IS THE SAME!! WHEN I TOURED IT WAS SAID THAT EVERY YEAR IT GOES DOWN WITH FRESHAMN BEING THE MOST!! IF YOU KEEP RAISING THE PARKING RATES THAT MAKES YOU ALL A BUNCH OF LIARS TO THOSE OF US WHO WERE TOLD THAT!!!
81. Fix the damn parking before you raise the damn prices. Why should I have to pay more money for very little bullshit parking.
82. Encourage more sustainable forms of transportation in congruence with the increase in parking fees.
   Ex. (Cycling, scooters, skateboards, etc.)
83. You have raised it higher each year I've been here. Just no. You are killing us with these prices.
84. Personally I do not park. However, if it helps to solve parking stress on campus, I'm for it.
85. When is the parking deck being built? Have we been told about that? Again. I’m paying for something I most likely won’t be able to use.
86. I believe that these parking rates would only be worth it if there was parking available on the campus. With the addition of the new lot by Juduculla, resident parking has improved. I believe that if the university was to remove freshman parking and assign lots to specific resident halls it would work a lot better. Especially since the new Scott
and Walker replacements will remove one lot of resident parking causing students to have to find alternate lots.

87. There needs to be more parking.
88. Parking is definitely an issue on campus and WCU is definitely doing what it can to help the problem. But the rising costs are quite frustrating for those who may have difficulty getting $400 together and would be stranded on campus without a car.
89. Parking already sucks don’t raise the price on it
90. the parking garage was supposed to start getting built in the winter of 2018. its been a year and still hasn't happened. the school charges a car ton for parking and over sells parking passes so there isn't even enough spots for students to park. the tickets that the parking services hand out are extremely expensive and half the time fall through because the ticket wasn't supposed to be written in the first place. the 2 new parking lots are great but the student population is growing at such a high speed the school cant keep up. so instead of focusing on money maybe try and focus on our education for the ones that can actually fit in the school without over populating the area.
91. If it were true that if your grades are improving the fees are not increased, I am fine with this. It is a good incentive for good academics. On the other hand, I still find myself looking for parking late at night and I do not want to be forced to use a parking deck so far away from my housing it is dangerous to get from the parking deck to my house.
92. No, should stay the same because the cost already went up for sophomores last year, and now juniors like seriously. No
93. The charge for parking is already extremely high. I have to have a car to get home I live six hours away. I would like to have my car, but if it cost more than probably will make it more difficult for me to own a parking pass and be able to travel home and actually have time with my friends and family back home.
94. Charge Freshman and motorcycles more
95. Juniors and Seniors get higher priority to on campus parking and a lower rate. They are more likely to commute and therefore need parking. If an increase on parking increases it needs to happen to freshman and sophomores who have a less dire need for on campus parking.
96. i do not have a car, I have no opinion on this
97. These prices are unnecessarily high, especially for parking my car across the highway at exxon, which is 20 minutes away.
98. Yo!!!!!! What the fuck
99. Parking already cost enough for what we are provided. Parking is hard, even just travel around campus is over crowded. The lots need to be fixed and repaved for use, prior to building a deck that won't even be used for a storage of a car for a long period of time. Think about the driving terrain of some of the lots, would you wanna drive over that same indodgable pot hole every day? Tires are a lot of money and so is an alignment. Think about the care that people have to put into their car already, no one wants the addition of more fees because they already have to fix something else that could have been prevented with well taken care of roads.
100. Parking sucks no matter what here. Commuters should have more parking rights, as they do not have a dorm keep their car parked at, and residential students should be able to walk to all their classes or take the cat-tran.

101. I am supportive if it will actually go towards a parking deck that future students will be able to use. If it goes to something else or ends up just sitting somewhere for a long time then I do not support the idea of the University taking even more money.

102. These rates seem appropriate as they are to help provide better parking services on campus!

103. If you increase parking cost at least have decent parking options for ALL residence halls.

104. Why is it that the weekly rate is cheaper than the yearly rate. Like a year of weakly parking is $10 cheaper than the Junior parking. That even includes parking over the summer. Parking deck construction has not even began so where is the money going?

105. I remember taking a tour and the tour guide describing the fact that parking rates got cheaper over the years one went to the university. Super cool how we're gonna be the one's paying for this parking deck but will never be able to use it.

106. Why increase the rate for the upper class instead of the lower class, I understand that we aren't other colleges but the situation should be reversed or if you still want that kinda fee then up the commuter parking passes/the pay per parking spots

107. Honestly? This is just dumb. It is very obvious that you guys are making a way bigger profit off this instead of actually putting it towards a parking deck.

108. I'd rather have an extra 76 dollars in my pocket than a "parking deck".

109. This makes no sense to me. Why raise the fees for Juniors and Seniors? Just to juice a few more dollars out of parking fees? This seems like a silly cash grab. If you need to raise the fees raise them evenly for everyone and don't just raise them for juniors and seniors who have been dedicated to this school for years.

110. Look, we have to live here. Why are you charging us for a parking spot? Seriously, we pay to live and got to school here. Not to park here for almost a $1000.

111. If parking services would stop writing tickets for non legitimate reasons than this would save money for the budget and stop them from sitting in parking lots doing nothing but on their phone then maybe it would be worth it

112. A parking deck is a good idea.

113. I've been paying over $300 ever since I started western and I would think the upperclassman would get to pay less but I guess not.

114. Until you fix the parking crisis, you have no right to change the rates.

115. Even with a parking deck coming in, this is not supportive of the Junior Senior level students who are having rates go up when they will not even be here to use said parking deck upon construction.

116. I feel like the parking expenses are already too high as it is to not even have good parking.

117. I get that the parking rates need to be increased so you can build more parking but why should only seniors get cheaper parking

118. My parking pass has increased every year that I have been here. I have paid the same the year I came here, this year, and next year. I see this as just another hidden "debt fee" that the university has decided to tag onto parking passes.
your are stealing money from juniors and seniors who will never use that parking deck. why not the staff take a salary cut instead

We've had to pay for the car, car insurance now we have to pay to park the car. Give us a break we are not employed yet.

Parking most definitely should NOT go up when there is more students at this university than parking. If you're going to raise parking prices, give us a parking deck! Parking is a joke at wcu. Freshmen shouldn’t be allowed to have cars on campus.

Parking is not enforced very well as it is. The 15 minute parking spaces are always taken up for more than 15 minutes. Especially behind Balsam Residence Hall because people will park in the 15 minute, which needs to be open for people that live in Balsam and actually have groceries, bags, and materials to unpack, and go get food at courtyard and take 30 minutes or more to get food and eat it.

One of the perks as that each year parking gets cheaper not is the same flat ridiculous rate.

YOU HAVE TO BE KIDDING ME I HAVE BEEN PAYING $400 FOR THE PAST 2 YEARS AND YOU ARE INCREASING THE PRICE OF THE JUNIOR PASSES SO NOW I NEED TO PAY $400 AGAIN WHEN IS MY PARKING PASS PRICE GOING TO BE DROPPED??? THIS IS ABSOLUTELY CRAZY

Why would u do this dont act like it cost any more money u get more then enough money off of bull crap tickets u money hungry pigs

Yes we need better parking options but it would be nice for parking expenses to drop each time you renew your pass

Man my fee for resident parking is already out the wahoo but if it's not going to increase as long as my grades are good then maybe I'm supportive

The school only needs to sell passes for the space they physically HAVE, Not over sell.

There is not even enough parking. The parking is terrible, so I do not believe we should increase these prices for any year AT ALL

Would appreciate the break in fee cost for student status.

I get that there is current construction going on for parking, but having to pay for something I'll never get to use is dumb. Maybe increase prices for upcoming classes since they will actually get to use it.

The point as you stay here longer is for parking fee to go down why would you make people made when you have already added more parking and then bumping up the price again after this year thats just crazy to me. No happy with this at all.

Use the money from parking tickets to build a parking garage, don’t charge more. Or if not that, stop giving parking tickets when we already payed $400...

Upperclassmen deserve the discount they have paid enough

I can't even afford to park on campus as it is right now. Raising the rates would not be beneficial for the students who are barely scraping up enough money to come here.

BUILD THE DAMN PARKING DECK ALREADY AND GET RID OF FRESHMAN PARKING!

If you actually build parking with it.

Parking here is atrocious and whoever is in charge of planning should be ashamed

Parking is one of the most expensive fees and raising the cost is hard on students that work. Especially freshman students who can’t get to their car if it’s across campus.
Parking is terriable
Why are you increasing it for upperclassmen only? Not fair
It is downright ridiculous for a junior to pay the same price for a parking pass as a freshmen does.
I am not supportive of this because the cost of the pass is already not worth it because you cannot park near any academic buildings unless you have the funds to pay for a meter spot every single day.
No
If we are going to increase parking rates their needs to be an increase in parking spots.
STOP RAISING PRICES ON PARKING WHEN YOU ARENT ADDING ANY MORE SPOTS
I like that it would cover the costs for the new parking deck, which would help a lot, and I like that the rates would not increase if the student is academically progressing.
Many students own cars and paying such high fees is too much when we don't even have a job or time to work. We have to take loans out for everything that is being paid for.
I support this since I guess it won't be affecting me?
Most freshmen don't even need a car for any reason. As you get more involved with your majors, you need a car for clinicals or internships. Why would you increase the already hefty price of parking for kids that need cars and not for kids who don't need cars
Parking is already expensive as it is and it's becoming difficult to pay it off every year it increases.
Don't raise this, parking sucks either way and you charging for so much when there is not a guaranteed parking spot is ludicrous
I am about to become a junior and I have been looking forward to the decreased rate of parking passes as the years go on. I would not appreciate that being changed right before I was going to benefit from it.
If I'm paying more for parking, I better be able to get a parking spot.
Raise lower class men parking rates instead of upperclassmen. I don't want to pay $200 again as a junior for bad parking spots.
Each year these few should go down, but instead for three years I am other will be paying 400 to park and sometimes the parking isn’t even that good and on top of that you can back in with paying for an extra license plate on the from. Kinda getting a little out of hand.
Why can’t the freshman just not bring their cars and the price of parking can go down because their is already going to be limited parking due to construction around campus
Why are you making them all the same price? What’s the advantage to being upperclassmen now?
I find it ridiculous that as a junior next year with this plan i will be paying the same amount of money as freshman and sophomores to park. The current plan is way to expensive anyways but increasing the prices is just going to make it even worse. I understand that this is to help pay for the new parking deck BUT as a sophomore this year i probably wont even be able to use the parking deck so why am i going to pay extra for no reason.
160. What about parking lots is increasing the cost to the college? Parking lots are not maintained every year, so there should be plenty of revenue along with parking tickets to structure a sustainable parking lot fund.

161. There needs to be more parking and the school makes enough money as it is.

162. A parking deck is a much needed addition.

163. Way too expensive for upperclassmen especially when parking isn't even promised. I know what the money is going towards but parking is ridiculous, why not cut the budget from something else to go towards the new project

164. Why isn't the raise more even for Juniors and Seniors?

165. I don't like the fact that students have to pay to park at a school they pay to go to in the first place.

166. I don't think juniors should have to pay the same as freshman and sophomores, they should get a lower rate since they have been around longer.

167. What class of students are going to be able to use the parking deck? (For example, resident, commuters, etc?)

168. Why are the upperclassmen parking prices going up when they've been paying the longest out of each graduation year

169. There is already a lack of parking spaces for students. If this were not an issue I would be all for it.

170. Parking sucks on campus already

171. It's crazy to pay this much in general, guarantee the parking deck is going to be on the edge of campus- so be no real help with the parking issue.

172. There is no places to park anyways I can never find a spot

173. The parking situation is already ridiculous there is no reason to increase the price to park

174. there is a hierarchy that should be honored. freshman should pay more than sophomores or juniors. a flat rate is annoying.

175. Why is the majority of the burden being placed on residential juniors with no increase to freshman and sophomore fees? Freshman are required to live on campus, juniors and seniors are not. That doesn't seem logical to me. Why not spread the financial burden to other years as well instead of concentrating it on just the upperclassmen. Yes a 400 fee is nice to look at, but at every college I've ever seen, the parking permit rates decrease each year instead of remaining flat until senior year. Especially because the people who will be financing the new parking deck will likely never see it.

176. Stop charging so much for parking, it's mad expensive and our parking situation now isn't even good

177. Raising the parking passes will only cause more students to find off-campus housing and one thing to keep in mind is the fact that those who transfer credits from high school should be rewarded with a cheaper parking pass.

178. I already had to pay $400 dollars a semester for a parking pass and now I'm going to have to pay it again. Is there no advantage to being an upperclassmen anymore?

179. When is this parking deck ever going to be built? As the student becomes more invested in campus, the campus should become cheaper as the campus is aware that students will keep attending the university and keep paying. The perks of being an
upperclassman, parking already is just a difference of being a freshman vs all upperclassman, but if you do it this way then it just becomes there is no recognition of that persons achievement within the campus credit structure.

180. Absolutely not, parking prices are already outrageous and you barely have places to park as is. Ridiculous
181. The parking rates are already enough.
182. I know there is no increase for me but I cannot afford to bring my car up here because of the high prices
183. I don’t drive
184. Fucking stop making people pay fucking 400 dollars to bring their cars. Fucking make way more parking and drop those God damn stupid fucking rates. Every other college I’ve seen has rates that are around 150$ or lower so western PLEASE. FUCKING. STOP.
185. It is absolutely ridiculous to expect college students to pay $400 a year for parking. Furthermore, having freshman, sophomores, and juniors paying the same price undermines the idea that you should be rewarded for staying in school longer.
186. Why would you only increase junior and senior? A big reason I liked WCU at first was that parking would get cheaper every year I was here.
187. Parking is extremely too expensive already. I should NOT have to pay $400 for my car to sit between 2 lines.
188. I’m already paying $400 a year for a parking permit and most of the time I can’t even park by my dorm (I have resident parking). I’m not supportive of having to pay more money to still not be able to park near my dorm.
189. You guys get enough payment from all of the parking tickets you hand out.
190. Parking fees need to stop going up unless they are going to open more parking lots for ALL students. Faculty/Staff and commuters need more lots. The new lot for residents is much appreciated though.
191. Parking is already really expensive.
192. Why pay for a parking pass when all your lots are metered? Either raise the fees and get rid of meters. Or use the meters and get rid of fees. Both is inhumane to students
193. I believe that a parking place should just be a parking place. This school puts so much money into giving the police new license plate readers and other things that almost every student who is a Senior can tell you they have received a false parking ticket at one point. No I do not believe they should get more funding considering how many students they ticket each semester.
194. Parking is hard to find. There better be an added parking lot where we can park.
195. The increase on fees is too much for juniors
196. I don’t get a choice of whether I need my vehicle on campus. I live 400 miles away. If you were to only raise the price for students within a proximity, I’d completely support that. But, I will not support this seeing as i will be a junior next year
197. 1200 dollars in 3 years for a parking pass is ridiculous
198. Parking is far too expensive as is. No one will be willing to pay even more. We NEED a parking deck but that is not on us. We cannot afford these things.
199. I like having the ability to park on campus too, and I know y’all are working on a new parking area, but parking in places where a spot is never - and I mean never -
guaranteed, it does not make much sense to raise price outside for paying for the new parking deck
200. Juniors and seniors have dealt with the more expensive permits for two years previously. They should not be punished with having to pay higher rates. Increasing the junior permit cost to the same as freshman almost seems offensive and disrespectful.
201. The fee for parking should not have to pay that much to park. With gas costs rising and the dues we already pay to the school, this should be lowered and, if anything, increased for freshman and sophomores.
202. Parking is already very expensive as most students would agree
203. With the cost of parking, I feel that we need better parking solutions as well as more benefits. Extreme costs for few spots, plus the expensive parking tickets that may come about is ridiculous.
204. Far too much just for parking, especially if you're a freshman and can only park in certain lots
205. Vehemently NOT supportive of the rise in parking fees. The parking is horrible right now. I can’t afford another $400 parking pass.
206. Parking is ridiculously expensive.
207. We pay way to much for parking already. It’s a relief to get a break when we reach higher grade levels because we are already having to pay for other extras
208. PARKING IS TOO FREAKING MUCH
209. Parking is too crazy for us to pay this much.
210. THERE IS NO WHERE TO PARK ALREADY. I AM NOT PAYING MORE TO PARK WHEN THERE IS NO SPACE. END OF STORY.
211. Get your parking lots in order and make more. And parking operations should not be as hard they are past 5 PM on a weekday.
212. I think it’s ridiculous that upper class men that aren’t seniors don’t get discounts. It was supposed to get cheaper each year. At this rate it’s more beneficial for students to buy motorcycles.
213. There is hardly any parking in general. It's hard to get to your car quickly. If there was a parking area then the fees would be good, but since most have to walk quite far to get to their cars, they don't want to pay that money.

Graduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year
1. I already have to drive to Asheville and back 2-3 times a week for class, now you're going to make the parking passes more expensive? Why make grad students take the brunt of the costs when our tuition is already more expensive than undergrads
Any other feedback on WCU Tuition and Fees?

**Undergraduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year**

1. We are paying enough as it is, we don't need anything else to pay for we are already broke.
2. It’s already extremely expensive for me to do anything on campus. I have to take out loans to be apart of these things.
3. Don’t?? You have so many students coming in???
4. I feel like it’s serving it’s purpose the way it is.
5. Lower them for in-state tuition
6. please stop making it expensive, i’m poor and barely here as is. financial aid doesn’t do enough and it doesn’t help for university to keep raising costs.
7. Whatever you do, please give us a set amount of what we have to pay. Multiple years in a row, I have been required to pay more out of pocket, with notice as short as a week before all money is due. I cannot afford to do this again. Please give me a set amount, not an estimate.
8. If it does not apply to the majority of students it shouldn't increase. I.e. athletic programs. It only supports a percent of the students and honestly we aren't even that good of a team. Over 50% of the people that go to the games leave after the band has played.
9. The biggest feedback is to have more options for students before raising tuition.
10. I really dont like that yall want to take away DB, many people use this on a daily basis. I would prefer to have a plan with more DB and less swipes.
11. Most of the fees i pay go to things I will never use.
12. I already can’t afford to go here. I’m in so much debt and it’s getting more expensive every year. Just because the tuition is $500 now doesn’t make it right for the school to increase prices on everything else. It was cheaper for me to go here before the NC Promise went into affect. Stop draining money from the students. We are all young adults and we are already thousands in debt. Think about your actions. Be kind and have compassion. We as a student population cannot survive like this.
13. Housing on certain residence hall such as Scott, Buchanan, and Walker should go down.
14. Raises are not needed. The school has what it needs if it would locate funds better.
15. If your going to increase parking and dorm fees then we should be allowed to park near our building of where we are staying. It’s crazy how I live in Noble and I have that over flowing freshman lot that is constantly over flowing so there is no where for me to park.
16. No increases please I cant afford to pay more
17. no increase
18. I think it’s still very good. Even if the fees increase, they’re not that much. However I won’t go to Bardo no matter how much emphasis you put on it.
19. Although the NC promise plan does help with paying for tuition, and the school is less expensive than most. We are not getting what we payed for now with certain things. I don’t believe that we should have to pay just to increase it when living on campus won’t change. I also do not want to pay for sports when I do not play a sport, I’m on the
dancing team and we don’t get any funding from the school. I also do not want to pay for Greek Life when I have no interest in joining.

20. While I support the rising cost of something for better upkeep, some changes will not be beneficial. The meal exchange options on campus changed and no longer are a full meal or a decent price. Freshman should pay more than seniors for parking.

21. By using these fees here at WCU I know a lot of students go to community college. We can here for a reason and it was the low cost by upping this student won’t be able to afford it.

22. HOLDS are always unclear, please make description of holds available while also making individual fees clearer.

23. Please keep the NC promise. I know a lot of students can only attend because of it, including myself.

24. STOP TRYING TO RAISE IT. If you do consider in raising the fees, charge the new class. The rest of us signed up for a specific amount.

25. Do not change the other categories just to keep the NC promise. Because in keeping the promise and raising other prices the promise is basically just a look for the college instead of helpful for the students.

26. Raising prices for housing and library use is not help anyone when all I’m paying for is construction noise. If I wanted to hear it I would have stayed in my hometown.

27. As a struggling college student I feel that if they are going to increase fees they should also increase aid they provide to help students who are barely scraping by.

28. Cut them back!

29. Tuition: great.

30. NC promise was a promise of cheaper schooling. Many of these fee increases seek to erase that.

31. We’re broke, stop trying to make us pay more money, I’ll drop out.

32. I believe that the tuition should remain the same rate as it is currently now.

33. Try not to over fee the students. Low tuition means little if you make up the difference with fees and extra charges.

34. Stop raising prices to attend western university. Create more opportunities for the campus to make money in a positive way that opens experiences to students rather than limiting them. I understand the school needs to gain funds for new dorms and to keep up with the student population but limiting poorer students to do it isn’t right.

35. Use our fees better.

36. No.

37. I think that current students should not be affected by the increase in tuition and fees. The current student body should still benefit from the current NC promise. I know that
we are trying to increase the enrollment and bring in more people, but increasing the tuition this way will turn people away or cause people to leave because it will be too expensive and that shouldn't be the way that we bring in more people. I also think that prospective students should be made aware of these proposals so that they can decide before the accept their offer of admission.

38. Stop increasing it
39. You guys had made a mess of parking and it looks like the tradition will continue even after i'm gone. Congratulations on being terrible.
40. keep it cheap. we are broke
41. If you want people to come to your school don’t make it unaffordable for those without the money to pay for it, and be reasonable not ridiculous
42. College is a money-hungry scam
43. I attend this college because it's affordable. Making it more expensive is honestly just deterring me a bit.
44. Fees are too high.
45. Barely acceptable in terms of price.
46. Students that have nothing to do with athletics should not be charged athletic fees. I get that it’s partially a gym fee but charge a gym fee and not other athletic charges that not all students with get their money’s worth for.
47. I came here because of the 500 dollar tuition, and I'm sure alot of other students did too. I feel like you would lose alot of students and potential students if you increase the cost for everything.
48. I came to this school because you reduce the cost of tuition but it is easy to reconsider this school if you are raising the price of everything else to make up the cost. I am very happy with this school so far but its frustrating to see pricing increase in areas that I don't believe need it.
49. Its harder to go to uni if the prices increase
50. I wish to state once more that the main reason I am here and still here at Western Carolina is NC Promise. We live in the richest country in the world. It is absurd that we, citizens of this country, must go into what is increasingly becoming a lifetime of debt in order to keep our feet in the door and our head above water. I IMPLORE the administration of Western Carolina University and their sponsors to vehemently DEFEND NC Promise and by extension the entirety of the student body. I do very much appreciate NC Promise and WCU. I love the area and my professors. I have learned so much in my time here. I have friends here. I am free here. When the time comes that I am to turn the tassel, I will look back on my time at WCU with pride. All of this hinges on you, my dear SGA and DSA. I am proud to be a Catamount. Fight on.
51. Pretty sure that the school was just granted like 1.3 billion dollars for god knows what. Use some of that money.
52. No
53. Its a stupid promise made to hide the ridiculous raise in other unnecessary fees. Just raise the tuition some and take away the fees.
54. WCU has had a record amount of students this semester. With this many students attending the university there should be no reason to increase tuition and fees.
55. Stop fucking raising it. There's no need, and y'all said you wouldn't raise it again when you lowered it.
56. Please don't raise the schools' fees and tuition so much that my loans and FASFA won't cover and I'd have to leave the school that'd really suck.
57. I believe that most of the fee changes and the meal changes are fair, with the exception of the tuition
58. Yes consider changing the athletic fee to optional. Consider having students decide whether or not they want to pay a one time fee for all athletic events or paying for the individual events that they choose to go to.
59. Most of the fees come from over crowding. If we stick to being a small school and being prestigious then we will thrive better and have a lower turnover rate.
60. There should not be an increase in cost because due to NC promise it is harder to get federal aid. Students are already paying a lot, there should not be an increase in cost.
61. I understand you all may be a bit shy of a few bucks, but we as students should not suffer the consequences. We chose this school for its affordability, however if you start shoving new fees down our throats, you will begin to lose students, and this your credibility.
62. As stated earlier, I realize the $500 tuition is low for the university, but the money is more than made up in other mandatory fees. These fees are already a hardship, especially with more than one child attending. An increase (especially if it is in all of these categories) should not occur.
63. Prefer to reduce or maintain pricing than raising
64. This needs to be talked about more.
65. Nothing should change. School is already expensive.
66. Western are gets 10,000 or more out of us I feel like our fees shouldnt increase that makes it harder for students to be able to attend.
67. It’s to expensive for what it’s worth
68. STOP RAISING PRICES!
69. Think about your lower income students before you raise prices for things that just might not need it.
70. The purpose of the NC promise to lower tuition is so that school is affordable. I understand some prices need to be increased, but every year it continues to get higher and less affordable.
71. Parking stuff.
72. I don’t want to spend my money on food prepared in an unclean location/not good food. The cafeteria’s are a real problem to me & I’d like to use meal swipes as exchanges at all Meal exchange locations on campus, otherwise I’d like them all to just be meal swipes. In 2019 and forward. I also am not a fan of paying for so many activities that I don’t get to take part in due Scheduling.
73. The parking deck with cost an average of $20,000 a space to build, that being said if students want to park in the deck let them pay a separate higher cost from those students parking in normal residence spots.
74. Students who are already enrolled should be exempt from the tuition and fee increases. Most students will have to deal with it no matter what because it's not feasible for them to change colleges, so it's not fair to force them to pay more when they have no choice.

75. Don't raise prices, by looking at these prices and as a student that's already struggling it's going have to be a no because of the high prices already, any higher I think the student that are already struggling just to get an education will leave or possibly not enroll. You might not see an issue because maybe yall only target only the people who actually has money to be able to get everything and not worry but from my standpoint it's a no.

76. You guys are legit dumbasses for upping fees when you have no right in doing so when half the shit at this school is shitty. The things that anger me the most is the change in the rooming fees, the meal plan change (extremely mad about this), and the parking fees constantly going up.

77. We pay enough as is, I can barely afford this college only because of the N.C. promise and a few scholarships. The facts that the school wants to increase unnecessary fees is upsetting to say the least.

78. Most of these changes are total crap and severally effect the students at wcu.

79. I was not able to attend the proposals, but I liked how you were able to give us a chance to voice our opinions. I think it is necessary to raise "some" fees because more students are joining the catamount family. But at the same time, raising things that are not necessary would not help students get the best out of college.

80. Stop raising fees and making it ridiculously expensive to be a student.

81. If it is not broke, don't fix it.

82. Yeah, this is ridiculous and simply not fair to students and families.

83. Everything is fine keep it the way it is.

84. No.

85. I don't think it should be increased.

86. You continue to accept more and more students in return creating more revenue. No point to pick at the pockets of the people that have already been here for years.

87. Maybe use a grandfather system for the students that are already enrolled.

88. I came here, expecting to pay what I was promised. I feel betrayed by this proposition. All us students are to you are money bags, you don't actually care. And if you do care, act like it.

89. None.

90. With an increase in fees, but a decrease in tuition, my bill is still exactly the same price and I expected to not be paying $3000 out of pocket a semester.

91. We are told that we are given a NC promise to keep it cheaper for students and their families, but then each year the school wants to raise other prices and then families are fearful of the cost of their child attending when they picked this college for the promise of it being cheaper than others.

92. DO NOT KEEP RASING RATES!! IT WILL REACH A POINT WERE NO ONE CAN AFFORD TO GO TO SCHOOL!!

93. please just keep in mind that we, as students, need this to be as affordable as possible. that is one reason why many of us chose to go here instead of another school.
I feel like there should be a small fee for the library, so that they can keep updating their books or maybe add more studies, if there already isn't a fee for the library.

Like I said before. Build a parking deck or focus on more lots before you add more dorms. WE DON'T HAVE THE PARKING TO SUPPORT MORE PEOPLE. EVEN PROFESSORS ARE HAVING ISSUES.

Terrible idea. Meal Plans a terrible idea.

The tuition and fees are fine how it is. If you want to make money or save money build and keep your buildings in tact.

Don’t higher any of it!

No, however I am concerned that your survey does not have an "Unsure" option and only has support, not support, and no opinion. Maybe I have an opinion that I am unsure of?

Please do not raise the prices up. that's just wrong to people who are the upperclassmen just put a restriction on how many freshmen can come in

Be more apparent of what my money goes to. And be more apparent about why the meal exchanges cover significantly less. Why some restaurants lost a shit ton of options.

No.

I don’t think that WCU should be raising tuition and fees. Many students already struggle to pay what they are paying this year and it would be even worse if there was an increase in price. I am not supportive of the increase at all.

the school is increasing the number of students every year but the services are keeping up with the increase in student size. Stop worrying about how much money is being made and focus on the students education. the school shouldnt continue to increase in size if it can’t support it. overall the student population is increasing which means more money for the school but we never see that money do the students any good.

I appreciate that the students have an opinion on decisions for the improvement of this campus.

The $500 tuition really helps me afford going to Western and allows me to plan furthering my education after my undergraduate degree. If this tuition goes up, it will put stress on my educational career and ultimately make me less likely to give back as an alum to WCU. If I can save money now, I will have more money to give back to my amazing alma-mater later in life!

If WCU raises it increases any amount of tuition and fees I will not be coming here for the next school semester. Its pathetic that there is even a thought of increasing funds. Us college students are worrying about loans, scholarships, affordability of college, and academic performance. Increasing the funds would just ruin and I will NOT stand for it.

Raising fees causes students that are already struggling to have a harder time. We should not have to throw ourselves in higher debt just for an education. We were promised the amount that we already pay without a raise on cost and WCU should stick by this promise.

The college does not need to raise tuition or fees because they already receive enough money. Their students come here due to a lack of money. Let the students be successful so they can better their own life situations.
110. Keep it the way it is if not your rude. Obviously you don’t care about our education. Thanks.

111. Some fees I can understand and be happy to pay, however, other fees such as the "Student Recreation Center Debt Service," "Athletic Facility Debt Service," "Athletics," "University Center Debt Service," I do not understand the need for students to pay them. The athletic aspect of WCU is made to seem more important and of top priority. As understandable as it is that some students receive scholarships based on their academic performance, they should not be getting more funding than any other department such as arts, etc. As well as the fact that not every student attending WCU is a fan of sports and would much rather see improvements in other departments or services offered in WCU. The debt helping fees I have mixed feelings due to the fact that we, as students who struggle to pay tuition and even have to take out loans for years, have little money.

112. Shouldn’t charge for sports anyway, we’re bad at them.

113. Please do not change the meal plans to the proposed new plans.

114. Upgrading meal plans and housing is the most I disagree with because this unfair to students. A lot of students work just to find housing that is safe and quiet along with cheap just to live in. Changing this is not good due to a majority of students already living in poverty. Changing meal plans and getting rid of exchange meals is a bad idea because most students don’t make it through the semester without exchange meals to help them eat. Also, increasing the cost of dining decreases the students opportunities and availability of food. It will also increase students starvation rates leaving the cost to high for students to pay to eat or willing to eat during a semester. We have a already high rate of students not able to eat because of cost or classes leaving many not able to eat healthy for weeks or semesters. So keep the meal plan the same to resolve this problem or making it worse for students.

115. Think of the students

116. What happened to saving money? Getting the most bang for our buck?

There was not much of a difference in cost when we moved over to $500 tuition. All the extra money that was in tuition prior to the switch just moved over to fees. There need to be some big changes to WCU for all the money that is going in and not getting much in-return. If they increase tuition and fees they should increase student workers pay and salaries.

117. When fees are continuously added to, it starts to demean the benefits of NC Promise. Many people are here because affordability is a major concern... seeing rising prices that aren’t 100% necessary is extremely scary and even detrimental to our success, as it may hold back the lower class from getting our degrees we are working so hard to get. I feel like there could be a lot less campus activities and school wide mandatory payments for fraternities and sororities and other organizations, as many of us can’t even afford to do those things for ourselves but are still struggling having to help other people be able to enjoy them. Campus organizations should be in charge of their own fundraising, working for what you have builds character and gives you appreciation for what you have and doesn’t put your burdens on people who genuinely can not handle them.
118. Keep it 500 for tuition. Or people will change colleges and you will lose more revenue.
119. Remember when tuition went down but fees went up and we’re back where we started? We do
120. You better keep your student worker wages consistent with the inflation.
121. Y’all are doing a phenomenal job!
122. Please don’t increase anything.
123. If there was an increase in tuition next year, I would not be supporting that
124. Completely against it for the most part. They should be optional for certain expenses like the athletic fee, the CRC etc.
125. N/A
126. Increase of fees can will affect many students, especially those who get no help from parents and who get very little in financial aid. I fall under these categories and I am attempting to not take out as many loans so I won’t be in TOO much debt. I want to continue my education but with rising fees, I may have to eventually take some time off which is not what I want to do. Every penny makes a difference.
127. If you actually want to get student opinion make it a well-known meeting with said information on facebook and other platforms. The way you are currently doing it makes it seem like you are trying to trick us. Secondly, you need to start showing proof of what you are spending money on. Just telling us isn’t cutting it anymore. Lastly, the students should have more of a voice in the matter with some form of open mic concerns with the rising costs of the school and when to stop them.
128. Don’t force me to support sports when I participate in literally none of them as an academically focused person.
Also fix the cafeteria food quality before you try to place more focus on students eating there.
129. Good job everyone. You guys did a great job over there. Lets bring attention to this wonderful new plan that’ll drop tuition to only 500 a semester. But lets not tell them that we’re going to raise all the additional fees and make the NC Promise plan, less and less obsolete.
130. To quote my first comment, the North Carolina State Continuation states in article IX section nine "The General Assembly shall provide that the benefits of The University of North Carolina and other public institutions of higher education, as far as practicable, be extended to the people of the State free of expense." I feel as if many of these fees are ways of making up for our lower tuition when they don't necessarily need to be made. If you're going to offer these fees I feel like there needs to be more FASFA offered for those of us who can't afford all of these fee changes.
131. You should only charge students for their tuition, living, and food. There are some other things like books that I know we should pay for. But seriously? You're using us to pay for more buildings and renovations? For parking? Keep using students and they won't speak well of you when they graduate. I certainly won't recommend this place to go to. I love the program, I love the people here. But no, I won't tell people just about the "$500" tuition. That is all a lie.
132. Obviously, any student is not going to be happy upon hearing that their tuition charges are going up. This survey did do well at explaining why these increases are taking place and where that extra money will go.

