

**Fall 2021 Tuition and Fee Committee
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Fall 2021 Tuition and Fee Survey All Responses

Responses Received	1244
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Academic Standing		
Undergraduate	1115	89.63%
Graduate	129	10.37%

Future Plans		
Live in a Residence Hall	455	36.58%
Commute	559	44.94%
Take classes only or primarily at Biltmore Park	54	4.34%
Take classes online only	176	14.15%

	Supportive		Not Supportive		No Opinion		
Mandatory Fees							
Athletics Fee	172	17.92%	665	69.27%	123	12.81%	960
Academic Fees							
edTPA	70	47.30%	47	31.76%	31	20.95%	148
Other Fees							
Residence Hall Rates	527	59.35%	106	11.94%	255	28.72%	888
Meal Plans	214	24.02%	394	44.22%	283	31.76%	891

Fall 2021 Tuition and Fee Survey Undergraduate Responses

Responses Received	1115
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Future Plans		
Live in a Residence Hall	450	40.36%
Commute	513	46.01%
Take classes only or primarily at Biltmore Park	10	0.90%
Take classes online only	142	12.74%

	Supportive		Not Supportive		No Opinion		
Mandatory Fees							
Athletics Fee	160	18.41%	600	69.04%	109	12.54%	869
Academic Fees							
edTPA	59	46.09%	40	31.25%	29	22.66%	128
Other Fees							
Residence Hall Rates	488	60.77%	99	12.33%	216	26.90%	803
Meal Plans	192	23.79%	368	45.60%	247	30.61%	807

Fall 2021 Tuition and Fee Survey Graduate Responses

Responses Received	129
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Future Plans		
Live in a Residence Hall	5	3.88%
Commute	46	35.66%
Take classes only or primarily at Biltmore Park	44	34.11%
Take classes online only	34	26.36%

	Supportive		Not Supportive		No Opinion		
Mandatory Fees							
Athletics Fee	12	13.19%	65	71.43%	14	15.38%	91
Academic Fees							
edTPA	11	55.00%	7	35.00%	2	10.00%	20
Other Fees							
Residence Hall Rates	39	45.88%	7	8.24%	39	45.88%	85
Meal Plans	22	26.19%	26	30.95%	36	42.86%	84

Fall 2021 Tuition and Fee Survey Live in a Residence Hall Responses

Responses Received	455
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Academic Standing		
Undergraduate	450	98.90%
Graduate	5	1.10%

	Supportive		Not Supportive		No Opinion		
Mandatory Fees							
Athletics Fee	53	12.99%	285	69.85%	70	17.16%	408
Academic Fees							
edTPA	29	49.15%	17	28.81%	13	22.03%	59
Other Fees							
Residence Hall Rates	236	62.60%	60	15.92%	81	21.49%	377
Meal Plans	77	20.32%	205	54.09%	97	25.59%	379

Fall 2021 Tuition and Fee Survey Commuter Responses

Responses Received	559
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Academic Standing		
Undergraduate	513	91.77%
Graduate	46	8.23%

	Supportive		Not Supportive		No Opinion		
Mandatory Fees							
Athletics Fee	114	22.85%	340	68.14%	45	9.02%	499
Academic Fees							
edTPA	23	43.40%	19	35.85%	11	20.75%	53
Other Fees							
Residence Hall Rates	265	57.36%	44	9.52%	153	33.12%	462
Meal Plans	123	26.57%	176	38.01%	164	35.42%	463

Fall 2021 Tuition and Fee Survey Biltmore Park Responses

Responses Received	54
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Academic Standing		
Undergraduate	10	18.52%
Graduate	44	81.48%

	Supportive		Not Supportive		No Opinion		
Mandatory Fees							
Athletics Fee	5	9.43%	40	75.47%	8	15.09%	53
Academic Fees							
edTPA	3	42.86%	3	42.86%	1	14.29%	7
Other Fees							
Residence Hall Rates	26	53.06%	2	4.08%	21	42.86%	49
Meal Plans	14	28.57%	13	26.53%	22	44.90%	49

Fall 2021 Tuition and Fee Survey Online Only Responses

Responses Received	176
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Academic Standing		
Undergraduate	142	80.68%
Graduate	34	19.32%

	Supportive		Not Supportive		No Opinion		
Academic Fees							
edTPA	15	51.72%	8	27.59%	6	20.69%	29

