



**Proposed 2022-23 Tuition and Fees
Tuition and Fees Committee Open Forums
Fall 2021**

Presentation Outline

- Process for Setting Tuition and Fees
- Student Input on Tuition and Fee Proposals
- Proposed Tuition and Fee Increases

Process for Setting Tuition and Fees

- Setting tuition and fees is a complex process that includes multiple steps, starting with WCU's budget hearing process (see BudgetProcess.WCU.edu website).
- WCU proposes tuition and fees that must be approved by the WCU Board of Trustees.
- Next the UNC Board of Governors approves the proposed tuitions and many of the fees.
- Then approved proposals become part of the NC state budget process with votes by the legislature and finalized when the Governor signs the state budget into law.

UNC Undergraduate Tuition and Fees



The University of North Carolina Tuition and Fees Applicable to All Regular Full-Time Undergraduate Students 2021-22

| | Tuition | | General Fees | | | | | Total General Fees | Debt Service Fee | Total Fees* | Total Resident Tuition & Fees | Total Nonresident Tuition & Fees |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | Resident | Nonresident | Athletics | Health Services | Student Activities | Educational and Tech. | Campus Security | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NC State University | 6,535.00 | 27,320.00 | 232.00 | 445.00 | 679.32 | 439.28 | 60.00 | 1,855.60 | 534.00 | 2,389.60 | 8,924.60 | 29,709.60 |
| UNC-Chapel Hill | 7,019.00 | 34,882.00 | 279.00 | 410.15 | 394.16 | 442.30 | 60.00 | 1,585.61 | 185.85 | 1,771.46 | 8,790.46 | 36,653.46 |
| East Carolina University | 4,452.00 | 20,729.00 | 773.00 | 319.00 | 702.00 | 403.00 | 52.00 | 2,249.00 | 445.00 | 2,694.00 | 7,146.00 | 23,423.00 |
| NC A & T State University | 3,540.00 | 17,050.00 | 870.00 | 370.00 | 714.25 | 469.06 | 60.00 | 2,483.31 | 588.00 | 3,071.31 | 6,611.31 | 20,121.31 |
| UNC Charlotte | 3,812.00 | 17,246.00 | 824.00 | 335.00 | 650.00 | 622.00 | 34.00 | 2,465.00 | 720.00 | 3,185.00 | 6,997.00 | 20,431.00 |
| UNC Greensboro | 4,422.00 | 19,581.00 | 780.00 | 372.00 | 577.00 | 461.00 | 54.00 | 2,244.00 | 707.00 | 2,951.00 | 7,373.00 | 22,532.00 |
| UNC Wilmington | 4,443.00 | 18,508.00 | 774.55 | 246.07 | 698.95 | 534.94 | 60.00 | 2,314.51 | 376.00 | 2,690.51 | 7,133.51 | 21,198.51 |
| Appalachian State University | 4,242.00 | 19,849.00 | 783.00 | 335.00 | 659.00 | 576.00 | 60.00 | 2,413.00 | 634.00 | 3,047.00 | 7,289.00 | 22,896.00 |
| Fayetteville State University | 2,982.00 | 14,590.00 | 768.00 | 287.00 | 565.00 | 382.00 | 60.00 | 2,062.00 | 335.00 | 2,397.00 | 5,379.00 | 16,987.00 |
| NC Central University | 3,728.00 | 16,435.00 | 847.00 | 312.66 | 501.40 | 428.15 | 60.00 | 2,149.21 | 570.00 | 2,719.21 | 6,447.21 | 19,154.21 |
| UNC Pembroke | 1,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 781.52 | 215.49 | 697.84 | 533.91 | 60.00 | 2,288.76 | 206.00 | 2,494.76 | 3,494.76 | 7,494.76 |
| Western Carolina University | 1,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 782.00 | 350.00 | 632.00 | 544.00 | 60.00 | 2,368.00 | 523.00 | 2,891.00 | 3,891.00 | 7,891.00 |
| Winston-Salem State University | 3,401.00 | 14,057.44 | 780.00 | 340.00 | 545.70 | 416.46 | 31.00 | 2,113.16 | 423.00 | 2,536.16 | 5,937.16 | 16,593.60 |
| UNC Asheville | 4,122.00 | 21,470.00 | 855.00 | 403.00 | 791.50 | 527.00 | 60.00 | 2,636.50 | 394.00 | 3,030.50 | 7,152.50 | 24,500.50 |
| Elizabeth City State University | 1,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 899.00 | 333.00 | 738.00 | 326.00 | 30.00 | 2,326.00 | - | 2,326.00 | 3,326.00 | 7,326.00 |
| UNC School of the Arts (1) | 6,497.00 | 23,731.00 | N/A | 882.00 | 748.00 | 754.00 | 60.00 | 2,444.00 | - | 2,444.00 | 8,941.00 | 26,175.00 |

