

2023-2024 Tuition and Fee Committee

10/4/2022 Meeting Minutes

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Topic: Minutes approved as submitted

Topic: Agenda approved as submitted

Topic: Student Survey

- Leave open until November 13th
- Will complete the survey as proposals are submitted
- Adjust wording of the last question to “Are there additional services WCU should consider offering”
 - Change to a Yes No and only show text box if “Yes”
- Send last year’s results to committee
- Send this year’s survey via email to all students, post on social media, send via happenings, post on MyWCU
- Bill+Payment Announcement Section
- Engage Announcement
- Canvas To Do List or Announcement
- Flyers on Campus and in residence halls

Topic: Proposal on Mandatory, Parking, and Transportation Fees

- Requesting an inflationary increase for Mandatory Fees, Parking, and Transportation
- Increase is capped at 3%
- Debt Service and Sustainability fees will remain with no increase needed
- Sustainability fee and ASG fee will remain with no increase recommended
- Athletics Fee, Education and Technology Fee, Health Services Fee, and Student Activity Fee – requesting an increase due to inflation
 - Most fees have not increased in recent years
 - NC Legislature issued a mandatory pay increase for faculty and staff which must be covered
 - No new services being proposed
 - Increase is due to inflationary constraints
 - Total 2.9% increase in the combined fees
- Requesting a 3.5% increase in the Transportation Fee is being requested – not a mandatory fee as defined by the UNC System
 - \$4 increase
- Why are fees mandatory?
 - You must pay for them even if you don’t use

- Last year's athletic fee increase was for facilities only, this year's increase will be used for operations only
- UNC System Office recommends allowing, or not allowing, for increases for the Security Fee and ASG Fee
 - Received notice that we can't spend less than we are currently spending on safety and security
 - Helps fund University Police and some positions in Counseling and Psychological Services
- Parking has the same inflationary pressures
 - Four different rates for students who live on campus based on class
 - Several years ago planned to have all classes paying the same
 - Proposing to take the senior and graduate student rate to \$350
 - Proposing to take the commuting student rate to \$330
 - Proposing to take freshmen, sophomore, and junior rate to \$410
 - Pays for facilities, parking lots, and parking deck
 - Reserving lots makes it easier to find a space in specific lots rather than drive all over campus
 - Commuter lots on perimeter
 - Should freshmen lots be reconsidered?
- Biltmore Park students - pay the mandatory fees if in a residential program, do not pay the fees if they are in a distance program
- Health Fee - why pay when students have insurance?
 - Amount of charges able to be charged back to insurance is not enough to cover services and all operations
 - Co-pays are not charged for most procedures at Health Services
 - Fee also pays for the student ambulance service
 - Counseling services in the area is not available at the level provided on campus
- Freshmen who come in with over 30 hours they can get an upper-class permit
 - Is it possible to change it from freshmen to first-year student and not tag to 30 credit hours?
 - May be a software capacity issue but may be possible