Athletic Fee Increase

Undergraduate Students

Respondents Planning to Live on Campus Next Year

1. Some students don't even utilize athletic facilities or go to games, and this would mean \$86 dollars more every year for their fees, which is a little bit outrageous for something that won't benefit every student. However, lowering this cost to maybe a \$20 or \$30 increase per semester would be more reasonable.
2. Paying a 400 dollar athletic fee for something I do not participate in at all feels really stupid. Especially since our football team is not very good. There is not a point to it.
3. You get money for losing stop taking mine!
4. All of our academic teams suck. There's no reason to bump tuition for teams that are going to lose.
5. Why should I be paying more for a fee I use RARELY. literally no
6. I don't like the idea of non-student athletes paying for the athletic department, so an increase would be upsetting for facilities I won't be using.
7. This fee increase is unnecessary. I am supportive of our WCU athletes, but not all WCU students are athletes. We can't afford to keep putting ourselves into debt for something that we are not a part of. Instead of a fee, there should be a fundraiser program for students to WANT to donate to the athletes. Increasing \$43 will hurt other students who are under certain minority categories.
8. Make people who actually play sports pay for this shit
9. I'm okay with this current slight increase, however I don't want it to go up anymore.
10. Some people don't even go to the events so they should make this fee optional
11. I think this is stupid as fuck. How am I already in debt to be here and you are asking me to pay for teams that do not win. Maybe if I had an extra 43 dollars on top of the job I have and my loan payments I would consider. BUT with the nicotine addiction I have developed being at WCU and dealing with the stress of being broke I unfortunately do not have 43 dollars to give so if you want that I will take my happy ass to community college. thank you.
12. Not everyone cares about athletics.
13. no that's stupid, i don't want that to increase at all and if it does i'm gonna be VERY upset
14. I already pay almost \$400 for Athletic Fees, but I do not participate in athletics at WCU and have not gotten many opportunities to do so.
15. No one likes our football team. Why give them more money?
16. Leave it
17. Athletics is not an important part of the WCU community. They can find their own source of fees since they obviously cannot output the expected actions of them (such as winning). Maybe if they'd held up their part of the bargain the student body would be okay with an increase of fees
18. My kid doesn't play sports
19. We are already paying the repairs in debt on certain facilities on campus, so why add more to it for us to pay for the administrative decisions.
20. I'm not an athlete and I don't go to games. Why should I have to pay for something I don't even use. A better way would be to increase price of people actually using these facilities like athletes or ticket prices.
21. it should be more
22. Student athletes who are already struggling to afford college should not have to pay extra for repairs to improve the "experience of press box staff on gameday," let alone students who aren't involved in athletics and don't benefit in any way. Instead of charging indebted students at the

bottom of the food chain, subtract fees from the earnings of people who are at the top and actually profiting from the university.

23. In the least rude way I can mean it, I am of the opinion that our athletic programs are not successful enough to merit such an increase.
24. I don't participate in anything related to athletics, so I should not be held responsible for the costs associated with the athletic program.
25. In my opinion, as someone who is not involved in sports and does not attend sporting events, I am not supportive of this increase.
26. The athletic fee only benefits students who are a part of an athletic team, or utilize the recreation center. I am a student who uses the rec center on a daily basis, but majority of students I know do not use what is provided through the mandatory athletic fee anyways. These fees shouldn't be mandatory in the first place, they should be optional for students who actually want to use the benefits that come with the athletic fee. I do not agree with an increase in the fee.
27. Maybe a bit
28. We already pay an excessive amount for Athletics Fees.
29. Over 12000 students paying \$43 extra for something that isn't beneficial to them doesn't make sense. This year it's \$43 next year its \$500.
30. I don't even go to any athletic events so it's really frustrating to have to pay so much for something I don't use
31. some people do not have the luxury for this...
32. I don't see why we need to raise it that much. We already pay so much money for other stuff, why do we need to pay even more for this.
33. Maybe if they actually start winning... our fees are being put to a bad football team its embarrassing
34. I am a student in the school of Art and Design. I already pay many outside costs for fees and art supplies. Athletics revenue should support itself.
35. While I believe the athletic program is important for the growth of the school, I do not believe that at this time the increase is needed. Even with past growth the funds have not been evenly distributed to all the sports programs like XC. I believe an increase elsewhere would be more beneficial than the athletic department.
36. I do not use any of the equipments/spaces you would be charging me to repair, this should only be charged to students who are here for sports.
37. our athletic teams (particularly football) is terrible so why do they need facilities fixed if they're not going to win??
38. We already pay a good amount, especially for students who don't even attend athletic events.
39. I'm not a student athlete and their facilitates and new recruits should not be my responsibility. The athletes should be responsible for taking care of where they practice, sleep, and use. They can't win games so when they do maybe I'll think about supporting this.
40. While I understand why they are pushing to increase the fee (thanks to the wcusga Instagram post), I do not feel that it should be put on the general student body as an increase fee that we must pay.
41. I don't not feel that students who these facilities do not pertain too nor are utilized by masses of students should be required to finance the updates. If they will not be using them I do not feel they should be responsible for paying the cost for them.
42. While I personally would rather not pay more, I understand the wish for better facilities as an athlete myself.
43. I believe that these issues should be funded another way. We pay enough. Some of us can hardly afford tuition & fees now.