(1) Does not include High School

* In addition to the fees above, the Board also authorized a \$1 ASG fee which is not included in the total fees amount.

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UNC Graduate Tuition and Fees



The University of North Carolina Tuition and Fees Applicable to All Regular Full-Time Graduate Students 2021-22

| | Tuition | | General Fees | | | | | Total General Fees | Debt Service Fee | Total Fees* | Total Resident Tuition & Fees | Total Nonresident Tuition & Fees |
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| | Resident | Nonresident | Athletics | Health Services | Student Activities | Educational and Tech. | Campus Security | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NC State University | 9,095.00 | 27,082.00 | 232.00 | 445.00 | 679.32 | 439.28 | 60.00 | 1,855.60 | 534.00 | 2,389.60 | 11,484.60 | 29,471.60 |
| UNC-Chapel Hill | 10,552.00 | 28,844.00 | 279.00 | 410.15 | 372.18 | 442.30 | 60.00 | 1,563.63 | 185.85 | 1,749.48 | 12,301.48 | 30,593.48 |
| East Carolina University | 4,749.00 | 17,898.00 | 773.00 | 319.00 | 702.00 | 403.00 | 52.00 | 2,249.00 | 445.00 | 2,694.00 | 7,443.00 | 20,592.00 |
| NC A & T State University | 4,745.00 | 17,545.00 | 870.00 | 370.00 | 714.25 | 469.06 | 60.00 | 2,483.31 | 588.00 | 3,071.31 | 7,816.31 | 20,616.31 |
| UNC Charlotte | 4,337.00 | 17,771.00 | 824.00 | 335.00 | 650.00 | 622.00 | 34.00 | 2,465.00 | 720.00 | 3,185.00 | 7,522.00 | 20,956.00 |
| UNC Greensboro | 5,219.00 | 18,937.00 | 780.00 | 372.00 | 577.00 | 461.00 | 54.00 | 2,244.00 | 707.00 | 2,951.00 | 8,170.00 | 21,888.00 |
| UNC Wilmington | 4,719.00 | 18,548.00 | 774.55 | 246.07 | 698.95 | 534.94 | 60.00 | 2,314.51 | 376.00 | 2,690.51 | 7,409.51 | 21,238.51 |
| Appalachian State University | 4,839.00 | 19,849.00 | 783.00 | 335.00 | 659.00 | 576.00 | 60.00 | 2,413.00 | 634.00 | 3,047.00 | 7,886.00 | 22,896.00 |
| Fayetteville State University | 3,437.97 | 14,503.38 | 768.00 | 287.00 | 565.00 | 382.00 | 60.00 | 2,062.00 | 335.00 | 2,397.00 | 5,834.97 | 16,900.38 |
| NC Central University | 4,740.00 | 17,694.00 | 847.00 | 312.66 | 426.80 | 428.15 | 60.00 | 2,074.61 | 570.00 | 2,644.61 | 7,384.61 | 20,338.61 |
| UNC Pembroke | 4,280.00 | 16,834.00 | 781.52 | 215.49 | 697.84 | 533.91 | 60.00 | 2,288.76 | 206.00 | 2,494.76 | 6,774.76 | 19,328.76 |
| Western Carolina University | 4,435.00 | 14,842.00 | 782.00 | 350.00 | 632.00 | 544.00 | 60.00 | 2,368.00 | 523.00 | 2,891.00 | 7,326.00 | 17,733.00 |
| Winston-Salem State University | 3,872.00 | 14,406.61 | 780.00 | 340.00 | 545.70 | 416.46 | 31.00 | 2,113.16 | 423.00 | 2,536.16 | 6,408.16 | 16,942.77 |
| UNC Asheville | 4,914.00 | 21,236.00 | 855.00 | 403.00 | 791.50 | 527.00 | 60.00 | 2,636.50 | 394.00 | 3,030.50 | 7,944.50 | 24,266.50 |
| Elizabeth City State University | 3,375.43 | 16,437.13 | 899.00 | 333.00 | 738.00 | 326.00 | 30.00 | 2,326.00 | — | 2,326.00 | 5,701.43 | 18,763.13 |
| UNC School of the Arts | 9,196.00 | 23,899.00 | N/A | 882.00 | 748.00 | 754.00 | 60.00 | 2,444.00 | — | 2,444.00 | 11,640.00 | 26,343.00 |