133. I think you guys are missing the point. Most people come here because it’s the only college they could afford to attend and yet you keep increasing the fees which makes it increasingly difficult to afford to come here. I feel like Western doesn’t even care about these opinions and the proposals are just going to go through anyways, even if the majority ruled they were unsupportive of it. I don’t think that certain fees should be a burden on everyone because not everyone uses it or can even afford it. Start charging students to attend the games and take away the athletic fees. Charge people for the museum instead of adding a fee. LOWER your parking fees since you have yet to fix the parking crisis. Make clubs and organizations use fundraising systems. I’m so tired of paying for every aspect of this school when I can’t afford it and don’t use it.

134. Its already so expensive to live on campus, focus on fixing things that need fixed instead of making new things

135. It is already very expensive to attend this school and with the added fee's it could possibly affect if I can afford to stay here or not and I am sure I am not the only student that feels this way.

136. PARKING TICKETS ARE A SCAM!!!!!!!!!

137. fee's are too expensive, I am really considering to transfer to Appalachian state university because the fee's are too much and don't make the nc-promise thing worth it.

138. NC Promise makes up the difference in pay that you lose. Why overcharge everything else? It's beginning to get ridiculous.

139. I appreciate that this university is very affordable in comparison to many other of my options and I absolutely love WCU. However, I wish the university would stop promoting the $500 tuition when much of the tuition was simply moved into miscellaneous fees, it is not quite honest although I am aware people could just look it up on the WCU Tuition and Fees page. The university is constantly expanding building projects, services, etc. for many things that are not absolutely necessary, just luxuries used to promote the school's desirability rather than prioritizing the academic standing of the school.

140. you should hold less events on campus to save money.... they suck anyway. tear down old building and sell scraps (scott/ walker) . salary cuts for professors with a pass rate under 60% stop punishing the students who have no money as it is.

141. Do not increase costs!

142. Many students decided to attend WCU because of the low cost with all of these increases we might as well consider other universities.

143. Make the fees worth while and don’t waste the money on stupid junk

144. meal plans should not be so expensive

145. I realize that NC Promise cut into the vast amount of money that is pumped through the university, but that is not an excuse to make everything else higher to compensate.

146. Hey, Students! How do you feel about us raising prices? No need to worry; You can just borrow the money now, and pay it back later! Now THAT is a no brainer!

147. none

148. N/A
149. I do not think that many students are going to be supporting an initiative that will increase how much they are going to pay.
150. Please only charge people for the activities they take part in. Not every single student should be obligated to pay for the football team when they don't have time to go to the games and stop giving away free useless crap that nobody needs.
151. Many of the fees don't apply to everyone so it would be nice to not have to pay for what we aren't using as well as not have our fees continue to increase without seeing much change.
152. n/a
153. I'm somewhat angry that college would be affordable for more people if all of those fees weren't added to the base tuition fee. There has to be a better way to collect that money.
154. Quit raising the price most if the students are poor and don't have the money of money is an issue quit funding programs like Ica and the Crc because not every student gets to use them but every student has to pay for them.
155. Why has my tuition not gone down when it was promised it would? That's bullshit.
156. Stop increasing fees! THERE IS NO POINT.
157. Keep the fees the way they are.
158. I think most things should stay the same. Increasing prices for parking pass for upperclassmen and increasing resident hall rooming is ridiculous because I already think both are outrageous. Stop adding money to things just to get money out of the students. We are at western because we are broke and by adding stuff like this will make it even harder for students to return if they are already pushing it now.
159. I will leave Western Carolina for another school if the tuition and fees increase.
160. I am satisfied with the fees currently. I would hate to see fees go up in price.
161. Build parking garage. Stop giving parking tickets. Give less meal swipes. Don't charge for what we don't use.
162. Ditch the useless charges.
163. Do not raise the fees can already barely afford it.
164. If there is anything that fees should go to, it should be building more parking spots. The parking is terrible on campus and leaves people without spots for hours depending on what time they are looking for spots.
165. The NC Promise program is a scam. I'm paying the same amount of money as I would had the program not gone in effect.
166. I'm already paying enough why charge me more.
167. Wcu tuition and fees are causing people like me and my friends to have to completely drop out of college and not be able to complete something that we started to make a better life’s for ourselves because we simply can’t afford it.
168. Don’t increase.
169. No.
170. I don't think Tuition and Fees should be raised at all. It is already expensive enough to come here.
171. Please no.
172. It’s ridiculous that you continue to raise prices for things. Making other essentials more expensive just to accommodate for the $500 tuition. If my room costs $6,000 a year is it really worth it to decrease tuition???

173. None

174. Tuition should remain as it is because most students are not able to afford college and we have to take loans out to pay for school. This only leaves the students with debt after graduation.

175. no increases

176. The university already makes enough money, stop making fees so expensive to the point where people can’t get an education for their dream jobs and stuck working at dead end jobs for the rest of their lives.

177. you need to reallocate where your funds are going because if you did this right then you wouldn't need to raise anything.

178. Nothing in particular

179. We are in debt enough. Stop!

180. Stop trying to squeeze money out of us. You would have enough if you didn’t spend it on dumb stuff. Maybe take away freshman parking in general to open up more parking for upperclassmen and fix the parking shortage.

181. In my opinion i don’t think additional fees is a good idea because wcu student population is excelling. When undergraduate students are applying to come to school here the first thing they look for is the money. I think an increase in the dollar amount will hurt the school more then just keeping it and having a bigger population of students.

182. I chose to come to Western because it was affordable for myself and my family and the rates are raising every year which is really disappointing and, is now making college difficult to afford.

183. These are going to be some pretty hefty increases when you add them all all together. Sure tuition is 500 but it’s getting made up for in every other area.

184. Please don’t increase tuition. I enjoy coming here but I don’t have much money.

185. Keep them as is. They’re already extremely expensive when most students don't utilize every thing that comes with the fees.

186. Keep it how it is. It’s already expensive enough

187. Stop raising the fees to ridiculous numbers to make up for the money you're losing with the NC promise. This is making it harder for the people who chose to come to this school because they didn't have money to go to a big university.

188. Increasing WCU tuition and fees will have me reconsider my education here because it'll become too expensive for me to afford it even with the help of financial and scholarships. Talking to my classmates about it they also agree that it's something they'll have to reconsider because NC Promise is what makes this school affordable for a lot of us. Besides the amazing staff and help when it comes to tuition and fees students will always try to save up money by moving to where they can get the most help economically.

189. I think this is crazy to be honest.
190. Cost of attending college has continually risen year after year, I noticed that the chancellor has an annual salary that rivals that of POTUS. Being "free" with money like this also makes me question what other areas and bleeding money that could easily be remedied. Instead of colleges being ran like a business, the focus should instead be on educating society (as many as possible) and not making it more difficult and more expensive for people to attend. This philosophy would help us all, as a whole, instead of increasing student debt burden and eventually creating a student loan crisis, a crisis in which everyone loses.

191. The university makes enough money as it is, there is no reason to be greedy and continue to ask for more as it will make it so future students will not want to attend.

192. This is too much and the reasons don't make much sense for the students as a whole.

193. This school is not nice enough to cost as much as it does. How about you do something about CAPs instead of sports.

194. N/A

195. N/A

196. All I will say is, every penny adds up. And the more increases in fees and tuition the harder it is on people who chose to come here because it was affordable.

Some students pay for their own schooling and every single dollar is extremely important.

Fees should only increase if ABSOLUTELY necessary.

197. If you need to fix anything fix the courtyard cafeteria.

198. Some things I don't get why we pay for sometimes. Like online classes over the summer. I took one this year at my house but still had to pay for transportation fees & security fees for on campus when I wasn’t there. It was crazy to pay for things I definitely wouldn’t be using.

199. It makes sense to increase some fees.

200. We don't need to raise the price, college is already expensive, i see as it looks like its for a good cause but the money can be obtained otherwise if its that important

201. It is bearable now but increasing the price will make it difficult for other students to pay for things they need.

202. Personally, I'd rather pay more in tuition than be sucked dry by a meal plan which I may never fully use.

203. Stop upcharging parking until you offer better parking space. Stop fining the arts kids and start supporting them. Keep the free book plan and NC Promise because that's the reason why a lot of people go here

204. If we continue to raise fees, then having NC Promise will mean nothing as the cost will even out eventually. The appeal of WCU is that its cheaper than other NC universities and raising rates will hurt in the long run.

205. I don't think that you should raise the fee of anything. I'm a broke college student and I don't need it to be anymore expensive than it already is.
206. I believe there should be no increases, attending university is expensive enough as it is and any increase adds up and can make a big difference in whether people can attend or not. You will see mass drop outs.

207. Juniors and seniors should not have to pay more than freshmen for parking passes. You know that we aren’t dropping out and that we are staying here so you shouldn’t have to worry about losing our money. Also, you shouldn’t raise the residential living fees. Not all people have the money to move off campus and have to live on campus. Don’t make it more expensive to do what we have to do to get an education.

208. The current rates are one of the reasons that I decided to come to WCU.

209. I think everything at WCU is fairly priced.

210. Terrifying.

211. Please don’t increase the price.

212. Please just leave the meal choices alone the ones we have now are great.

213. You’re already preying on broke people. Isn’t the income you’re getting enough?

214. Love Nc promise.

215. Please do not increase the tuition or room and board because I don’t know how I will be able to afford it if you do.

216. A lot of these are bad ideas. First of all, I can barely afford to pay for parking anyway. Let alone having to pay $400 a year to park my car and barely use it. Second of all, I am NOT paying an increase of athletic fees.

217. Absolutely no need to increase tuition and fees. If it ain’t broke don’t fix it. Also, fees such as athletic should not be mandatory for all students.

218. Most of these fees are not necessary.

219. College students don’t need to be in increasing debt.

220. I believe that the Fees that students pay should never exceed the Tuition rates. Also, I do appreciate the fact that almost always the school is up front with their tuition and fees via their website.

221. There needs to be more financial support for DACA/undocumented students if you are trying to add more fees.

222. In some cases the increases are reasonable, but just too much. Increase some things, but at a lower rate.

223. I just feel like tuition shouldn’t be raised at all. There are some kids that go here that are putting themselves through college and are working as hard as they can to pay for their education.

224. The tuition should stay the same as it already was and the fees should no increase. As an out-of-state student this will be unaffordable otherwise.

225. There should be more clarity in regard to the fees, or some way to pay them together. Paying fee after fee after fee gets confusing and overwhelming.

226. n/a

227. N/A

228. College is expensive and very few students have any extra room to fit in extra fees or up charges. This school needs new things but we cannot be the ones to provide them.
I loved when it was decreased thanks to the NC promise, but I hate how it’s steadily getting back to where it was before. If this continues, I might as well drop out and do something else because I ain't got time nor money for that load of crap.

Please do not change the meal plans or raise the parking permit price. Having my university continuously raise the price for existing students is very sad and makes students feel under appreciated. I want to love my school and be loved by my school. I do not want to feel like nothing more than a walking wallet constantly fearing fee increases.

Does what we say even Matter?

If tuition can remain the same, and all of these other fees continue to rise you will push upperclassmen off campus. If that is the goal with the high rise in enrollment I think these make sense. There simply is not enough space for all the people on campus. However, if parking passes are going to go up, there should be guaranteed parking near every building. Its absurd to have freshmen and sophomores (and soon juniors) pay $400 and not be able to park anywhere near their personal building. Harrill, Judaculla and Norton are currently the only buildings to really get these luxuries.

Many come to this school because it is cheap. Financial aid dose not help those who’s parents have money but do not financially support their children. So many already struggle to afford coming here.

I understand that a college costs money to run, yet when there are hundreds of problems that can be fixed very easily, I think it is sleazy to increase the prices paid by students. This college doesn't do what's best for the students. We complain about what's wrong and nothing is done. It's ridiculous and it needs to be fixed before you worry about gaining more money from the students you are neglecting.

Do not raise the parking. Things are fine the way they are. If you’re expecting more students, everything will be fine.

Some of these fees are sensible, but do not make it a habit of trying to increase all of these fees each year. Some students only came to WCU, since it is cheaper, but they still struggle to pay. You might be chasing off students.

Seriously why would you even have NC Promise if you just want us to pay a shit ton of money in fees later on? It's false advertisement basically

Tuition and fees should not be increased because they are high enough already, especially for students who could not receive financial aid, and who are out of state.

Tuition should be a little cheaper for Out of State students. They come here because they wanna come here. Because they fell in love with this university. And right now, these prices are making some of us rethink if we made the right decision because we are struggling financially.

I chose this school because it was cheap and it was my last resort. If you’re increasing all of my fees then I’ll go back home to South Carolina and go to Clemson where I can receive a quality education. At least they lock in their fees and don’t trick people to come and then change everything. Plus it’s a better school with nicer facilities. Western was my last choice anyway and this is proving why. This should be done for incoming students. Not students who are already here and were promised a cheap education.

We already pay enough
There were a series of increases I found excessive and a few I thought were useful to the mass of the student body.

Keep them LOW! Most people come here for the low prices. Change that and people won’t come back.

Raising the tuition for everyone would not be a good thing. It’s already expensive to go to wcu and by increasing it it will lose more students.

Don’t you dare increase my fees on residential and meal plans unless you plan to give me a new shower with straight floors and fix the roach problems in the food.

Increases tuition and fees=less students that can afford tuition=less students coming here. Think smart western, don’t raise your tuition and lose you’re students.

Already high rates should not be increased for services that the students did not request and do not benefit from.

Just make sure that the right choices are made. Because is comes to not only the schools budget but to the students that are accepted as well.

Undergraduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year
1. It should not be raised because it’s fine the way it is.
2. Don’t over sale parking.
3. Parking should be lowered if all of these fees are going to be raised.
4. Why do we pay for a parking pass and pay a parking fee? This makes no sense.
5. Please stop charging people for stuff they’re not involved in. Maybe people who actually care about sports or Greek life should be required to donate but I don’t see why my money should go towards stuff I will never take part in.
6. You guys need to settle down on trying to do all of these renovations and trying to do things for our athletic programs. How about give more money into the cafe, and get it bug free. Oh, and then we should get people that make quality food and not cardboard. Or we could use the money to go towards BETTER FOOD. And instead of taking away options to eat, OPEN THE FOOD OPTIONS IN THE UC. You can’t accept this many students and expect everyone to go eat in the cafe up and down stairs. Not everybody has time. I love this school but there needs to be a lot of change. AND STOP GIVING OUT TICKETS FOR PARKING. We already pay $400+ to park and you money thief’s want $15 MORE DOLLARS to back into a parking spot. Spend money on things that matter. Not things you guys want. Don’t be selfish.
7. Without NC promise I can’t attend school, so please keep fees as low as possible.
8. $500 tuition doesn’t matter when we have to pay all these fees over top of it. It isn’t cheap anymore.
9. We already pay a lot of money to come here. Athletic fees are ridiculous!
10. It is already expensive enough with all of the fees for stuff i don’t even use but i have to pay for . I think we should pay for classes and books and parking for commuters but that’s it . I got financial aid this year and most of it was ate up by these additional fees for things i don’t use . There needs to be money take from somewhere other than students
11. There are too many.
12. There are already many services everyone has to pay for that is apart of tuition that not everyone uses, this should not be increased or more additional charges should not be added.

13. Greek life gets too much money for the bad shit they do to this campus

14. If you raise the fees I will drop out

15. You should look at ways to decrease fee not only increase them.

16. It’s hard for most, including myself, to pay for the fees and raising all of them could add more stress to students to come up with the money. Especially for those who do not receive any type of financial assistance. I’m completely against raising any fees.

17. I think the athletics department gets way too much funding. Especially for teams that rarely win. I also think that we shouldn't have to pay to park at a university that we already pay to attend.

18. Please quit changing them.

19. Remember: Part of the NC Promise was that you don’t increase fees to offset the new mandatory tuition. That is law.

20. DO NOT RAISE IT! College is expensive as is, we came to this school for the good deal, don’t screw that up.

21. There’s already enough fee’s and charges from WCU. Leave us alone and let us get an education without paying a fortune. That’s the only reason people go to WCU in the first place. We have nothing else, our sports teams all suck, we have no night life what-so-ever, and our facilities are sub par.