44. Athletic Students should have a fee of a greater amount and those not in athletics a lesser amount.
45. let's win more than 2 games a year before 50% of this money goes towards the football team
46. I would like to see exactly where the money is going before an increase.
47. Put the money into education instead of sports and try to help non athletic students out
48. I do not participate in anything athletic and therefore should not come out of my wallet in order to pay for it.
49. Why increase the Athletic fees when the teams don't win.
50. I do not feel I need to pay a fee for athletics if I am not an athlete or partake in athletics at the school.
51. I want my school to be thought of in high regard. When people think of university's they hold them in regard by their athletics first.
52. As long as it is being used for students.
53. Why can't only athletes pay for it? I don't even use the athletic facilities :(((
54. Students who do not attend games on a regular basis should not have to fund athletic events that they do not attend
55. I don't participate nor watch it should not affect me and my costs.
56. Athletic fees are already too high. I'd rather see the football team dissolved and upgrade a couple of the club teams (mens soccer and lacrosse teams). It would be better to see money pumped into these new teams than to continuously fund an extremely underachieving football team.
57. Our teams aren't that great and it's not fair for us to pay for it on top of tuition
58. Bullcrap
59. A lot of students don't utilize this section there should be no reason to increase charge to students
60. I'm not even an athlete why should I have to pay more in fees
61. We need to stop focusing on athletics and focus on academics and getting professor that actually know how to teach.
62. It shouldn't be increased for everyone because not everyone uses it
63. This bullshit
64. I think it's a terrible idea considering not all students are utilizing athletic facilities and such, so making it a required fee at all just isn't smart/effective. Also I don't want to pay \$434 for sports teams that aren't good. If you're gonna make me pay this fee nonetheless, at least make something important. or not dogshit. like theatre. or even getting AC in all of the residence halls.
65. I pay plenty already
66. i should not have to pay over \$400 to fund something that does not apply to me
67. It feels a bit unreasonable to expect students in non-athletic programs to fund student athletes' academic careers, travel, or coaching. When students are applying for their own scholarships and/or paying for their own tuition, that money is difficult to attain and should be spent to further the education of the student who saved/earned it. I would understand a necessary fee for facilities maintenance on buildings and resources which we all use, but it feels unnecessary for funding for the athletic program to be taken from students who are not invested in it and do not need it in order to further their education. If the intercollegiate athletics program is important to the community and to WCU, then University Administration should make fundraising and donor recruitment a priority. It should not be the burden of students already struggling to pay tuition and fees each semester to raise additional funding for the athletics program.
68. it has nothing to do with my academic studies and classes
69. I think that the fee should go down to \$350 and a portion of the athletic fee be given to the band since they are what make western western. I also think that the fee and the number of overall

western wins should be a direct increase rather than an indirect increase like what has been happening.

70. No everyone is a college athlete, and while it is good in theory to help support our athletics this increase puts a majority of students in a difficult financial situation. As a current freshman I'm already required to stay on campus for another year and this fee increase does not help my financial situation at all.
71. Most people do not even attend the fee, I think it is kind of unfair to keep taking money from your students when they are most likely already struggling with classes, work, and money. I feel like with how much we already pay, \$43 dollars wouldn't really be needed from us if you already have such a great sum.
72. Sports teams so not make enough progress to make the raise a justification.
73. I can barely pay for college now
74. I feel that this increase is unnecessary to charge students for these proposed repairs.
75. Not everyone benefits from the increase and even though it is only \$43 some of us can't afford an increase.
76. I would consider doing it if there wasn't also an athletic facility fee of \$48 dollars. It would be around \$482 a semester just for the athletics program. As a student who's not a part of the athletics program, this doesn't seem fair. I wouldn't even be able to participate and watch the athletics because I would have to pick up more hours at work to pay for college.
77. Why do students have to continue to be burden with the rising cost of athletics. Under the NCAA rule change, college athletes get paid from their social media accounts, broker endorsement deals, autograph signings and other financial opportunities, and use an agent or representatives to do so. In addition to partnerships, many student-athletes will use their personal brands mainly built on social media to earn some money.
78. As a WCU freshman that will have to pay this athletic fee for as long as it is in place, I am for this athletic fee being introduced and charged as long as two things are met. We raise the money up over a few years then drop the costs after we pay into the athletic fees, as well as have the teams fundraise themselves by doing fun things like movie socials, car washes, football powderpuff, but not with girls, have the guys all dress up how they want for the game of flag football, or put on a football team-wide game of tag, just on the football field.
79. I do not participate in this.
80. I shouldn't have to pay for crappy teams. If our teams played better and brought more money in maybe they wouldn't have to take it from non-athletic students.
81. Why hasn't updating and making repairs to the facilities been a number 1 priority until this year? You are able to recruit athletes with the "outdated" furniture, why does it matter what it looks like?
One of my professors office is in the corner of a conference room that he has to share with another professor. At least, yours has an actual office.
82. I think we should use an increase in better residence halls, better academic buildings, and updated rooms.
83. A lot of people are having financial set backs due to Covid-19. I don't think it is appropriate to increase fees now.
84. Why are students paying for the rebuild of facilities
85. I haven't even been to a single sporting event or utilized anything that my athletic fee covers already. I am not in favor of paying more when I get nothing out of the fee I already pay.
86. No. Make the athletes increase.
87. We do not use the facilities and are already paying 391 dollars for it.