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Tuition and Fee Committee



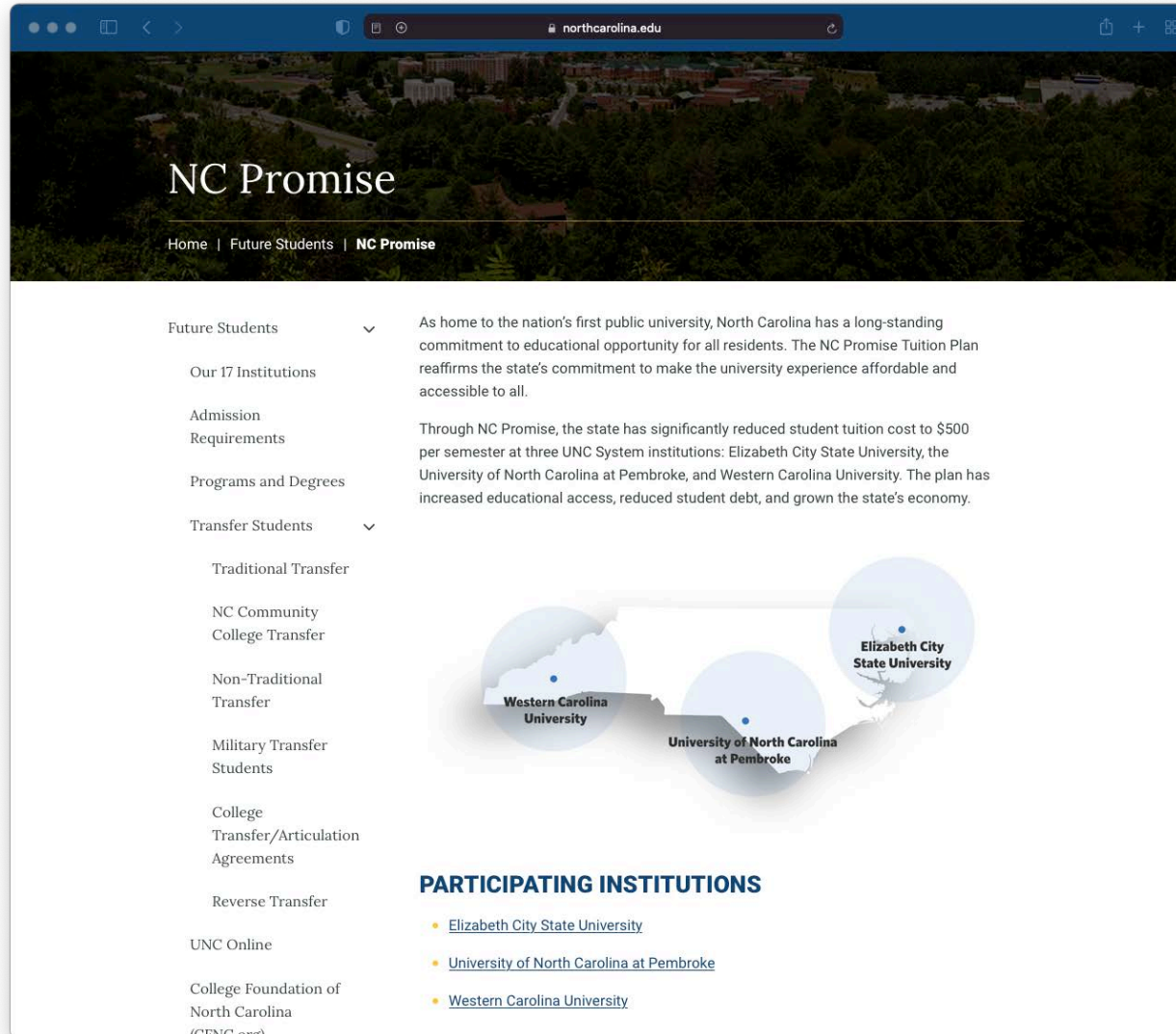
- The Tuition and Fee Committee is charged under UNC System policy with reviewing tuition and fee proposals, student financial aid information, UNC System information; but most importantly, getting student input on proposed increases.
- Some proposals are still under review/discussion and changes to these proposals may occur.
- For more information about the T&F Committee:
 - Search the WCU website for "Tuition and Fees Committee"
 - <https://www.wcu.edu/apply/tuition-and-fees/tuition-fee-committee.aspx>