22. I would pay an increased fee for better and cleaner food options. Healthy and happy students equal a better learning experience

23. Why the hell would I support a raise in tuition and fees? This school is supposed to be cost-effective for me. I do not have the means to pay for things that I do not use. I understand that there may be a tight budget; however, this is a ridiculous amount of money increase. It would make more sense for me to transfer somewhere else than to stay here.

24. If you keep it like it is, more students will want to come here which means compensation for tuition drop

25. The lowering of tuition is what gave hope to WCU. More students were able to have the opportunity to come here and some of those students might possibly have to end their time here because of these price increases just after having the chance given to them to come here.

26. Don't increase it too much please.

27. Please keep it cheap

28. Keep them low so people will come to this school. Raise the prices and people will go to cheaper schools which results in overall loss of money for this school. Fees should only apply to people who use services and are in specific programs which need the funding. Don’t charge everyone because not everyone cares about what department or program is losing money.

29. Fees do not need to be increased. Courtyard and Brown food is not worthy enough be be increased. If it does increase the food needs to be better. I do not want to pay more
for other people’s campus activities such as greek life. NC promise is a very nice thing but fees override this nice cost.

30. WCU has so many students that even small fee raises, add up to be huge sums of money. Remember how expensive college is on the students end before a huge fee increase, is all that I ask. For many of us, the low tuition and fees are the only reason we are able to attend.

31. N/A

32. More choices of different meal plan amounts for DB for commuters. Include a lower option such as $400-$500 and then a higher option such as around $800.

33. Tuition needs to stay exactly how it is. Fees do not need to increase.

34. Why do the parking permits for commuters keep going up every year when the number of spots goes down? You guy keep accepting more people and every year there is less parking because you guys turn spots into paid spots. We already paid once for awful parking situations, why make it more expensive? Just because you want people to live on campus doesn't mean you have to punish those of us who can't afford to live on campus by deterring us from parking and going to class. Its common sense, if I can't park to go to the class how would I eat and spend money on other things on campus? Make western a place for us to freely come and not have to plan when to get here for a spot and we might help yall out a bit more...

35. Make it optional for students to pay the athletic fees and activities fees. Not everyone here gets financial aid. Some of us have to pay out of pocket for our tuition and paying these unnecessary fees make it harder to afford coming here. If a student does not use the athletic/activity advantages they should not have to pay. I cannot say this enough. Consider EVERYONE not just the majority.

36. WCU should do everything in its power to keep tuition and fees as low as possible.

37. I chose to come to WCU because of the NC promise. Which is supposed to make college more affordable for people. I personally think that the increase in fees is absolutely ridiculous, if the university can’t afford to keep certain facilities and programs in tip top shape anymore, then they should’ve never became a NC promise school and lowered tuition prices. What is the point in lowering Tuition just to turn around and increase fees? This alone is going to drive several people (possibly including me) out of this university simple because they won’t be able to afford to go here any more. If I would’ve known my senior year of high school that my sophomore year at Western they were going to increase fees to compensate for the money they were losing because of the NC promise I would’ve never came here.

38. People came here to get an education and not be buried with debt. We were promised low fees and NC Promise, just because Western Carolina is accepting more and more students doesn’t mean they can cause the students that already go here to not be able to afford to go here anymore. We are a community, I know we are trying to grow, but pushing out the people that are already here for new people that will pay more money isn't what a community would do to their residents.

39. Dont increase i dont need more debt
40. You can’t say your tuition is $500 and market that to gain enrollment and then up the fees. It still makes education unaffordable and I thought that was what we were trying to avoid.
41. Please keep NC Promise
42. NC Promise is supposed to help make school affordable but with these fees it is making it more or just as expensive as other schools that are not part of the NC Promise.
43. !!! STOP IM FROM A LOW INCOME FAMILY STOP RUINING MY FUCKING LIFE
44. I really think that there should be a way to help first generation and kids with very bad financial problems to help get scholarships. I’ve been looking on the WCU scholarships page and I could qualify but not be someone near western (the counties) it really upsets me because I’m trying to fill them out but can’t even do that when it’s just that one requirement.
45. It’s so ridiculous that athletic fees are almost as much as tuition.
46. I will have to commute to Western Carolina University next year. An increase in tuition from $500 would force me to look for another college closer to home. The only reason I chose Western over other universities near me was due the the $500 tuition which saves me money.
47. Leave it alone to help the middle class.
48. If any fees increase I would not be able to attend school any longer and would have to consider other options.
49. USE ALL THE MONEY YOU COLLECT IN PARKING FOR ALL THESE “INCREASES” AND BUILDING A PARKING DECK
50. The tuition and fees are expensive, but reasonable at WCU. I would like to see it stay that way as NC Promise was created to help this happen. I believe the cost of higher education is unattainable without assistance for many students in this area and any increase in fees may have the side effect of making higher education unaffordable for underprivileged and underserved students.
51. Academic buildings are old and ugly. Creating new buildings that everyone will use will really help bring in new customers.
52. We pay a lot for parking. We need more parking spaces.
53. We should keep it how it was this year
54. You already take enough of our money, stop pounding us for every nickel and dime.
55. Y’all some clown ass people wanting more money
56. The parking rules are ridiculous and they charge unreasonable amounts just to take money from new and unaware students. There also should be more 15 minute parking slots
57. I dont like being charged for services I dont ever use. I dont got to shows and the art museum at bardo. Why am I paying for it?
58. Increasing Tuition and Fees is always a scare in my opinion as a lot of students I know are barely making the bill to pay as is, so through the increase you lose valuable students. So unnecessary spending into Greek life and Sports can really hurt the students you have.
59. Tuition is already hard for some students who don’t have parent funding to help. Increasing the funds will not help this situation anymore. It will make it worse and harder for students to pay leading to dropouts.

60. Tuition is fine but y'all's fees are unreal. $800 a year for sports?? Absolutely not. Put money in the places we need it, like more spaces for students to sit and work, more communal areas, more study areas, etc. No more sports and offices and whatever. I'd rather pay to go to sports games than pay $800 a year just so some coach can get more money.

61. I just hope that it will not increase significantly because I really like going to school at WCU, because of the affordability and the program that I like.

62. The low prices and availability made it possible for me to get an education. I would hate to see others not being able to pursue their dreams.

63. For students that commute it doesn’t make sense to pay for these. It’s unfair and incredibly expensive.

64. The increase in fees offsets the value of NC Promise to begin with - students are attending because tuition is affordable, not for all the extras you can come up with to provide.

65. Consider rethinking the dinning thing. I work for Aramark and recently we got a complaint about how they are dissatisfied with our options. They go on to explain they shouldn't have to pay 2000 dollars for subpar food.

66. WCU low tuition rate is attracting more people but it almost seems like false advertisement with the fees you charge.

67. What if there was increase in fees for sustainability. I believe the climate crisis is a much larger problem than supporting funds to athletics. Whether it is a sustainability fee to the Sustainable Energy Initiative or if it is a Fee for the entire school to grab from to increase our sustainability.

68. If I don’t do sports or extra curricular activities I shouldn’t have to pay for them.

69. the additional fees makes WCU not as affordable to students who could have benefited from the NC promise.

70. I’m grateful for the $500 tuition yet I feel taken advantage of when it comes to the large amounts of fees that I am paying. I don't use anything I am paying for such as on campus transportation and athletic fees.

71. There is no need for an increase in athletics because that is optional and doesn’t include most students, this is college not high school. Fees for food should be less for commuters since they realistically wouldn’t eat on campus as often.

72. It seems like there has been in "increase" of some kind for every semester I have attended WCU. This is ridiculous and does not benefit the students at all. Case in point, when the "NC promise" started, there was NO CHANGE in total semester costs at all. If you want to support WCU students, listen to what we are saying, and stop raising the costs of everything. Again, obtaining an education should not costs an arm and a let to acquire.

73. Meal plans are far too pricey for Commuters for so little food. Even after proposed changes.

74. Stop putting all the money towards football it sucks
75. **DO NOT RAISE TUITION PRICES**

76. Be more transparent with where our money is going. I know that there are labels such as campus rec center or athletic fees, but tell us what we are funding, what projects are happening, and how they will help us succeed in college.

77. dont increase

78. N/a

79. Do not raise most of the fees, keep the tuition the same.

80. Instead of using money for things we already have, more parking in a necessity

81. do not participate in activities. I go to school and work full time. I pay for all of my school accept tuition thanks to financial aid. However, I do not make what I did two years ago, which is what FAFSA looks at. I am a CNA of 6 years, I take care of myself and can not afford an increase in school fees or tuition. If you all raise costs, I will drop out

82. You're using the '500$' tuition as a selling point. It is cheaper than other state schools while including the real cost of tuition plus fees. But the luster is fading. If you're gonna charge all this extra money don't spend it on an arts center. Improve your engineering facilities and department

83. I'd rather the fees and tuition stay more minimal, even if that means a reduction in services provided

84. Parking on campus should be revisited and reworked. Lots of students miss classes and or are late to classes due to the inability to park. Lot closures, taking away lots from commuters, and overpriced pay lots are costing students much more than they anticipated when buying a parking pass.

85. I understand that NC Promise has changed the income to the university, however when passed the bill required that the state of NC provide the rest of the funding needed to run the college. The goal of NC promise was to grow the college and aid students who may not be able to afford college. If the school requires more funding for parking, student engagement, etc., then the school has the right to go to the NC government and discuss the need for more state funding.

86. With the increase in students there should not be increase in price because the school is already making more money just by having more students attending. Increasing fees will cause certain students who are already struggling to not be able to attend.

87. Stop trying to screw more money out of us.

88. As a commuter student, I do not get to participate in many of the things that go on around campus. I work full time on top of a full-time semester because I am paying for my school myself. The food in the courtyard is often bad, runs out often, or things are simply not taken care of (condiments not refilled, running out of coffee cups in the morning, etc.) I do not go to the activities or sports games simply because I have work and can not afford to take a day off. Because of this, I do not support an increase in any of the activities. I pay for enough as a student supporting myself and I struggle so hard to do so and do not feel like it is fair that as someone to comes on campus for class and leaves after to have to pay for services that I, and many other students, are not utilizing.
88. Parking fees are very expensive. You should consider lowering this fee. I cannot find parking space very often. I am disable and there aren’t enough handicapped parking spaces available at HHS campus.

89. :

90. Make it clear and transparent what the fees are being used for.

91. If anything i believe the fees should be lowered and tuition kept the same. I pay you guys more in fees every year than I do in tuition.

92. As a commuter, the fees collected under the parking program should maintain the viability of commuting to campus. There are two main concerns I run into. First is that during large events the available commuter parking is reduced to allow space for visiting buses, presenters at fairs or conferences, and so on. I see and appreciate that more parking is slowly becoming available, including off campus, but is there any way to designate that there is an outlying parking area that they park at with shuttle service to convey the guests to campus, rather than forcing commuters further out to the periphery and disrupting any "normal" commute time to get from car to class, or offering relief on those days so that commuters may encroach on pay-to-park spaces without added fees? Second, as a commuter with multiple classes in a day, starting early and staying late, I will often try to park further out for the benefit of mid-day commuters, but in doing so if I am on campus past 4:30 then there are absolutely not any efficient CAT-TRAN options between the library and the baseball lot. This is a daily frustration, this semester tuesdays and thursdays if I want to use the library or math tutoring center after my 3:30-4:45 class I have to decide between a 30-45-minute CAT-TRAN journey to just move my truck closer in before going to the library, a 45 minute+ CAT-TRAN journey to my truck after I am done, or walking to my truck after I am done. (Consider, with some sort of shift change 4:30-5:00ish, even the hub-bound all campus is scarce near McKee, then waiting for the one HHS Commuter Express to complete a circuit to get on at the hub, then riding the HHS Commuter Express to baseball, is not a brief trip) (I again have a 3:30-4:45 class next semester that I am required to take for graduation, and anticipate the same frustrations)

93. I often feel each year when I do this survey that it does not matter what we as students care about and value. The university is constantly sucking more money from its students, many of whom are first generation college students and come from less affluent backgrounds. I would like and update on what fees were accepted or not accepted. Also, some indication that student concerns about money are seriously considered.

94. Rising costs should go to teacher salary, not material costs. Adjuncts haven't received a raise in nearly 8 years to my knowledge.

95. Still can afford to live on campus or off campus

96. Students do not want an athletic increase for athletic programs that do not benefit the student body.

97. I did not expect the prices to increase each year while staying here. I can hardly afford it now and if I knew it would be more expensive i might not have come

98. I would like to see a lot of these fees become optional, like parking. If you dont pay you dont park. I believe many of these fees could be handled the same way with their
associated benefits, and ease the financial burden on students like myself and my classmates in the AT program.

99. If they tuition & fees increase then some of the funds need to be given to organizations like BSU, LASO, MCP, & other underrepresented organizations. There have been rumors that the funds aren’t evenly distributed among organizations.

100. In my eyes, the low tuition is a big draw for the university, so changing that would make it sound less appealing, even though it is still lower. $500 is something that wows people, but $1,000 will make a different impression. Hearing "hundreds" creates a much different impression than the word "thousands", especially with respect to college tuition.

101. What works, works. Don’t change it!!!

102. Please don’t raise any fees. It’s quite sad that this is even an option. Western makes everyone believe that they are for students. If you do this, you won’t be.

103. Shouldn’t any focus be on lessening the fees students are charged? The student loan crisis is undeniable and destroys peoples financial stability for many, many years. It's incredibly dishonest to pretend WCU cares about students while doing its best to squeeze every possible dollar out of them.

104. I do not think WCU should be increasing tuition and fees for current students. I think they should start the price increases for new/transfer students. Current students and current students parents already have to budget out their lives to afford what scholarships/grants don't cover, so increasing prices will hurt us even more. I think it was ridiculous that parking pass prices increased, and we don't even get a physical parking pass anymore. It's impossible to know if a freshman, commuter, faculty/staff, or person who doesn't attend WCU is parked in resident spots. At least give us a sticker or smaller pass that indicates if we are a freshman, resident, or faculty/staff to put on our windshield or hang from our review mirror.

105. Decrease the parking fee. If you aren’t going to provide decent parking, then make it cheaper.

106. Please keep them lower! I am already struggling financially and for y’all to keep throwing fees at us and raising prices isn’t helping!

107. I think the price of most of the fees are fine. I think those groups should be on a member basis or fundraise.

108. I am all for keeping the quality of campus and materials at a maximum here at WCU. However, when I see that there is a new building being made to house more students and still no parking deck being made, I start to ask myself questions. Why would you try to house more students when you do not have enough parking spots for students already here and the teachers? I think if this university or any university in general wishes to earn the trust of the investors (the students), they should release their yearly spending information to the public so we can see exactly how much money you guys are spending on the students. I think you could find a way to decrease meal plans and housing if you did not pay department heads 150,000 a year to sit in their office and teach introductory level classes.

109. Having all the mandatory fees under one fee code would be easier when working with employers and scholarships for reimbursement.
110. I strongly believe that WCU should keep the NC Promise Plan in effect just the way it is. This plan helps many students receive an education that they would not be able to afford without this benefit. Please do not charge students fees for activities or programs that they do not partake in,

111. We do not need an increase in fees.

112. Stop spending so much money on the Barnacle for parking infractions and start budgeting for more parking. Because WCU is so inexpensive to many people it is their top choice meaning that enrollment rates are rising and the amount of people that commute to campus is more than the amount of parking being supplied currently.

113. Increasing any of these fees or Tuition will put students in a financial issue for some students.

114. The mandatory health insurance makes it incredibly cost prohibitive to taking more than one class per semester.

115. no

116. I’m dropping out if it gets too expensive. Adding fees after dropping the tuition is basically lying. The dollar amount is just labeled “fees” instead of “tuition”

117. Stop increasing. Keep it affordable. Encourage departments like athletics, bardo arts and others to find a way for them to make money and not profit off of students who don’t not use their services.

118. I consider it somewhat manipulative to advertise $500 tuition, when in reality with hidden fees, it ends up being at least $1000 a semester.

119. It seems like this school has so many hidden fees that they wait and then shove them on students causing some of us to drop out, leave or if they are warned before they do not apply.

120. The fees seem to be ok as are, if not a bit high in comparison to most. There’s seemingly no reason to increase fees with the influx of students coming to WCU, other than to cover for poor planning of admittance.

121. Less needs to be allocated to sports and more on Band and Pride of the Mountains.

Overall local commuter student fees should be lowered if not planning to participate as often in school.

122. this school is overall a JOKE. These fees feel absolutely pointless as the sports are a joke, the food is all crap, theres NOWHERE to park, and none of the student activities are anything interesting no matter how many surveys i take on the matter.

123. Please try to keep down prices. Some of those proposals were dramatic increases, and seriously affect student’s lives. We don’t expect to have the best of the best, we can only handle affordable and manageable. Thanks for everything!