88. Ridiculous. The university should be taking out bonds like other major universities instead of increasing student fees.
89. Is very important
90. I think it is a good idea for the future athletes.
91. I don't watch very many WCU sporting events
92. Not a lot of students use this factor
93. Not everyone has the extra 43 bucks to go to something not everyone is participating in! Especially when parking for new students was marked at \$400! Not to mention how incredibly inconvenient the parking area is! It should be optional to those who want there to be better equipment and to those who have the funds to do so. The rest of us are struggling to keep up with payments on our own responsibilities to also worry about \$43 for something we won't get to even see.
94. Why? 391 dollars is ridiculous when it only pays for our entry to games. I feel that I should not be responsible for Western Athletics Problems. Don't take this out on other students. Hold more fundraisers, gear sales etc. Gotta spend money to make it.
95. It is not our job to pay for athletic scholarships when we are struggling to be awarded scholarships ourselves.
96. Money needs to be more directed to the education departments, food services, housing, and parking on campus more than the athletic department.
97. I do not see the need for this increase. Apply the increase to the people who will actually use the facilities, i.e. the athletes, not everyone.
98. I haven't ever been to a game nor do I plan on going
99. I don't think we should increase the athletic fee, but rather increase the funding towards Pride of The Mountains
100. I can barely afford to go here and raising the fee every single year is making it harder and harder. I do not go to games because I do not have time for them and so I am just wasting almost \$450 that I could be spending on something else. It is going to be even harder to gather money because my parents are not in the best shape else wise and they are not working. Right now, it is just me having to pay for my schooling. The raise is for just one semester and there are a ton of students that go here. That is a ton of money.
101. We can barely even win a football why do I have to pay more to see them lose.
102. I'm already paying a lot to be here being an out of state student and not getting a lot of scholarships. I don't like paying for things I don't participate in.
103. Student athletes are recruited to come play at the university why should they have to pay a fee to play?
104. Propose that increase on the athletes who benefit from the program. I am not an athlete and do not attend any games of any sort so I don't see why I should be charged for anything sports related.
105. I do not support taking money from students who do not play sports.
106. Our team is not the best, I believe we need to focus on academic improvement and basic amenities instead of constantly supporting only athletics.
107. Don't attend games or take part in any athletics
108. We already pay enough.
109. As someone who depends on financial aid and loans to entirely cover my tuition cost, any rise in payment is stressful and annoying to deal with.
110. I do not believe everyone should pay the increase because most of us do not play a sport at this school.

111. I would be more inclined to support this increase if I wasn't having to pay more for a dorm next year instead of getting a house. I think this change will have a negative mental impact on the students of WCU and wish there was more transparency between the student body and the administration.
112. wtf no. put more money into better facilities and maybe a new dorm what doesn't have shared bathrooms. it's bs.
113. Why should I be paying for Athletics when I am not an athlete? I say you raise Athletes athletic fees
114. I feel like students who do not go to all athletic events should have to automatically pay \$434
115. Why are fees mandatory for sports? The athletics program should be self-sustaining and raising student fees by more than 10% for the sole benefit of athletes seems like an outdated approach. I would like for my fees payments to support the programs and activities that I am a participant in, not those of others.
116. Athletic fees accounted for most of student's tuition but I can see why college sports is cared for. I just imagine there should be more important things to worry about.
117. It's not beneficial to students who don't care about sports. Only make those who play in sports pay.