Student Financial Aid Information



- Total number of students that submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) remained even over the last two years
- Last year approximately 37% of WCU undergraduate students received a Pell Grant
- For 2020-21 WCU undergraduate students that received degrees, the average student loan debt was \$25,295
- For 2020-21 WCU graduate students that received degrees, the average student loan debt was \$53,890 (includes any undergraduate debt incurred)

NC Promise Information



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL northcarolina.edu. The page title is "NC Promise". Below the title is a navigation bar with links for "Home", "Future Students", and "NC Promise". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is a navigation menu with the following items: "Future Students" (with a dropdown arrow), "Our 17 Institutions", "Admission Requirements", "Programs and Degrees", "Transfer Students" (with a dropdown arrow), "Traditional Transfer", "NC Community College Transfer", "Non-Traditional Transfer", "Military Transfer Students", "College Transfer/Articulation Agreements", "Reverse Transfer", "UNC Online", and "College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC.org)". The right column contains two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph states: "As home to the nation's first public university, North Carolina has a long-standing commitment to educational opportunity for all residents. The NC Promise Tuition Plan reaffirms the state's commitment to make the university experience affordable and accessible to all." The second paragraph states: "Through NC Promise, the state has significantly reduced student tuition cost to \$500 per semester at three UNC System institutions: Elizabeth City State University, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Western Carolina University. The plan has increased educational access, reduced student debt, and grown the state's economy." Below the text is a map of North Carolina with three blue circular callouts. The callouts are labeled "Western Carolina University", "University of North Carolina at Pembroke", and "Elizabeth City State University". Below the map is the heading "PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS" followed by a list of three items: "Elizabeth City State University", "University of North Carolina at Pembroke", and "Western Carolina University".

NC Promise

Home | Future Students | **NC Promise**

Future Students ▾

- Our 17 Institutions
- Admission Requirements
- Programs and Degrees

Transfer Students ▾

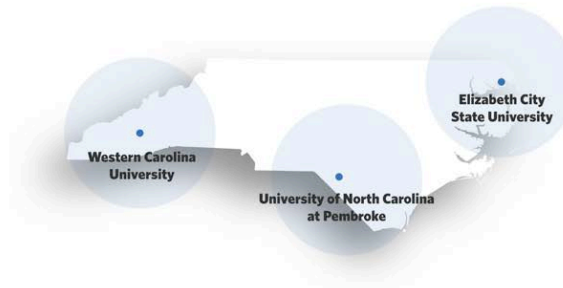
- Traditional Transfer
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UNC Online