124. Not at this time, thank you.

125. Increase in fees should go towards parking places. There are not enough parking places on campus.

126. N/a

127. Parking fees need to decrease. It's ridiculous for students who are already paying thousands of dollars to pay another $300+ just to park their cars. Not to mention the
fact that the university often parks various construction and facilities vehicles in parking
lots that are supposed to be students when parking is already difficult enough to find. If
we’re paying that much money to park, at least leave the parking lots for us and don’t
take up much needed spaces with construction vehicles.

128. Cut the sports team loose
129. I appreciate all of the free services that we can get because of our current tuition
costs. It is very helpful to know that I could go to CAPS three times per year free of cost.
As well as tutoring.
130. Keep NC promise!!
131. Stop upping athletics
132. These increases in fees are going to make student like me transfer. Changing the
price of school for someone who struggles as it is shows how much you truly care about
students. It’s made very clear to the student body that we are simply just a number to
the big wigs in the White House on campus. But this will continue to carry on as the
college monopoly continues. You propose increase in meal plan prices but only care
about the quality of food on parent weekend and open houses. As a local who went to
grade school in the neighboring county it’s sad to see a university that loves to claim
there passion for the student body but continues to scam the young adults already in
hefty debt. These feelings are mutual among the student body and will send a ripple
through the admissions going forward.

133. Tuition because of NC Promise is an amazing value. However, fees are so high
that I effectively take out student loans to cover them. As an engineering student with a
4.0 GPA first semester and 3.86GPA second semester last year, I was shocked that there
were no merit based scholarships available to me through the myWCU application
process. If the university finds the need to raise fee, it should put extra effort into
securing assistance for students to offset this passed burden.

134. Please do not charge more.
135. The fees are high enough already. PLEASE do not increase the students financial
burden.

136. NC promise tuition is fantastic, but increasing fees makes it a moot point. I paid
less my 1st semester before NC Promise began than I have in all subsequent semesters.

137. Please consider that the more you increase fees for students, the quality of the
services should also improve. Especially the food services. I’ve been here for 3 years and
every year the food quality declines more and more but the price continues to go up. I
should not have to be so selective in the places I eat because it’s either made me sick or
just is not worth the money. I’d rather pay more for really good food than for crap and
everyone on campus feels this way.

138. I think certain fees should be optional. Like I shouldn’t have to pay the athletic
fee because I do not attend. But if I wanted to I should pay at the door.

139. Though I’ve complained, it is still obviously tremendously cheaper than other
schools. The issue is, they boast $500 tuition but don’t tell students that there’s $1,500
in other charges and that’s without a meal plan or residential charges. I guess don’t look
a gift horse in the mouth though.
140. No opinion because I’m not given to what the extra $500 will go towards. Why vote yes/no for the increase tuition price if I am not informed on what that $500 is going towards. In my honest opinion I say no, due to all the friends and people I’ve heard who get financial aid already when it is already low. Imagine if you raised it to a $1000, how many more people will be asking for financial aid then? How are we going to support the gap of those who can afford $500 right now but will not be able to at $1000?

Also the fact that you are doing a survey but do not state the purposes/reasoning until after you select yes, no, or no opinion for tuition increase until the next page, will not make this survey affective at all, due to the lack of knowledge prior to voting. Thank you.

141. Stop advertising 500 dollar tuition if that will not remain true.

142. People are attending this school because they can afford it. Don’t change that.

143. I don’t think any fees should be increased a lot because a lot of people going here are here because of the low prices.

144. Stop raising fees. Just stop. It’s unethical.

145. Thankful for the opportunity to input my thoughts via this survey.

146. PARKING ABSOLUTELY STINKS. WE NEED YOU GUYS TO BUILD A PARKING DECK LIKE YESTERDAY, SO CHARGE EVERYONE WITH A "PARKING DECK BUILDING FEE"... With the number of parking tickets you guys have given out in just this semester alone you could have probably already funded 15-20% of its cost.

147. Please do not take advantage of this. We are already broke college students.

148. I strongly believe that the education department at WCU should cover the costs of teachers getting their certifications once being accepted in the Education program.

149. Stop raising fees. We can’t afford it.

150. No more fees, please.

151. The fees are too high, if $500 tuition equates to $3700 actual cost then things are out of hand.

152. If you ask the majority of students at Western what is the biggest problem at Western, they will reply about parking. The commuter parking situation is not good. The costs for parking passes are much higher than other university’s and parking places are very limited causing students to have to walk multiple miles to get to class. I suspect these prices are funding for future parking renovation be nevertheless, with such a large fee a consumer expects the acquired service to be provided. I would be supportive of a fee raise for a supplemental parking lot to provide spaces for students until the distant future parking decks are built. I heard rumors of temporary gravel lots being built for this purpose but apparently, the idea was dropped. I would support this idea if it was brought back to light.

153. Fix the existing problems and quit ignoring your student population you are continuing to ignore, it’s astounding how a social media account has brought this much attention to an issue only to be completely ignored by the campus. I’m interested to see the number of people complaining about these issues but I’m sure without working inside the campus or Aramark nobody will truly know.
In case anyone that may or may not reads this feels the need to reach out, I’m not sure if this survey is anonymous or not, I would love to hear from someone.

154. No, I personally think we pay enough as it is.

155. Make it affordable for the common person, tuition is a good price as is, but all the hidden fees are just unfair. Students may not even partake in the things the fees pay for.

156. The cheap tuition and overall cost are why I came to WCU. As I pay myself through college the lower the tuition and fees are, the better as I will be able to continue in college.

157. College is expensive enough as is, and I think the way things are set up now is perfectly fine.

158. The university has a growing student population with no room for them and overcharges for parking and then really wants to charge extra for a from license plate with no place to park?? The student activity fee already takes a lot from the students so is it just not being used properly?

159. We pay too much for parking on campus to have not a lot of spots available. 5 days a week I am typically forced to walk from the camp lot to the library for class. The weather is freezing and the bus fills up quick so I can not get there before class begins. There are literal roaches crawling throughout the courtyard cafeteria and neighboring restaurants. Sub-par food is tolerable but bugs in the food is disgusting. If you need, you can get in touch with me and I can share with you the dozens of videos that students have posted and reported this problem for close to a year now with no fixes. It is disgusting and worse when you consider how many thousands of dollars students pay for it each semester.

160. I think it would be beneficial to keep the prices as is.

161. If I was to pay for the meal plan again I would need to see healthier food options on campus such as tropical smoothie, panera, noodles & company, or a deli like Jason's Deli.

162. I am glad we pay less for going to western than we would if we attended a different university. Every time you raise the cost of college you make higher education more difficult to obtain for people of lower socio-economic status, especially when considering the stagnation of american lower working class wages and the absolutely ridiculous increase of college price over time when in today's world a degree is much less valuable in the past.

163. Tuition is great but there are so many fees.

164. First of all, college is already ridiculously expensive. Trying to nickle and dime the students to death is nothing short of ridiculous. Most students go into debt to come into this school. America is experiencing a massive problem with student debt. What is WCU's idea to solve these problems? Charge more in fees. I understand that the school needs money, but the university system in America is broken. This school should be working to part of the solution, not be part of the problem.

165. The students here for education should not be penalized with exorbitant tuition and fees to cover the cost of activities. College prices are ever-increasing. The NC Promise is worthless if our fees continue to increase. I support hiring more educators to
keep class size small. I want to pay for my education, not for athletics. I am working hard on a degree, not a "college-experience." Please keep the fees as low as possible. Fees should be optional for those who want to partake in activities.

166. don't increase too much
167. Please do not up our rates, as we are already charged enough to get an education.
168. I already struggle to afford college. I can’t handle having to pay anymore fees. I chose WCU for its low price and Quality.
169. I don't like how commuters have to pay an huge amount for their parking passes instead of residents. Mainly because we have to commute a good hour or 2 just to get to school which causes a significant amount of wear and tear and a large expense for us commuters.
170. The NC promise plan has been very beneficial for me and my family by making it easier to afford college and make it possible.
171. Please keep fees down. Students love that the tuition here is lower. Please don’t offset this by raising the fees.
172. If you're going to charge us for construction, consider building a parking deck or rethinking parking, especially for commuters
173. Parking should not be so expensive
174. Y'all bleeding my pockets dry
175. Don’t add a bunch of crazy fees
176. Stop charging so much for parking passes with not a lot of available and proximate parking.
177. Stop making students that don’t live on campus pay for stupid campus fees!!
178. Use fees to add commuter parking and resident parking. Residents in campus can't ever leave due to huge risks of losing a parking spot. My girlfriend had to work until 8 some days which isn't even late and she could almost never get parked. It's outrageous it cost enough as it is. especially for those who don't get aid from FASFA and their parents aren't willing to pay for it in full.
180. I feel like there are way too many fees. I love Western and how inexpensive it is, but some of the fees are so unnecessary. I am all for re-examining the fees- but there’s no options to lower cost at all. See the issue? Trying to raise prices without lowering other ones may seem small, but as someone who relies solely on FAFSA and other aid, it hurts to see prices going up.
181. The fees seem a little expensive
182. Stop robbing us. Please. Leave things as they are. Give more funding to the arts and less to sports. Please.
183. N/A
184. I think fees should be elective and should only pertain to the activities and areas where the students are engaged. If I'm not a part of athletics or marching band or greek life, etc. I should not be funding it. I understand/support student activity fees and intercultural affairs and technology and library, because everyone needs those areas.
185. None that I can think of at the moment.
186. Do these surveys determine anything? If every student that responds is not supportive of these changes will you not increase the charge or are you just trying to gauge student opinions?

187. I don’t agree with changing the tuition for students that came in on the NC promise as well as incoming students. It’s not fair.

188. Please. Don’t raise the cost much. My family can't really support and I'm barely able to afford being here as is.

189. Parking fees are absurd when compared to other schools. It is something that I mention to prospective students as one of the primary downsides of WCU.

190. I wish certain fees were optional. I personally don't use the CRC, I prefer to exercise in nature instead of a gym, or go to Bardo for fine arts and things like that. I am an independent student and that is money I could spend on something else that is vitally important instead of wasting it on something I know for a fact I won't use. Things like book rental and new meal plans I am all for, but I don’t want to waste my money.

191. PLEASE do not raise tuition and fees!! I am going to WCU because of the current affordability of the 2019-2020 year! I don't know if I would be able to stay at this school if tuition and fees increased!

192. no

193. Please stop increasing:(

194. All Tuition and Fees considered for students should be in the best interest of the student body. Not in the interest of the University’s income. The campus should do everything possible to improve things that benefit the majority of students and keep costs efficient as possible.

195. please keep things as cheap as possible

196. The raises in costs that have been presented seem very unnecessary and useless, because it just increases what students already have to pay and I don't feel like it is fair.

197. Without the 500 dollar tuition, I could sadly not afford an education.

198. Less money is better

199. The book fee increase to maintain the quality of the books should be counter acted because if the quality of the book was diminished when turned in the student should pay the cost of the book.

200. I dont use the majority of things im getting fees for. I wish i didnt get charged so much in fees.

201. I do not understand how we are charged for parking in our tuition but then we have to put money in a meter to park for class. Either take out the fee in tuition or remove the meters.

202. WCU should consider not increasing the fees by such large amounts. ESPECIALLY for those going into careers where they will not make much money. Increase the fees for students who are working to make larger amounts of money. Don’t come after the teachers. We are creating learners in the classroom who could one day become WCU students.

203. Please consider looking into the positives AND negatives of the low tuition because some are coming out in more debt because of the lack of financial aid.
204. Printing on campus is very expensive, someone related to education and often required for assignments should be considerably less.
205. I feel as though none of my fees should go toward supporting any greek activities. Dues paid from those that participate should be going towards this.
206. There are too many fees and tuition is too high.
207. You already charge us for numerous things that some us don't ever use. Instead of increasing costs, maybe you should cut some of your wasteful spending.
208. No
209. Parking Permits should not be so high if I’m not even guaranteed a parking spot every day.
210. Inflating fees to promote low tuition is not fair to students.
211. Do not raise them.
212. Don't make me pay for other students fees #nosocialism
213. keep stuff the same quit changing prices
214. NO MORE FEES!!!!!
215. If you’re going to raise tuition, don’t target your upperclassman because graduation rates are going to decline with the fact that we get tested so bad that we transfer.
216. Remove all fees or services regarding artistry, sports, and meals from my account PLEASE. I do not want your services, I do not need your service. For what we pay, what we get is miniscule and of low quality or we get nothing at all as in my case.
217. Really look at the fees for students attending degrees at the Biltmore Park campus. We do not utilize facilities at the main campus and the facilities at Biltmore Park are very limited. Even the "gym" does not have a treadmill or locker room facilities. Health services are only there one day and is not a true clinic.

Older students are not looking for that campus life experience and solely seek out an education and degree.
218. The proposed increases are pretty blatant dealbreakers as a commuting student. If these were to have gone into effect before I enrolled at the University, I would not have even applied.
219. Please consider all of my comments.
220. I wish students have the option of paying an athletic fee (for tickets) I would rather buy tickets when I want to attend games that have it be included into my tuition when I came here there was a set price you should not be able change mine because I started at this price. I should be grand fathered in for my original payments along with the same who started here this year.
222. DO NOT RAISE THE TUITION.
223. Fees should not be increased without valid and legitimate reasoning and feedback taken in from students as we are the ones who have to pay it!
224. No
225. I would like to get rid of the debt fees cause like what is that?
226. Would like to see all the money paid to meal plans increase quality of food and service in the future.
I think in order to improve this campus the way you want it then it is important to ask for money. All of the fee increases seem reasonable but it does add up.

Too many fees, if I don’t play sports why do I need an athletic fee? Get rid of Aramark and get better food. The amount of fees are ridiculous I just want to go to class. I support the book rental increase IF the money is taken from the athletics.

Make out of state cheaper. I can’t afford to live.
Make it more as it will be more competitive.
Do something for DACA students that have lived in state their whole life.
A lot of people attend Western Carolina University because of the low tuition and fee rates. Increasing these rates would result in less students.
Don’t increase the fees outside of tuition.
We need to do whatever it takes to get more money in the athletic department because we are well behind other athletic programs, in regards to equipment, facilities, and training room accommodations. This is what should be done with the increase in cost.
It’s too expensive, we should not have to pay for group x if we are paying for the facilities. Also we should not be in a contract that increases fees.
The tuition is fine and I appreciate you not raising it. However, the fees you are trying to raise have no good reason behind them. I think this university makes more than enough money off its students just from fees alone. There are plenty of problems on this campus and increasing our fees does not need to be one of them. I find just about every one of these proposals unnecessary and I believe the majority of the student population will agree, so I hope you take our feedback into consideration and do not go against us. We pay an incredible amount of money every year to attend here, raising these fees not only makes it harder to afford, but may even convince students to choose to not attend. I hope you reconsider.

Increase Parking

Excited about the athletic additions that will come from this. excellent work
Out of state grants and scholarships only for out of state kids. Thanks
DO NOT RAISE TUITION!!!!!
There should not be an increase in overall tuition for students.
I think they should stay just about the same. The cheaper cost allows a lot of families to send their students here and by increasing it could hinder their ability to do that.
Please don't make us pay for stuff we don't use.
Do not change in-state tuition, you made a promise to abide by it and it would be ridiculous to change and screw over the students, just make sure to accept enough students, and not overcrowd the parking.

INSTITUTE A EMPLOYER SPONSERED INSTATE TUITION.

WCU needs to realize that they attracted a ton of people from all over because of their lower tuition costs. If this changes, many of those students (including myself) will have no other option but to leave the school to find a less expensive one which is a ginormous inconvenience and very disruptive to a students degree path.
With increasing fees, I believe that fees shall apply to those who use the different programs.

The tuition being so low doesn’t exactly affect how much the student is paying if these fees are constantly rising. Personally, I think that this effort to raise the prices even higher is doing more harm than good for their students.

I believe that WCU should really look into the tuition of DACA Students. As a current DACA Student I pay out-of-state tuition even though I have lived in North Carolina for 15 Years. I believe DACA students should be deserving of in-state tuition, depending on the amount of time they have resided in the state.

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It would be nice if we had the opportunity to not pay all of the extra fees if we don’t use them at all and just go to campus for classes and then go home. I commute from Asheville and don’t use a lot of the amenities available.

I am not supportive of any increase in fees because the NC Promise gave us a discount to come to college so I am not in favor of taking that away and increasing what I pay.

I already pay more than majority of students since I am out of state and am struggling to pay, even with the NC promise. Higher fees would make it even harder for me to stay here at WCU.

Undergraduate Students Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

1. Tuition is great but the fees are outrageous especially for biltmore Park students who basically have no access to the things being charged for anyways

2. More support for Biltmore park campus and its students.

3. NC Promise is a program that will provide education to those not able to otherwise afford it.

4. I'd like to reiterate that I am frustrated with Biltmore Park only students paying for athletic, art and greek fees for the Cullowhee campus.