Respondents Planning to Commute Next Year

118. Our athletes do nothing in classes I have taken with them but sit on devices. Our football team does not need funding to be better. I should not have to pay more so someone can get a discount from throwing a ball or running around.
119. hire coaches who win pls, I already pay more in an athletic fee than I would if I chose to pay out of pocket for every athletic event I have attended at this point in my college career.
120. Athletic fee is too high already
121. Put the money towards CAPS. They actually need it
122. You raise athletic fees every single year for everyone, including many who dont engage in them.
123. No reason to reward poor athletic performance on the student's back
124. I rarely attend athletic events and I know many students are not interested in athletics. A \$43 dollar increase seems excessive for students to pay.
125. They don't deserve anymore money than what they're already getting
126. I don't even go to any of the games, so why do I need to pay more for t something I don't use?
127. Get a team that wins first. Beyond football
128. I dont have anything to do with Athletics and dont feel like I should have to pay for something I dont use much less pay more
129. students pay enough in fees, and there are other places that money could go towards
130. No
131. The biggest problem with this is the fees on top of the current semester fee. Students should be able to opt out of the athletic fee if we are not using any of the athletic programs.
132. Bro why am I paying even more for something I didn't even want to pay for in the first place
133. Unfair to students who either do not attend football games or go a few times. Also, this is something the university should take out of somewhere else... like exorbitant amounts of pay for salaries to the coach or chancellor.
134. I realize that the athletic department makes money, but the arts departments make better students.
135. I think that the collage already receives enough support for sports, and I have absolutely zero interest. I understand that it is mandatory, which makes an increase feel more insulting

136. We don't need to be focusing on Athletics above academics
137. We already pay too much, at least out-of-state students, for a school that can barely figure out parking.
138. Not every student goes to the athletic events, why should we have to pay for them if we don't go to them.
139. while i support having funds for our athletic programs as someone that doesnt utilize anything related to them an increase in fee is only more money i have to spend, though i understand the reason for the increase, and it isnt that major
140. I think it's too high in the first place.
141. Why can't you use my <\$300 parking fee to pay for repairs? Everyone's going into debt already
142. This is in no way an academic thing, school is for academia.
143. Just look at the football team's score, do we really need an increase for sub-par sports?
144. I do not participate in the sports, I do not go to the sporting events, nor am I involved in the facilities with the sports
145. Handicapped seating should be a priority. I also agree with updating spaces for the hard working coaches and athletes to fit the massive increase in athletes and paperwork.
146. This is absolutely stupid. This is almost as much as our tuition, and the majority of us don't participate in athletics. You're fucking stupid if you think this is even remotely appropriate to include in tuition. I come here for academics, NOT the shitty ass athletics program we have. I'm ashamed of this school for considering this.
147. I agree that changes and improvements need to be made but where did our money go last year? Was it towards the new gear and that WCU Football signed with Nike? And I'm sure there is more to the story than just signing with Nike but I think the money could have been put to great use last year for repairs and damages that need fixing. But I don't know if an increase of the Athletic fee is a good idea and we pay for multiple fees as it is and some people unfortunately don't have that extra \$43. But of course do what you guys think is best for the program If that is an increase then it's an increase, nothing we can do about that.
148. Students who are not able to use the facilities needing updates should not be required to pay for them. It is also not our fault that WCU is ableist and didn't think to put in stadium seating for those who are handicapped.
149. Personally, I think it is absurd we (as commuters) have to pay this fee at all, let alone pay more! This school is full of hidden fees and quite frankly, it sickens me. If I had known these fees like this one would be nonnegotiable before being accepted, I would have chosen a different university.
150. Many students don't use any athletic benefits and there should be an option to opt out of paying this in general. Why should I pay for it if I don't use it? I'm paying college out of pocket and the fact that WCU wants to take more money then it already has is unacceptable.
151. I have nothing to do with athletics and am here for my education. I already struggle to afford college and I'm tired of paying for something that is completely irrelevant to my experience at Western.
152. never once have me or any of my friends been to a sports game at this school. it is my belief that asking student athletes to put their bodies on the line for their schooling is barbaric and immoral. I wish colleges would wholly commit themselves to academics instead of ball games. I am not supportive of increasing this fee.
153. The track and field facilities are very lacking
154. I understand that the primary argument for the increase is rooted in the idea that the school will use the money for repairs and making WCU's athletic facilities ADA compliant, however, there is no guarantee on the school's behalf that these improvements will be made specifically for that purpose. Truthfully, these improvements should have been made years ago on the school's behalf,

and I do not feel that the student body should have to face an increase in fees, for a responsibility that WCU should have already accounted for. I would like to see that money either a guaranteed usage for the purposes mentioned previously, or rather towards improving various other pressing issues that directly affect the student body and academics, like the ongoing closing of dining facilities we've seen due to COVID-19, or the issue with bad bandwidth; it seems like every time I come on campus, the WiFi is inoperable and "down". As an upperclassmen I've argued for/against various fee increases before, however, this is one I'm 100% certain of not being in support of. WCU has so many ongoing student-body related issues, yet WCU chooses to funnel more money into the athletic program for issues the administration should've taken care of years ago?