College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC.org)

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PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

- [Elizabeth City State University](#)
- [University of North Carolina at Pembroke](#)
- [Western Carolina University](#)

NC Promise Sets WCU Tuition



- NC Promise is a program for ECSU, UNC-Pembroke, and Western Carolina University undergraduate students
- Tuition for all NC undergraduates is \$1,000 for the academic year, or \$500 per semester
- Tuition for all Out-of-State undergraduates is \$5,000 for the academic year, or \$2,500 per semester
- NC Promise does not apply to graduate student tuition

Proposed Increases for 2022-23



- Athletics Fee
- CEAP Teacher Education Course Fees
- Residence Hall Room Rates
- Meal Plan Rates

Athletics Fee Increase

Athletics Fee Proposal:

- Fee is currently \$782 annually
- \$86 increase on the annual fee (+11%)
- Proposed increase of \$86 will raise the fee to \$868 annually to raise funds that will help transform WCU athletic facilities.
- There may be additional fee increases related to facilities projects in future years.

CEAP Teacher Education Course Fee



CEAP Teacher Education Course Fee:

- \$300 increase on the existing fee to cover edTPA testing
- Fee is currently \$150 for the clinical educator stipend

Residence Hall Room Rates

- Room Rates are being updated to include the new residence halls under construction and establish new baseline rates based on amenities provided
- Proposed Room Rate changes:
 - Decreased rates on four rates (Albright/Benton/Buchanan)
 - Increased rates on four rates (Harrill/Judaculla/Noble)
 - Remainder of the rates are unchanged
- Average Room Rate change is an overall decrease of -\$8.75 or -0.41% over last year's semester rates

Catamount Dining Meal Plan Proposal



- Minor adjustments to WCU meal plans with three having no change in rates and three having an increase.
 - Average 1.19% increase across all plans, or an average 2.38% across the plans that have an increase (Block 150/80/40 plans)
 - NC sales tax is added to the cost of the meal plans on the WCU tuition and fee bills
- Additional Information:
 - No increase on mandatory first year plans for the third year in a row
 - Average Hourly Wage has increased 9.6% yr/yr, not including the one-time hiring incentives
 - Market basket food prices increased 11.1% yr/yr as of August 2021
 - Disposables (gloves, etc.) increased 9.8% yr/yr

Total Estimated Annual Costs

Thanks to NC Promise, for 2022-23 WCU students' estimated costs of tuition and fees combined with assumed on-campus residence hall and meal plan:

- For NC undergraduate students the proposed changes will total \$13,253 (a decrease of -\$470 or -3.4% lower)
- For NC graduate students the proposed changes will total \$18,780 (an increase of \$234 or 1.26% higher)
- For Out-Of-State undergraduate students the proposed changes total \$17,253 (a decrease of -\$470 or -2.7% lower)
- For Out-Of-State graduate students the proposed changes will total \$29,186 (an increase of \$234 or 0.8% higher)