5. I would like to see the Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning moved from Academics to Student Affairs so that they could receive funding from student fees and have more resources to operate with.

Also, please heavily reconsider monetary allocation to athletics and make sure we are funding the right things. We don't need a state of the art indoor practice field if our teams are so dysfunctional they are an embarrassment to the university.

For adult students with families, the cost of going back to school can sometimes be beyond reach. The additional fees on top of books, supplies, technology, subscriptions, and special program supplies can quickly elevate the anticipated costs.

I am going to pay what I have to as long as I am receiving the education that is on par with the cost. I will not pay charges that I don't deem necessary.

BP students are not well integrated into student life and/or campus resources. They have much fewer resources but pay the same fees. It is truly an outrage. Please look into providing equivalent resources or lowering costs, rather than raising costs without providing any additional value to current BP resources. Thank you
9. NO
10. Yeah, you guys stink. Like, really bad. I sit next to this guy in one of my political science classes and, for some indecipherable reason, he exudes this terrible, putrid aroma every single class meeting. I'm not sure if it's his feet, his hygiene, or perhaps it's a combination of multiple things, however, I suppose the point I'm trying to get across in this comment is that, as unbearable as his rancid odor is, it does not compare to yours. At least his foul stench is of the body, yours is of the soul. Of course, I understand that you're hampered by how little our legislature prioritizes higher education, but still, you all certainly don't make it any easier on the rest of us.

11. Feedback and opinions from people who do not have the finances and the pros & cons in front of them are pretty hollow. Essentially this survey is asking for ideologies. Do you think its OK for students to foot-the-bill for improvements to the university, more than they already do (a natural consequence of growth), or is it the university's responsibility to cover increased operating costs (something with which they can continue to grow their presence [potentially perpetuating annual cost increases]). It'll ultimately be decided by the few at the top; their mission and intentions for the university as a business and for the students.

12. Thanks for soliciting our input on the tuition and fee issue.
13. I wish I got more assistance with nursing.
14. Cost of living for Biltmore Park Students is high, and estimated cost of attendance does not cover my expenses.
15. Fix the food. Please.
16. Would be nice to be able to participate more fully or be exempted from certain fees.
17. There needs to be some sort of hierarchy for the types of student and the fees they are charges. Blanket charging your online and Biltmore Park students for services they neither use, nor want, is borderline unethical. I see that the system has existed this was for some time and it is easier to just charge everyone, but it is not a fair practice. If you MUST keep charging everyone the same then start offering these activities and services on the Biltmore Park Campus as well to show you are being good stewards of the monies you are collecting, and using them to improve student life for ALL students. Thank you for surveying us and allowing us to share our feelings about the subject!!

18. I'm an ABSN student at Biltmore Park. I wanted to write you all, because it's recently come to my attention just how many fees I am paying as part of my tuition for services, buildings, and facilities that I have no access to, nor anything to do with, as a student at the Biltmore Park campus. These include things such as a $61.50 "transportation fee" for shuttle services on the Cullowhee campus - a campus I will never step foot on. Additionally, there is a $56.50 "Dining Facility Debt Service fee" - for a dining hall I will never eat in. On, and on.. The total in fees for Cullowhee campus services that I am paying *this semester* comes to $1,202, by my count.

I completely understand the reasoning behind these fees for *Cullowhee campus students* who are using these services and buildings. I also understand any fees associated with Biltmore Park services, which I am using. I'm completely flummoxed as to why I am being billed for Cullowhee campus services and buildings. I understand that
I am a WCU student, but as a second-degree seeking student at a distant learning site, this doesn't seem right to me. Is this an error? Why are Biltmore campus students charged for Cullowhee campus services?

All of these fees will add up to a significant amount, if I'm to be charged for dining hall, athletics, shuttle services, etc. etc. each semester for my remaining time as a student at Biltmore Park. I really appreciate any insight you can provide.

Undergraduate Students Planning to Take Classes Online Next Year
1. I think this is a great program that is actually affordable.
2. Enjoy the NC promise program and support any other help in the form of reductions or additional grants/scholarships to help teachers.
3. Since certain classes necessary for degree programs are only offered during the summer semester, one of two things needs to happen: either lower the summer tuition to make it comparable to the fall/spring tuition, or make every effort possible to offer those classes during the other semesters.
4. The NC promise is amazing and if it wasn't for this program, I would not be feasible to go back to school. I only wish the summer courses were included with this, as paying for the full amount is difficult.
5. Keep it $500 a semester or lower without tax payers paying for it.
6. Making thing easier for students should be a priority. If you make things harder for us then we will stop recommending your programs and will find other schools to go to.
7. If tuition goes up, will not be able to afford to complete degree.
8. I think the NC promise has made college affordable for higher education. I do not think they rates should raise. I am a senior this year, and I am able to finish college thanks to the NC promise.
9. I was only able to return to college and try to finish my degree with the assistance of NC Promise.
10. No
11. I take only online classes; I do not like paying fees for on-campus activities like football games that I will never go to.
12. These affordable tuitions have made it possible for me to pursue my bachelors degree and I am grateful for the affordability.
13. As an in-state student, I have taken advantage of the NC Promise tuition rate at WCU. Without NC Promise, my prospective academic goals would not be possible.
14. I am a 41 year-old, full-time employee and mom. I have had an associate's degree for a decade. I put off getting my bachelor's until I could find a way to go back to school without creating debt for my family. The NC Promise program is what made this possible. Thank you.
15. Please keep the tuition and rates at a reasonable rate.
16. The affordable tuition has allowed me to attend school without acquiring significant debt.
17. Program specific fees should be more transparent and have clear explanation of why the fee is charged and what it is used to fund. I think most people understand fees are needed but want to know how their money is used.

18. Please keep the NC Promise as is. This grant has allowed to continue and finish my degree by the end of Dec. 2020.

19. No

20. Any decrease is always helpful for students who are trying to further their education.

21. Sincerely hope the rate will be able to remain the same.

22. No

23. Very happy with current situation. This is the only way I can afford 4 year degree

24. NC Promise should cover the Summer semester.

25. No

26. I appreciate the current fees for tuition. Because of the low fee, I am able to continue my education.

27. Fees are too high. As a commuter that works full time, I don’t make use of any offerings on campus yet I have to pay for them. I have to take as many classes as I can online from local community colleges to afford it.

28. I think it’s ridiculous that the summer classes cost so much more...

29. Being able to attend WCU for my EMC degree at this affordable cost is the only reason I chose to go back to school. It make it affordable and allowed me to continue to work and NOT HAVE STUDENT LOANS. Increasing the tuition would deter me from finishing my degree.

30. Raising fees can alter projected graduation dates for some students. There should be more warning than just a few months.

31. If the tuition and fees go up it will put a hardship on my education plans.


33. I like the tuition is affordable, because paying out of pocket is very difficult but close to finishing up my degree.

34. Current fees are a major help to students! Enables students to afford & stay in college.

35. ALL EDUCATION majors should not receive any kind of increase. Instead, they should be given the option of lower tuition in exchange for working in the NC public school system for x number of years (in my opinion, the number should be greater than 5 years). NC is already experiencing a teacher shortage, this is only going to get worse. Conditions teachers work under now are getting worse each year. It’s our children that are going to suffer. More and more teachers are leaving the profession, less and less are choosing education as a major. I realize things outside the University’s control are a large part of this, however the state needs to be supportive and encouraging for more students to choose teaching as a major. I have many teacher friends that have children that express interest in teaching, they do everything they can to discourage them from choosing education as a major.

36. I was taking classes at my community college, hoping to save money before I transfer. Turns out, WCU was the cheaper option and it is great!

37. I feel as a long distance learner an increase would hinder my goal of completing my licensure for teacher education. Since I have to pay for tuition, fees, and any other types
of increases, this hurts my family and my economic status because I am trying to better myself. Child development doesn’t pay public school salaries. No where near this type of money. How are we expected to pay for this when Pell doesn't pay for certificates?

38. N/A
39. No other feedback other than the tuition and fees are affordable at the current price, and are not outrageously priced.
40. Increase those for out of state
41. parking pass fees are ridiculous considering there is never anywhere to park
42. I think the reduced WCU Tuition and Fees should remain as they are. People pursue education at WCU because it is affordable and does not cause major debt like other universities.
43. Why do distance students, who never step foot on the WCU campus, have to pay for campus security fee?
44. increase $50.00 a semester instead large amount at one time
45. Any support is important for the students. Many of them work and study. Increase in fees causes hardship for students who already struggle to come up with the funds.
46. Please keep them the same or lower them more. Most students cannot afford high tuition so we are in student loan dept before we even graduate.
47. No
48. Tuition and fees are very expensive.
49. The costs and fees are very reasonable and make it less stressful when paying for classes, working, and completing school work.
50. I would like NC PROMISE to remain in effect and for tuition to remain the same. The low tuition is one of the main reasons I was attracted to WCU. The availability of my major online was also another major factor.
51. I feel like the fees we have now are at a great rate and should not be changed
52. I am so thankful for WCU and the NC Promise Program. I couldn’t finish my degree without it.
53. I am so thankful for the NC Promise program.
54. I am appreciative of the NC Promise, and support it. It is great for many of us who don't qualify for assistance and/or don't want the future debt of student loans.
55. Just wondering what happened to taking as many classes as possible and the tuition on being $500 no matter how many classes taken?
56. I think the fees for distance learning students are a bit high because we are paying for things we don't use persay
57. As a Distance Education student, I am happy to be assured that my tuition will remain unchanged. Thank you WCU, for offering me such an affordable tuition rate!!
58. None
59. If you are a distance education student your fees should not necessarily be higher based on your program.
60. Please do not raise the rates.
61. The tuition and fees really help me to meet my financial obligations at home and still pursue school. Without it I would only be able to take one class per semester which
would mean many more years. I am pleased to say that I have been able to enroll in 9-12 credits and still work. Thanks for the support.

62. The NC Promise Program is the reason I chose to take online classes towards a degree in Business Administration and Law. I was unable to afford other universities to further my education, and I depend on this to continue.

63. My only hope is that summer session be approved for the tuition and fees that are allowed for spring and fall.

64. None

65. Needs to be lower. We can hardly afford what we got now.

66. NC promise tuition rate should be available in the summer semester as well.

67. If tuition goes up it will break the agreement that this school and several others for having lower tuition in the state of North Carolina and therefore not be within the guidelines of this agreement and have make future students if not current students rethink if they can afford these tuition rising.

68. Keeping the tuition affordable allows for a great quality education and reduced major financial burdens on parents and students. Also, reducing the financial debt owed after completion.

69. The NC Promise program allows me to afford college whereas if this was available, I would have to stop going to college.

70. Low tuition is one of the main reasons I chose WCU.

71. No

72. I chose WCU in part on the affordable tuition.

73. Nope. The current class prices are reasonable.

74. Looking at Master degrees, I wish they could be less expensive.

75. I am only in favor of a tuition increase if it will improve the quality of the education or help maintain the level.

If you need to increase tuition and fees to maintain a quality level education and experience for students, then I think it is okay.

Raising tuition and fees for other reasons is not a good idea.

76. No other comments.

77. This tuition reduction opportunity is helping improve EMS providers across the state to meet the emerging healthcare challenges. Thank you.

78. I feel like enrollment would decline without the promise grant.

79. Keeping tuition affordable with the NC Promise plan will continue to increase the student numbers along with assisting students reduce student debt after college.

80. Don’t hide increases in fees, because you said you would keep tuition low. It’s not transparent and seems like a bait and switch practice.

81. KEEP TUITION PRICES THE SAME ($53.88). I pay for tuition out of pocket and as of right now it’s very affordable. It’s one of the reasons why I decided to attend WCU and pursue a 4 year degree.

82. I am glad to hear that WCU will continue the NC Promise plan because it has helped students like me who are taking online distance courses.
83. Please continue NC Promise rate. It would be even better if it applies for summer semester.
84. No, I have been very pleased with the amount of tuition I pay every semester.
85. I would again like to say how appreciative I am for the NC promise tuition and fees, this has made it affordable for me to finally finish my education. My husband and I have sent both our children to college with no pell grants and I am so thankful to finally be able to finish my education.
86. The NC promise program has facilitated my bachelor's degree and relieved a significant amount of stress. My wife has over $40k in student loan debt and we couldn't handle any more from me. I would not be in school now if it weren't for this program. Fees are reasonable for online.
87. Wish this included the EMC program
89. This has allowed me to stay enrolled.
90. The fees attached to the courses seem very high and some seem unnecessary.
   DLP Education & Tech Fee $55.14 - - should be one time not attached to each course
   DLP Security Fee $3.03 - purpose???
   DLP Records & Enroll Mngmt Fee $2.04 - - understandable
   DLP Assn of Student Govern Fee $0.09 - - purpose for distance???
91. I am very happy that WCU participates in the NC Promise Plan!
92. For out of state tuition, we need a fee decrease
93. not at this moment.
94. Costs too much
95. I thought it was $53/ hr for online

Graduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year
1. Yeah, anything that raises tuition is probably bad. So like, don't do it, I'm just trying to get my degree

Graduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year
1. As a commuter grad student, I don't like paying all these on-campus fees.
2. Has anyone considered a variation in tuition charges on the basis of how much it costs to provide the education and how much the student expects to earn within a particular field of study?
3. I can't stand that I have to pay an Athletic Fee that is almost $400 just so we can pay coaches and use my money for scholarships for said individuals. Half the time either the student athletes or coaches are not helping me in any way and do not do a good job at what they are supposed to do. Such as the football team which is not good at all yet I pay for them to play anyway.
4. stop raising fees to pay for things that are only to allow the university to tout all the 'benefits' that come with the school. people don't want to pay for this anymore. People want to be able to afford school without getting into crazy debt, they don't care if the school has a well funded football team or has a party where the university pays for crappy pizza.
5. reduce overhead.
6. I do not agree with the amount required of us to pay to park on campus. We already pay tuition, along with mandated fees to other organizations that we may not even be apart of. But, on top of funding other organizations, we have to pay a ridiculous amount to come to school that we already paid tuition for.
7. I shouldn’t have to pay a fee for renting books when NONE of my books are available for rent. I’d much rather have my fees cover parking instead of anything else than to pay a bunch of fees for services I don’t even use. Why not let students opt in to services and pay the fees for what they will actually use. Except that won’t happen because that’s more money the university would make from us students, who again already don’t have much money to begin with.
8. It is a ripoff!
9. Students should not get ticketed for parking on campus when they already pay tuition AND hundreds for a parking pass
10. none
11. WHY THE FUCK ARE YOU CHARGING SO MUCH. I should be able to pick and choose what I want. If I don’t want to pay for the fucking gym I shouldn’t have to. Online students shouldn’t have to pay for the gaddamn cattran. Quit being so fucking in-accessible to everyone
12. OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PROVIDING FOR US. EDUCATION IS A RIGHT
13. The fees should not have a need to change as the school is a state school and is funded in part by the state of North Carolina. Parking should be readily available to commuters. When I was a student 7 years ago, the promise made was that there would be a parking garage, and so, it is obvious that the university is not interested in catering to the students needs and concerns.
14. Fees are high for individuals commuting and not spending ALL of their time on campus. Consider differentiating fees based on use, residential students are going to use these resources significantly more than those living off campus. Especially if these commuter students are native to the area.
15. I would believe there is a need, and an obligation, for the administration to include financial support for the UP Program. The presence of this program on campus provides an invaluable professional benefit to those students fortunate enough to be involved as natural student supports and volunteers as well as those who apply to be paid Student Supports. The evidence supports increased growth in overall community enrichment as well as personal growth through the development of interpersonal relationships with individuals with intellectual disabilities. Many students in all career paths have not had the opportunity to interact with individuals in this population. WCU has an impressive and unique history of inclusion. The students enrolled in the UP Program have been incredibly generous in sharing their stories. General education students often express how they feel they gain far more from the UP students then they can give.

The professional development experience this program and provides is challenging to quantify and is not readily available at the majority of the universities nationwide. I would be proud of our school and administration if we were to become active and meaningful participants in the support of Dr. Kelly and the UP Program.
16. The fees for the student at Biltmore Park are outrageous and unfair. We use nearly none of the same services and yet we pay a ton for them. We don't even have much support on our campus- we have limited health care and counseling and no gym. Our building is frequently closed, and we have essentially no study spaces- they are public spaces where people come to eat lunch and talk and be loud. I am very upset with the campus space and the amount I am paying for services I will never benefit from. The athletic fee, especially, should be downright eliminated for students at Biltmore Park.

17. Remove athletic fee for Biltmore Park students. We do not use the gym and there is not even a shower if we did want to use it!