155. I still can't get over having to pay these during COVID-19 when there were no games even going on.
156. As cheap as this school is for many, I am in full support for this increase. I believe that a higher number is reasonable as well
157. This is ridiculous. I understand we don't have a choice about paying the fees, but charging us 43 extra dollars makes no sense. We have played big colleges that pay us a TON of money. That money should be used to provide the increased need of the fee instead of making students pay.
158. When the fee increase gets implemented nothing will change. This school makes plenty of money and the fee is more than enough if it was allocated to the right things. There is also better opportunity by fundraising, it's hard to support our athletics when they never seem to improve.
159. I cannot get financial aid for whatever reason, much less a scholarship and I have a 3.7 gpa. Why would I wanna pay more money for someone else to get it just because they run fast? Not to mention half the time the gym/rec is either slam full or closed. So unless you are building a bigger gym, leave my tuition alone.
160. If you want to increase the Athletic Fee, Have a better football team. Maybe you'll make some money then. Don't come to me to support stuff that has no impact on anything related to my learning
161. I've never attended a sporting event here and I think it's ridiculous I'm already charged so much to support the program
162. I personally don't think we should even have an athletic fee since most people don't go to any of them games. Why can't the teams raise money or the school instead of charging it's students EVEN MORE money when we pay a lot anyway
163. This fee increase does not help the students whatsoever and is unnecessary for our student athletes and coaching to have.
164. Not increasing fee for student athletes who don't win games
165. Everyone in the student body should not be required to pay this fee or an increase of it. This is something that affects the athletes, if there is to be an increase they need to pay it. I have to pay a fine arts fee for being a fine arts major, but you would expect a math major to pay it because it's not fair to them it doesn't affect them. The same standard should be held for this fee.
166. I think it is a wasted fee I don't go to that many games and I don't play any sports so it is wasted money, I wish I could just pay to see the games I want to go to
167. Does it matter? You're going to do it anyways.
168. I'm sorry but we already pay enough to athletic fees, when the athletes contribute nothing!
169. We don't even use it to begin with. Especially with covid the past couple of years. There is no reason for this to be increased, this is already one of the biggest fees, which the majority of people don't take advantage of. The CRC has it's own fee, which is for all of the "common folk", so the money wouldn't even go towards that. The money would be used for the athletes. We get less

scholarships than the athletes, and pay the most. We hardly even use the facilities that the fee goes towards.

170. Wanting nicer furniture sounds nice but it's not a necessity. I do not want to pay more money per semester because someone doesn't like outdated furniture. They should be happy they have couches and office spaces to begin with. Their offices look messy. If they cleaned or organized their offices, they wouldn't be complaining about lack of room.

171. I am not an athlete so why should I have to pay for this.

172. Most students do not go to any of the games so this is just money wasted for them.

173. This is way too steep of an increase, it's over TEN PERCENT and is no small change. Why do you not display the percent increase of the athletic fee but you DO show the increase with other fees? Its INTERSTING that you choose to not display the percent increase for these fees because then people would be inclined to not be in support. HOWEVER other fee increases are displayed with this specified information. WHY IS THAT? This seems shady...

Not all students are interested in participating or even attending these athletic events. Every time you increase fees or require sophomore students to also live on campus this makes college education more difficult for students to attain. Increasing fees so steeply so quickly can create an elitist environment in what is a public state university. The athletic Fee increase also could suggest that WCU has questionable values in regards to financially challenged students and their parents, as inflation affects the American economy, institutions like WCU are even more difficult to access for people. People should not be punished for being middle-lower class and not all students rely on parental support, not all students have parents either. As our country emerges from a uniquely challenging and traumatizing experience of Covid-19, WCU and other colleges have an opportunity to be supportive cornerstones of their communities. There are very few jobs and even fewer careers that a high school diploma (or equivalent) can provide that is greater than minimum wage. In order to have a brighter future, people of all income levels should be granted equal access to higher education. People should not be punished for seeking higher education when they are poor. Between the athletic fee and the parking fee for this university, I wasn't able to pay my way. I was forced to get a loan in order to attend this university and I know that I am not the only student in this situation. I am terrified of the prospect that WCU is increasing the athletic fee, because I fear you will also be increasing other fees. It costs a fortune in order to attend a state university, despite it being a potential investment in the future. Because I still have semesters to complete to finish and earn my degree, I feel as if the university has my future in a choke-hold, a hostage that I must pay ransom for. Increasing these fees also challenges your students to complete their degrees once they are a part of the university. It increases the financial pressure and makes WCU seem as though it is an entity that values athletics over education. There is SO MUCH MORE to life at WCU (and all universities) than the athletic events. Increasing these fees can likely decrease enrollment, and could increase dropout rates too.