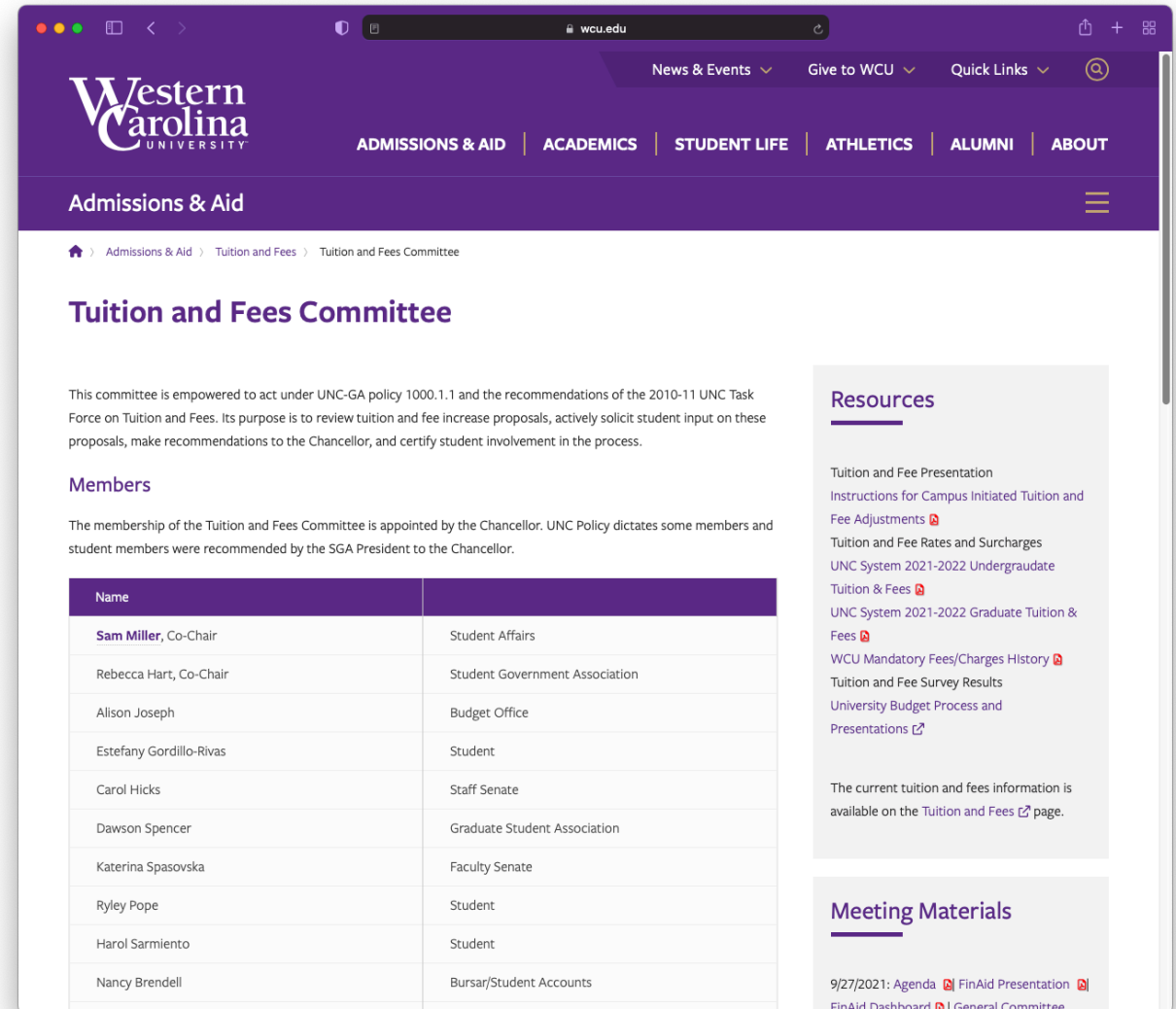
Feedback and Next Steps

- Learn more by reviewing the information on the Tuition and Fees Committee website!

Search the WCU website for “Tuition and Fees Committee”

- Let us hear from you! Please complete the Tuition and Fee Committee web survey!

There’s a link on the web page!



The screenshot shows the Western Carolina University website's Tuition and Fees Committee page. The page features a purple header with the university logo and navigation links. The main content area includes a breadcrumb trail, a title, a description of the committee's role, a list of members with their names and affiliations, and a resources sidebar with various links and documents.

| Name | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sam Miller, Co-Chair | Student Affairs |
| Rebecca Hart, Co-Chair | Student Government Association |
| Alison Joseph | Budget Office |
| Estefany Gordillo-Rivas | Student |
| Carol Hicks | Staff Senate |
| Dawson Spencer | Graduate Student Association |
| Katerina Spasovska | Faculty Senate |
| Ryley Pope | Student |
| Harol Sarmiento | Student |
| Nancy Brendell | Bursar/Student Accounts |