18. why is out of state tuition for grad students literally twice as much as in state? if you want to keep people around after graduation it could be easier if they weren't in as much debt

19. I think that there should be a parking pass for HHS only and it should be cheaper than the commuter pass. Many health science graduate students only go to HHS so it would be nice to have a less expensive option that is more applicable to us

20. too high

21. The parking fees are sky high considering parking is a huge problem on campus. At the instruction of someone in that department, I waited to use my financial aid for the fee but was then charged a late fee. I've also been charged a $25 fee for backing into a space. This is completely ridiculous. One would think that with the amount students and faculty are charged that we would have zero problems with finding parking (which could possibly be solved by the building of parking garages). I would also suggest that parking enforcement get out of their vehicles to actually read the license plates or posting signs in the lots to pull forward only instead of it only being hidden in the website. Asking students to pay for a forward plate is silly.

22. We should consider imposing lots of these fees on the groups only affected by them. For example, students in the Bardo Arts center could fundraise. The same thing applies for athletes, especially. I know, first hand, many student athletes don't take the sports seriously and already don't abide by their contracts. Why should the student body help pay for athletics while they get free tuition, do drugs, and aren't held responsible for their actions? This is absurd to me. We should increase tuition just to give more students financial aid or scholarships.

Graduate Students Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

1. Several of the fees apply to students at the main campus. As a student at Biltmore Park only, I am still required to pay for all parts of tuition, although I am not benefitting from them. I strongly believe that students at Biltmore Park should pay a different rate than main campus students to reflect the benefits available.

2. Please consider revising fees for Biltmore Park students.

3. The price should not go up.

4. For graduate students, who don't even participate in many of these programs, it's very frustrating to see continuous increases to tuition. I started this graduate program with the understanding that my tuition would be roughly $2k per semester. It has rarely been under $3-$4k.
5. My SRNA classmates and I each pay thousands of dollars yearly to support activities in which we cannot participate. This fee structure is unfair.

6. Yup. Insurance for all. Whether full time or not. It should be apparent that students who may be struggling and forced to drop classes to deal with medical issues should not be punished by having their insurance revoked. Forget that it's just cruel, but making healthcare unavailable to students who need it most, those who need it in order to get better in order to return to school, is likely to lose you some students. Hence, $$$

1) I would like to see more financial incentive for part time students. The overall cost of tuition for a MSW degree is much higher than that of a full time student.
2) it would be cool of there were more opportunities for students in BP

7. We as off campus Grad students shouldn't have to pay fees that we get no use from.

8. Biltmore park students should be able to waive many of the fees since we don’t have practical access to most services.

9. Students at Biltmore Park pay fees for things that are only geared toward the main campus. These fees should not be forced upon students that do not have access to the services.

10. It is ridiculous for biltmore park students to have to pay activity fees when we are not at Cullowhe.

11. Support legislation and legislators that advocate for student rights and free public education.

12. Tuition keeps increasing and for students who are taking online courses or courses at Biltmore park the fees seem ludicrous. Sure I can drive to Cullowhee to have access to these services but the 45 minute drive hinders that from being practical. Fees and amenities make sense for students who physically attend courses on campus; however, what incentive does a grad student have for taking a grad program online through western while paying fees for services they cannot use compared to sourcing a graduate degree from other online only programs that have less fees?

13. As a graduate student solely at the Biltmore Park Campus, I do not feel it is fair that my tuition and fees are put toward facilities I do not use. As, it is typical for people in my program to only visit main campus once, and that is at graduation.


15. The nursing anesthesia program carries a hefty additional fee each semester. My biggest concern is when this fee is applied to the summer semester. The fee is excessive for such a short semester. Additionally, many of us will only be enrolled in 5 credit hours this coming summer. This fee must be adjusted to account for credit hours and the length of the semester in order to alleviate the many financial stresses we are facing throughout the three years of lacking income in this doctoral program.

16. Biltmore Park students need greater access to the BP campus. Closing at 5pm on Friday and Saturday and closed on Sunday is problematic particularly for students who do not have access to a computer or the internet at home.

17. As I already mentioned, Biltmore Park students should not have to pay the additional fees that are required in Cullowhee because we do not have access to the amenities that exist on the main campus.

18. I am not on main campus, I should not have to pay for main campus services.
19. Get rid of some of the charges that don't apply to 90% of the students attending.
20. The tuition for graduate students is fine. My issue however is the amount of fees charged to graduate students at Biltmore Park. For instance, I currently pay fees for transportation (CAT tran), athletic facilities (gym) and other items that students at Biltmore Park do not use. These fees add up to roughly 1/3 the total cost per semester. Personally, I do not think that is very fair, as most tuition reimbursement plans employers offer only covers tuition and books and not the additional fees.
21. Do not use graduate students as cash cows to pay for student activities and athletics that we do not benefit from.
22. Please don't increase tuition
23. We should be focused on reducing student costs
24. There are fees that we are charged for at the Biltmore Park location that we do not utilize or have the time to take part in. Currently there is no agreement with the YMCA for WCU to use their facility.
25. Students who don't use certain services should not be required to pay for them.
26. I appreciate the affordability of WCU's tuition. Obviously as a full time graduate student whose program does make it easy to hold down a job, I would prefer that there be no increases in fees because I would rather use that money towards food/rent/bills. However, I do understand that it is important for the students to chip in to help pay for different aspects/amenities of WCU. That being said I do not think that students in BP who do not have easy access to the main campus should have to pay more for amenities they do not get to use. If those fees could instead be used towards something for us here in Asheville I would understand however, it is frustrating to be paying for things I can't use without driving all the way to Cullowhee which I don't have time to do on a whim.
27. Biltmore Park students are at a financial disadvantage as students of WCU because we pay fees that provide services that are not reasonable available to us.
28. Out-of-state tuition is too high for graduate students at Biltmore Park. There is a $10,000 difference for in-state vs. out-state for the year, which is unfair considering undergrad tuition is substantially lower. In my program, there are not many out-of-state students either, so I find this frustrating that the rate is so high

**Graduate Students Planning to Take Classes Online**
1. For a distance grad student, tuition and fees are very affordable.
2. Undergraduate students should not have to pay excessive fees for the sport programs.
3. I am considering obtaining a masters degree from WCU beginning next year. If the cost for tuition, books, etc increases I will no longer consider WCU an option for obtaining this degree.
4. The tuition at this point is very good.
5. The fees should remain the same for distance in state graduate students.
6. Not at this time.
7. I wish I'd went to a trade school.
8. Why raise the fees on one of the lowest paying careers out there? I will not be able to continue with my program if this change is put into place.
9. I think that tuition for higher education should be paid through taxes, so that it's cheaper/free for individuals.
10. No
11. Why increase tuition without a equal increase of assistantships and scholarships? its difficult enough as is
12. It's expensive, but it's necessary.
13. I am in a program where the cost of a class that lasts 8 weeks is the same as a class that lasts the entire semester. Not entirely sure how that's possible.
Are there additional services WCU should consider offering for a fee or charge?

Undergraduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year
1. None
2. Nothing. No reason to charge students so much when people come here for a good education.
3. Not at the moment.
4. No except maybe less things. No pay lots make them commuter !!!
5. NO
7. no
8. Just don’t monetize the library. Please.
9. None
10. NO
11. Bolstering of CAPS and Bird building to accommodate the growing number of students.
12. No
13. Carnivals, concerts, movies outside. Opportunities where people can go out and meet others that costs very little to the university and opens up experience for us students. Have fund raisers with cool prizes, have autions, have things that do not hurt the entire student population as a whole especially when incoming students have no say in the new costs. Raise money without hurting the students and limiting what they can do.
14. None
15. No.
16. decrease all fees. stop being greedy and corrupt
17. Stop.
18. No, fuck off, cut your useless administration staff and stop hounding students for government money.
19. Maybe allow students to use their free athletic tickets on the stage and screen productions. I love going to see the shows but I never go to sports games yet I have to pay to see the plays.
20. No.
21. Meal plan with less swipes, most dB and most exchange meals.
22. No
23. No, fuckoff.
24. Be mindful think of all the students you have to consider
25. no
27. No
28. No
29. No fees or charges.
30. No they should drop the fucking price u fucking morons before u turn into mars hill which is a shit hole
31. I love the activities western puts on, but I do not want to pay any more than necessary. Like many students, I pay for my own school. If other students have activities they want the school to administer, it should be charged individually. Thank you for letting me have my input!
32. No!
33. YOU NEED MORE FOOD OPTIONS WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF FOOD OPTIONS AND THERE IS NOT ENOUGH PLACES TO EAT!!!
34. I recommend off-campus activities that are not as far, but things college students would be able to enjoy at a lower price. Weekend hikes, a day at the museum, or going ice skating would all be nice to offer students for an affordable price.
35. Absolutely not
36. No more fees
37. No.
38. No
39. Put a charge on walking while you're at it.
40. None
41. Nope
42. We're already paying enough, the only thing that needs to change is the cafeteria cleanliness/health factors and residential parking.
43. No. University is already prohibitive to many. Fees increase every year, and no others should be added.
44. n/a
45. There should be no more fees or extra charges. These are poor students and families who come here because this was a good opportunity they don't have money as it is.
46. NO
47. Why change prices on students who were already promised the current prices, this could cause many students to transfer
48. None that I can think of.
49. improve the food conditions in the cafeteria and i will gladly pay however much is necessary in order to maintain such standards of quality.
50. No
51. No! But if you're going to raise prices at least lower the prices of another option.
52. No.
53. CAPS NEEDS MORE MONEY AND STAFF. a THREE MONTH WAITING period for someone who is depressed and can't handle the stress of college by themselves is ridiculous. If this isn't fixed soon the school is going to see a high rise in depression along with other mental illness. Honestly I'm surprised that there haven't been suicides at this school with how bad CAPS is right now. This needs to be top priority and not just pushed aside like the rest of the problems the school has.
54. Nooo
55. I think there shouldn't be a fee charge for upcoming sophomore, junior, or senior, the school should have saved money to build these building, I wouldn't want to build these building out of my money, if the school wants to improve the campus then it should
come out of the school funding. I'm paying to have a higher education, not to build a building.
56. No.
57. A car wash for students, free, included in tuition or a fee
58. I cannot think of any.
59. Homebase should have more support for students. Also, the health services/ Bird building should have more of a focus on helping get the medication and supplies they need to assist students especially during the flu season and allergies. More students look to the health services for help than the hospital because the hospital does not treat students right. Our campus is the largest emergency support in Jackson County so we should focus more on helping them and health rather than upgrading the cost of housing and meal plans.
60. NO!
61. Charge less for parking. Or add more parking.
62. Charge more so RAs get paid more tbh they deserve it
63. No, we're poor, stop trying to bleed turnips.
64. WCU could consider a fee increase or additional fee to fund more recycling services on campus.
65. No.
66. There should be a specific fee imposed on athletes that pays the for the scholarships and expenses of significantly high achieving students at the university. In return they can get free tutoring.

Oh, wait, they already get free tutoring. But the high achieving students get to pay an athletic fee?

FUCK western
67. N/A
68. no your school costs too much to go to anyway.
69. NO. Stop charging students. We don't have the money.
70. NO! You’re supposed to be an AFFORDABLE college for poor kids like me who don’t want to end up financially unstable like their parents. My hole of debt is getting wider and wider and it’s so stressful. I keep having to take out extra loans that I didn’t need before because the “little” increases on all of these categories really adds up. Start thinking about your broke students (which is the majority of them).
71. I should only be charged for fees on things that I do. If I don’t go to the gym I don’t want to be charged for it
72. PARKING TICKETS ARE A SCAM!!!!!!!!!!
73. no we have too many fees like why is the athletic fee 800 dollars a year I wouldn't spend that in tickets because we suck at sports why would I want to go.
74. No. There are already too many fees and too many random building projects planned. Focus on reducing fees more than anything.
75. up the visitor fee not the student parking fees..... up the metered parking fee's,
76. No.
77. no
78. No
79. Nothing. Stop charging us for things we don't use.
80. Don't charge any thing u are already putting us in debt
81. I think its more important to look at how we can minimize the payment of fees that students aren't connected to or using the benefits from
82. n/a
83. No.
84. Instead of increasing how much we pay to go to this mediocre school, keep it how it is. You have tricked students into going here because it is cheap and now all of a sudden you want to run us dry.
85. No
86. No
87. Add air conditioning to our overpriced prison cell “dorm rooms” because it’s not 1950 anymore.
88. NO
89. let us choose what we pay for
90. No
91. N/A
92. No, we have enough fees.
93. No more please
94. None
95. do things for the whole students
96. Nope
97. There needs to be higher focus on supporting CAPs and hiring enough therapists for students requiring therapy. With the amount of stress placed on students, they shouldn't have to worry whether or not a therapist is available, let alone worry about getting placement to see a therapist.
98. Nothing I can think of at the moment
99. Fees should only be decreased!!!
100. Hell nah.
101. Not for a fee, but we need more lights on campus, especially on the walk back from the Exxon lot.
102. Several Logic courses would be nice, the amount off illogical arguments made by the staff and students hear who speak publicly hear is astronomical to anyone who takes a moment to listen.
103. No. We are broke college students, no more fee or charges please!!!!
104. No.
105. We should not be charged for individuals not involved with Bardo fine & performing arts, athletics
106. No, please no.
107. No.
108. No. Stop charging people for ridiculous things.
109. N/A
The meal plan changes are wild. Some people can't eat the cafe or brown food without getting sick. Limiting students options to eat on campus even if they are given $500 in DB does not allow them to eat at other places throughout the semester.

N/A
No.
No
N/A
No charge just love
Absolutely not.
no
no don’t change anything.
None
FUCK NO STOP ASKING FOR MORE MONEY ASSHOLES I NEED MY MONEY TOO JERKS
Parent/non-resident parking on game days as an additional charge on top of ticket costs.
No.
Literally nothing else. You guys make ev every little thing a fee.
No
No.
Start a fund to build a parking garage or more lots. Parking can get out of hand, ESPECIALLY when we aren't allowed to park overnight in most spots during move-in or move-out days
n/a
No.
No.
Of course not. We pay enough.
No.
No.
None.
No, because you should not add additional charges to anything.
Why not making a parking garage?
No
No
No.
Please, God, no.
Don't be too high. Be understanding with it.

Undergraduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year
Yes because this NC promise is how i’m affording to pay for school right now.
Lower parking pass prices if you increase anything else parking should not be 300-400 dollars.
Read above. I’m done.
145. Added transportation fee to allow for a shuttle to run to Riverwalk Apartments several times a day for students who can’t or don’t drive.
146. no
147. Less.
148. Hold fundraisers like Greek life for departments.
149. There needs to be healthier food options than the ones we have. Freshens is good and all but not when they are constantly out of food. There's hardly any good options for vegetarians or vegans.
150. Free tickets to things for all students, not just stage and screen.
151. No, you charge us exorbitantly for fees that we don’t already support. Consider a reduction in the Chancellor, Provost, and Dean incomes by 5-10% to cover the increase. They won’t even notice the difference.
152. WCU held concerts that brings actual good rappers in or underground rappers from Asheville.
153. No.
154. Decreased fee for parking passes, y’all get enough out of us already with parking tickets and other things. Please please please consider the fact that we are in a remote location and town is 15 minutes away and you only offer shopping trips 1-2 times a month.
155. NO. There are all these fee increases for things that not everyone utilizes and will only affect some individuals. Why not try and fund something such as catching bugs in the cafeteria? Hiring more extermination companies?
156. Increased job search services, Psychiatry on campus
157. No.
158. How about a fee for the science department to help them out since wcu is going to charge every student fees that don’t apply to them
159. A cleaning service fee for the dorms
160. No.
161. CAPS needs better funding, a bigger building, and more employees so it doesn’t take 3 months to get an appointment
162. N/A
163. When increasing and changing fees, I think Western Carolina should think about its current student body first. The students who are already here should be able to keep the same fees and tuition as they had when they accepted to come to this University. New students coming into this university should be warned of the new fees and charges before they accept to come here. So new students coming in should get the new fees, but the current student body should be grandfathered into the old fees and charges they have had since they got accepted to the University.
164. No
165. No
166. I would be willing to pay more for a meal plan if we had more options as well as healthier options, I don’t like how unhealthy all of the options are.
167. Not that I can think of. If it’s free it’s for me.
168. It should not have to be mandatory for students to be charged fees that they do not participate in like athletic or band fees.
169. How is WCU planning on decreasing fossil fuel use? There should be a renewable energy push on campus similarly to Appalachian State.

170. I do not support any change in the current tuition rate.

171. No more fees or charges.

172. No. In fact they should reduce or make the fees optional for the students that commute and mandatory for the students who live on campus and use the services offered.

173. Not to my knowledge.

174. Offer up crossfit.
   Bring in some people who are certified and trained, charge a little monthly fee.
   It will help bring people together, help kids make friends and bond.
   Gets them in better shape, leads to more self confidence and its been proven better grades.
   You want students to get out and be active that is why this campus offers so many things.
   Not crossfit though.
   I know you guys will just glance over this, and I get it probably not the most important thing for you guys to think about, but to me it would be a no brainer, think about the amount of extra money you could have if you did a competition and let teams compete.
   Now you have even more people coming in and spending money, which can go back into the program or other other programs that need it.