I am firmly against the increase of the athletic fee.

174. If the facilities are not up to par for disability accessibility, that should NOT be the student's fault. That is a problem that should have been addressed when these facilities were created. Why now, is this going to be brought to light in support of subpar athletes? An investment in athletes to perform better right now does not guarantee that any money would go to actually improving their performance as representatives of WCU. Why are so many student athletes here from out of state? Second rate athletes from other states represent WCU because anyone willing to put forth effort native to NC and willing to argue in favor of NC status does not go here. It is wrong to throw away money from the STUDENTS for a menial outcome. Do what we all did as high schoolers - have a fundraiser. If enough money isn't earned from ticket sales and attendance, then perhaps

- the issue is with their performance. Arguing about performance due to lesser conditions does not necessarily excuse pathetic performance.
175. It's lowkey kinda dumb, I don't wanna pay for other people to go to college, and why pay for sports that suck
 176. I don't have financial aid, and I am paying for my own college so I am not wanting to pay close to \$50 more per semester when I already spend close to \$300 a month on gas to commute to campus plus many other fees.
 177. Not sure why I'm helping to pay for the tuition for student athletes while working full time in order to pay my OWN tuition.
 178. I never go to any athletic events and have nothing to do with the athletic community. I don't think it's fair for me and others in the same boat to pay that kind of money for absolutely nothing. maybe charge for attendance or something, but leave the rest of us out of it please.
 179. None of the athletes ever win, it's a waste of money. Please put the money towards something actually important like campus technology infrastructure, the sciences, or the arts.
 180. Not every student takes part in athletics.
 181. Too high percent increase
And I don't care about sports
 182. The already high mandatory fees is enough. especially since i've never went to a game or access to any of there amenities.
 183. I never attend any sporting events and have no interest in ever attending one and I know fellow students who feel the same, so it is very unfair and selfish that you are taking our money for something that does not benefit us or our education.
 184. It's stupid. They already get enough money from the students I want to see where all of that money is going. How do they get money to redo the turf but not replace the couches? Also why do all the other students have to pay for the athletes to come to school and for our teams to get new recruits. New couches and better offices won't make our teams such any less
 185. I do not support the increase in athletic fees. The majority of students are not athletes so their is no reason in general an athletic fee should included in the tuition. Athletic fee should only be added to students who are athletes.
 186. I DO NOT support. I could not be further from support for this fee. Its not applicable for all students, and I feel other programs and fees can be addressed before this one. I feel our university's focus on athletics is a bit much, compared to the view of other programs.
 187. It makes sense that you need to charge more or have more money. Thanks to Bidens economic inflation crisis, everything is costing more. You idiots who voted for Biden only have yourselves to blame. FJB
 188. Athletics are already funded over other necessary expenses for the university.
 189. Many of our athletic programs are not very competitive and until they prove to be I do not feel this money out of mine and my peers pocket benefit anyone in anyway.
 190. I personally do not attend sporting events, so I would be paying more for something that I have no interest in.
 191. I don't think an increase will help. it needs to be allocated more appropriately before considering a raise
 192. As a business student I feel like the fee is nonsense.
 193. As the Athletics Fee is already the single largest required fee out of students, to require so much more is a hard ask. While yes, it is observed what championship winning teams can bring a university, I would argue that our facilities are not the only thing holding us back from being a competitive force. I think before asking for an increase, it would also be nice to have transparent

break down of where all the revenue collected from this fee is going towards. i.e. Percent to Scholarships, SALARIES, Facility management, marketing etc.