175. CAT Tran should receive more budget for a dedicated facility giving them washing abilities, some degree of maintenance options...... Etc. The busses are ALWAYS dirty on the outside, muddy, etc. Because you can't keep anything clean at gravel lot. Also, there are a lot of old busses. They don't have speakers in the back, so we can't listen to whatever the driver is listening to... Most of the busses have wheelchair lifts, which is fantastic. But I don't think every bus should have them. They are extremely loud and obnoxious. The drivers are amazing, but the busses and the quality of the busses? Is subpar. We should have an executive member of the board, or somebody in charge of overseeing CAT Tran looking into giving them more budget to allow them to better maintain and service the busses we have. 100% not a driver fault, definitely an infrastructure issue. I would not mind paying a little bit more than what we pay now to allow for that to occur. Facilities trucks are all in presentable order and we have no reason to ever worry about them, but Cat Trans, the only realistic means of public transport for us (students), are the dumpy looking old and loud busses that everyone is confused about as to whether they are safe or not. (until they meet the drivers)

176. PARKING. WE NEED MORE PARKING ON CAMPUS. We pay up to $420 for parking at a school we ATTEND, and there’s is barely ever any places to park and they’re all far away.

177. Learning services cause you pay for it normally so may as well start charging

178. No

179. No.

180. NO

181. The less I have to pay them better.

182. Perhaps a way for students / commuters to add exchange meals to their cat cards.

183. college should be free.
184. Extensive fees and charges out weight the benefits of the NC promise
185. More support for non-traditional and veteran students.
186. Stop with the over-the-top restriction of parking through metered lots! Y’all get enough through parking tickets and every other way you squeeze every dime out of us. PROVIDE MORE PARKING AND DECREASE PARKING TICKETS AND PARKING CRAP AND GIVE US MORE PARKING SPOTS! People are paying more for parking passes than even worth and y’all over distributed more parking passes than we have spots
187. No
188. N/a
189. Fuck no
190. No
191. No
192. No.
193. more parking and covered waiting areas at CatTran stops
194. I’ll get back to you on this one.
195. More space for students to simply hang out.
196. Pop up markets for profits would be amazing. There is money to be made with groceries on campus. Also extending cat Tran to all of the local apartment complexes would make for a better transportation method and help with parking on campus.
197. No
198. Definitely not the sports teams. Academics are more important.
199. Make some fees to deal with the parking situation. Also Belk needs more study rooms
200. No
201. Parking might want to be looked at for commuters. Maybe offer putting two cars on one parking pass for commuters only. This is because a lot of commuters take turns taking different cars by riding with their roommates. Instead of all of the roommates having to buy individual passes, they should be allowed to put two or three of their cars on one pass.
202. NO.
203. Stop with the fees!
204. Rent a dog. I think there should be an animal shelter on campus that allows students to pay a fee each time they go in to play with a dog, and students have to option to adopt them after graduating.
205. Keep the cat-tran system the way it is. Huge fan of it.
206. NO. PLEASE I AM POOR!!!
207. No.
208. no
209. No. Keep the prices the same or lower them
210. Lower the prices for parking, A lot of students can't afford all of that expensive parking. plus the punishments are ridiculous.
211. No
212. No, there’s many services that are already over charged. Parking is a prime example as there’s hardly any parking and students with parking passes have to continue to pay for
metered parking after paying over $300 for a spot. There’s no need for more fees, there’s more of a need for correction of issues already in place with fees.

213. #Bernie
    #Freecollege
214. Thank you for all that you do to help your students. We appreciate your efforts
215. if you’re going to charge for it, make it worth it. otherwise make it easy to opt out.
216. Closer parking for students and faculty.
217. N/a
218. Turn the fountain into an ice cream machine.
219. Individual student access to Adobe Creative Cloud.
220. No
221. Absolutely NOT
222. No.
223. NO. I think WCU should consider restructuring they way fees are administered. Fees are heavily weighted and its frustrating to pay a fee for a program or activity that I don’t participate in. I would much rather pay a higher fee for a program I participate in rather than one I don’t.
224. Drinking. The drunks run rampant here and it’s ridiculous, and it’s as if the school condones it. It’s trashy and makes the school look terrible. There should be a fee that you have to pay to even pop a top on campus. Enough students do it, you guys would make millions!
225. Nope I dont like paying for things i don’t even get to use or get to benefit me. Such as athletics and Greek life.
226. no
227. Not in my opinion.
228. More fun weekend activities. Group camping trips, paintball on the weekends, actual fun activities.
229. No. No more money.
230. FIX THE PARKING SITUATION! IF YOU SPEND 300+ ON A PARKING PASS, THEN YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BUY THE PASS TO BE ABLE TO BACK INTO PARKING SPOTS. IT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS THAT WANT ONE FREE OF CHARGE!!!!!!!
231. NONE OF THEM.
232. No.
233. A different food catering company. Other schools don’t have near as many issues as we do, we are suppose to be an amazing school with the best and most recent technology but we stick with a food company that is under lawsuit for selling bugs and worms to inmates across the country.
234. No we already pay for enough ridiculous fees and charges.
235. Bring back the easily accessible food in the UC. The express chickfila was one of the only way to get food on campus quickly. It shouldn’t be an additional fee or charge considering we had it before but I’m certain that other students will agree with this. It's been brought up several times.
If you are going to charge us hundreds of dollars to park on campus perhaps we should not have to walk miles to class every day. Honestly it gives college students another reason to dislike going to class.

This concerns commuter parking passes. The commuter lots are facing a dilemma because there are some times when there are simply not enough parking spaces for the amount of students who are enrolled as commuters. This was a problem I ran into the first three weeks of the semester. It has gone down since then, but I am afraid the problem may persist into the future. Is there any way additional parking can be made available? If not, the price of obtaining a commuter pass should decrease since the university is not providing the highest quality parking services for students.

Make the parking free for commuters if the university isn’t going to provide enough parking places. Or increase the amount of parking on campus for commuters.

Paying a fee to upgrade some of the campus dining options and opening back of the U.C

Nope.

Parking fee needs to go down

A soccer field with goals that students can use, apart from the intramural fields

CHEAPER PARKING YALL ARE ROBBING US AND THERE ISN'T EVEN ENOUGH DAMN PARKING

No

Sell alcohol on campus, let students use DB for alcohol

N/A

Shuttle to apartments.

N/A

Library

None that I can think of at the moment.

None.

Nah, we pay enough.

Parking pass prices should be reduced. Or better parking made available for commuters.

PLEASE ADD MORE FOOD OPTIONS. This campus is too small for the amount of people flooding in.

Library

Student emergency fund

GIVE MORE MONEY TO THE ARTS!

Definitely not. Fees need to be better explained to students.

The Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement could benefit from even $1 per student.

More food delivery options. Papa Johns is the only food delivery service and they are not that great all the time. I would like to see more options.

no

I've heard that parking is going to become more expensive to finance a parking garage. Parking is already really expensive so if this is a real consideration I urge the committee to vote against.
263. Putting in a mirror or something across the street from the Catholic Campus Ministry to aid in students leaving the parking lot because it would GREATLY help with seeing oncoming traffic and aid in reducing wrecks that could potentially happen. Also, it would be beneficial to have a walkway painted on the road there as well.

264. NO

265. do not add fees or charges please.

266. The vending machines should take DB again and the printer and copier fees should go down because it's absolutely ridiculous that students have to pay an arm and leg to print out work for classes we are already paying for. It is very inconsiderate and greedy and makes me as a student feel taken for granted and underappreciated.

267. You should charge a small fee for library cards. I would love to see new materials, especially in the CMC. If this means charging people a small fee ($5-$10) for a library card, I’ll do it.

268. No

269. Printing on campus is very expensive, someone related to education and often required for assignments should be considerably less.

270. No

271. No

272. No

273. Inflating fees to promote low tuition is not fair to students.

274. Absolutely not. The school should make their athletic program more profitable so we do not have to pay 800 dollars a year.

275. why is this a question?

276. Before racking up the prices for parking passes, make more parking options for commuters, residents, professors. It’s not fair to pay $400 for a parking pass when you can barely ever find parking.

277. yes please help your mental heath programs such as caps, I have had multiple students complain about the lack of care including during an emergency call for an actively suicidal person.

278. lower meal plans and room and board

279. N/A

280. NO.

281. Expand the engineering department and build new parking lots/garages. I am expected to pay $400 a semester to spend as much time commuting on foot as I spend in the car? The CatTran are not reliable either.

282. Caps getting their own fee separate from the student health fee or getting more money from the school. It is an excellent service and could use more staff and a few more actual licensed therapists.

283. Not sure if this applies but I would like to see more available seating/picnic tables around campus, and not just at the dining halls and restaurants. I often want to arrive to class early to work on homework and/or other classes work and I have no where to sit and do it.

284. No!

285. No. No more fees college is already expensive enough!
286. No
287. CatTran
288. None
289. No
290. No
291. The athletic facilities are so behind that it is embarrassing. Especially baseball, having no locker room at the field or a facility to practice indoors when it rains as much as it rains here. Not to mention the cold. Also, a two tunnel batting cage that is outdoors is not suitable for a 40 man baseball roster. Money should be spread out but a focus should be on some of these terrible athletic facilities that are well behind other socon schools
292. Instead of students paying fees for athletics and greek life, how about we pay fees and designate more resources to Counseling and Psychological Services? It is ridiculous that there is only one floor of a building dedicated to student psychological health, especially on a campus with over 12,000 students.
293. NO
294. no
295. Give rugby funding
296. no
297. No
298. No! Consider removing fees! Or making them optional!
299. No we are already getting charged for half their services on campus leave it alone, except for the current standing fees.
300. NO
301. No
302. More parking
303. Renovation of courtyard dining hall.
304. No.
305. No.
306. There are no other services
307. Increase fees for the largest groups of majors.

Undergraduate Students Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year
1. I think Biltmore Park students would be willing to pay a fee for upgrades to that campus.
2. I think that if I attend and complete all of the requirements for graduation that I should have the GRADUATION fees waived, or at least the cap and gown for free.... I mean come on..
3. No
4. No, you insufferable, greedy bastards.
5. If Western requires students who take classes at Biltmore Park to have health insurance they need to provide a clinic so services can be used.
6. Wait until I graduate to start charging more. My bank account can't handle it.
7. Can you take some of the money I spend on athletics and give it to the library so there is a more complete catalog (scientific/ medical journals)?
8. Maybe some programs that involve the distance learners? Or extend the student led events to distance learners at Biltmore Park?

9. No

Undergraduate Students Planning to Take Classes Online Next Year

1. It would be effective to offer Praxis testing for teachers for free or reduced cost upon passing.
2. Parking, you have heard the complaints... please change parking and their techniques they use to enforce parking.
3. You should charge teachers who use online platforms as a manipulation of their teaching skills.

Beth Jones would be one to consider. I have asked her numerous times to help me and she continues only to refer to the online references I have already looked at. The college could save a partial salary from her if they took the classes she conducts online and hired an intern to do it. My tuition has been wasted in past semesters by her.

4. Lap top rentals exclusive to school..so there is no multi authenticator

5. None I can think of.

6. Someone needs to create a computer program or algorithm that tabulates and recognizes all those who are distance only students, who are NEVER on campus and remove them from all the safety notifications, group get together notifications, etc. I don't feel I should have to unsubscribe to a million different groups. If I'm not there, I don't need to know about football games, and safety alerts, or loudspeaker tests. I get far too much email that does not pertain to me.

7. No
8. Valet parking
9. No
10. no
11. no
12. Parking, special events, booster sales
13. No
14. Yes, consider NOT increasing any fees or charges for the next year, so I can have the opportunity to finish and get a teacher paying position. As me for a donation or increase at that point. I may possibly be able to contribute since I will have the opportunity to make better wages.

15. Is there a way to get assistance for internships without pay and benefits. A way to get extra grant money. I still have to provide for my family of 7

16. N/A
17. I do not believe there is.
18. N/A
19. Is it really, truly necessary for the fee to be charged? We are college students. We work full or part time to just barely make it by meanwhile trying to uphold our class work so we can accomplish our dreams. The extra fees can add up when you're paying for everything yourself without the help of loans, parents, scholarships, grants, etc.
Western is a great school and thanks to NC Promise it is even better as a more affordable college.

20. No
21. N/A
22. N/A
23. I do not know.
24. None at this time.
25. No
26. Consider NC Promise for summer semesters. (I pay out of pocket), I would like to see tuition be lower for summer semesters if possible.
27. Maybe discounted laptops?
28. None
29. No.
30. If you are a distance education student,
31. No
32. NO! NO MORE FEES! Distance students pay the same fees for none of the campus amenities. Not fair!
33. N/A
34. None
35. No
36. I appreciate the low tuition cost but then to have such a huge cost thrown out you every time you turn around for parking, tk20, and more it is exhausting. I'd almost rather pay more tuition and less nickel and dime us to death
37. No
38. The current amount for tuition and fees is affordable for me to be able to attend college. I am so happy that I am able to attend college at my age.
39. I see no additional reasons why WCU should offer additional services for a fee or charge at this time. I believe the amount of services and the fees are adequate.
40. Not that I'm aware of!
41. Don't be so limited on degrees. Most colleges let you take classes online and in person.
42. No. Make them optional if you want to add more services
43. If anything the summer tuition should decrease.
44. No
45. Nope
46. No thoughts as of now...
47. I certainly hope not. But I would pay a few extra fees as long as tuition stays down.
48. NO
49. Not right now
50. no comment at this time.
51. How about scholarship and grant help for students that are out of state?

Graduate Students Planning to Live in a Residence Hall Next Year
1. The only service I would be willing to pay more in tuition for is a cattran that ferries grad students to and from Biltmore
Graduate Students Planning to Commute Next Year
1. Transport to Sylva shopping at least one day a week for those who do not have or cannot afford a car. This might help to eliminate some of the food insecurity for people who live in the apartments near campus. Better lighting near crosswalks.
2. NO
3. None
4. I hate fees as much as I hate taxes and think a lot of things should be cut back. I know this goes under parking operations but make commuter parking closer. If it is going to cost as much for everything, I think the school should do something about the roaches in the caf and lighten up on Greek life.
5. no
6. You want MORE money????? Are you fucking stupid? You do realize the standard price for 1 degree is close to 50,000 right???? Get a fucking grip
7. Paved overflow parking at HHSB building. Can I park across the road if no spaces are available? No signs there for commuter parking?
8. YMCA gym membership at the Reuter Family YMCA should included, at least, with our $3,000 athletic fee charge.
9. Cattrain should increases the number of time they ply Walmart per week.
10. Not that I can think of. I think if a fee or tuition raise is going to happen, it should be in a category that will benefit the student body as a whole and not just a sector of our students.

Graduate Students Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year
1. biltmore park should not have the same dees as on campus. There are not as many good facilities like libraries and the weekend hours aren’t good.
2. Counseling services at biltmore park location.
3. WCU should offer services at Biltmore Park that are comparable to those at the main campus, such as health clinic visits and an actual gym membership (not the tiny hotel-style gym). We are paying the fees so we should have access to equivalent services!
4. No, we pay enough already...
5. See above.
6. Students at Biltmore Park should be given a free YMCA membership because they do not have access to the gym and recreation center on the main campus, yet we pay fees for them.
7. NO STUDENTS ARE ALREADY DEPENDING ON LOANS TO OBTAIN A COLLEGE EDUCATION. MORE INCREASING WILL LEAVE STUDENTS FURTHER IN DEBT JUST TO OBTAIN A COLLEGE EDUCATION. WESTERN IS PUBIC UNIVERSITY AND SHOULD MAKE PRICES AFFORDABLE FOR STUDENTS
8. Support legislation and legislators that advocate for student rights and free public education.
10. Biltmore Park should have service fees for things offered AT Biltmore Park.
11. No. WCU charges for way too many pointless things already.
12. I would be willing to pay a $100 fee to be exempt from all other fees.
14. If graduate students who are solely based in Biltmore Park are going to be required to pay activity and athletic fees but not have ease of access to facilities; more incentives and investments should be spent on those students!
15. As an Asheville student at the BP campus I would love if the portion of our fees that is already being used as a gym membership to the campus rec could be used towards a membership at the YMCA next door instead because I would love to have access to that gym! However, I would rather not pay more since I am already paying fees that covers one gym membership in Cullowhee that I can't use.
16. Increased counseling and health services options at Biltmore Park

Graduate Students Planning to Take Classes Online Next Year
1. Offer a rental textbook program for distance graduate students.
2. No
3. No
4. Not at this time.
5. None noted
6. I'm sure you'll think of another Watermark/TK20, but better(wink wink).
7. gym classes, swim classes, cooking classes, entertainment activities
8. NO.
9. It would be nice if distance students could get health insurance through the school like those attending campus classes.
10. No more fee's or charges, we are paying enough and the debt levels are insane.
11. No