194. Athletic fee does nothing for 90% of the Student body, Athletics doesn't attract students to come, except those that will be playing sports and getting scholarship. teams aren't good, and school is funding the wrong sports, while the sports that actually do well are not getting funded properly. Most facilities are mainly only used and access granted for those in sports and scholarship money should not be funded through current students and should be outsourced.
195. No. I would prefer my money went into my education that actually supports my future rather than athletics. It is not my job to fund the athletics department of this college.
196. Why should we increase the athletic fee for a school with poor athletic teams? Also, why can't that athletic fee also include fees for the band? I sure as hell know they put in more work than most of these athletes here.
197. We hardly show support our arts or any other program, therefore why spend that much
198. Funding is going to wrong sports and we are not even good.
199. After being an undergraduate student since fall of 2019, I have seen the COVID-19 pandemic put a strong hold on athletic activities. I am soon to graduate this upcoming May in spring of 2022 and have never once (until recently) been able to attend any sports game or athletic event. I see no reason to budget more money into sports if I will only be able to capitalize on my purchase in my very final year of school.
Student Social Development ID [REDACTED]
200. I am not part of athletics, so I should not have to pay.
201. I think its ridiculous we have to pay athletic fees anyway let alone increasing them.
202. The program that i am currently in could do with some funds, so I feel slightly resentful of a university once again dumping funds into their athletic program and disregarding (in my opinion) more educational programs. I have no problem with an athletic program... but when that's all that seems to be focused on... that's an issue to me.
203. While athletics is a huge source of revenue for the school, students should not be charged so much money for events they rarely attend. Use the money from outsiders coming to games and host benefits instead of making WCU students go further into debt for a fee that already hardly applies to them.
204. I am not an athlete, I do not partake in a single athletic event on campus, I work hard for my money and my opportunity to even go to school in the first place, I would rather spend a big chunk of many as such on something or a program that pertains to me, our football team has a rep of drugging and sexually assaulting females, I do not support, will not support and never have supported. I think western should care more about the mental health and safety of their students from other students before they began raising fees to expand the "fun" for unappreciative disrespectful and entitled people
205. Don't I already pay a \$500 athletic fee for tickets? Tuition after all of the other fees is already expensive the price tag was a large contribution as to why I went here in the first place, and it get more expensive every year.
206. It doesn't seem fair to charge students for a program they do not use or benefit from in any way. Perhaps come up with a creative way of recouping the costs of repairs from students/faculty that utilize the services either by increasing ticket prices, fund raising efforts from athletes, etc.
207. I do not feel that non-athletic students should have to pay this fee. It is an insane amount when student-athletes are already getting special privileges on a day-to-day basis. We were also given an athletic fee when students were not even allowed to go to sporting events(covid. I personally think it is ridiculous and unfair to those of us that do not participate in the WCU athletics.

208. Don't put money into terrible sport teams when the campus has other issues that need to be solved.
209. no
210. It is ridiculous to charge people who does not attend the games for an athletic fee, especially when our team isn't so great. The funding could go elsewhere.
211. The student athletes are provided with more than enough gear, and a small portion of this gear that is provided to each and every student athlete could be taken away to account for this needed increase in the athletic fee. Other student who do not benefit from this fee increase at all should be required to pay for this fee.
212. Current students are being asked to fund a number of academic facilities that will be utilized by future students. I believe that this is bad timing for an increase in fees for more facility construction when we are already supporting campus expansion in other areas that are more important for the current growth of student body.
213. athletics are not important to me
214. I dont believe we should have an increased fee because It is not fair for the people who come here for education rather than sports. I don't care about sports and I don't want to add more money to something I don't utilize.
215. I don't believe that it is fair for this fee be required from individuals who do not have anything to do with athletics at WCU.
216. I have no interest in athletics or sports, and I don't particularly care to support the area with more money when they are already getting \$391 from me each semester, along with almost every other undergrad student
217. I don't agree with having to support the athletics program if I do not participate in athletics and am an online student.
218. Unless the update will be evenly distributed to women's athletics as well, instead of just football, basketball and baseball. Then yes I would support the increase.
219. i agree
220. Golf outdoor facility is much needed
221. I'm not supportive of this because it will most likely go towards the sport that brings in the most money and publicity (football). It would not be properly allocated towards all sports, so why should we pay for football when other sports are not getting any benefits?
222. it's only \$43, if it helps the athletic programs then i'm all for it.
223. Indoor facility
224. I support this increase because our athletic facilities are seriously lacking. As a D1 school, we should be able to provide for the student-athletes and recruit from all over the country without being embarrassed of what these recruits see when they visit.
225. I was charged fees during covid and they weren't any games.
226. too much at once, it's already something that is charged a lot more than it should be.
227. As a female student athlete, I am cery aware of the athletic facilities and how outdated, old, and unappealing some are. To expand the university as well as the athletic programs we need better facilities.
228. Money for athletics should be from the athletic department. Maybe if we had a decent football team we could have more revenue from the games.
229. This is ridiculous. If anyone on this campus deserves more money and better facilities it is the band. They bring in the most money for this school from recruiting to football and basket ball games. The band members pay to be apart of the band while every other athlete on campus gets paid when they do not provide even close to the same levels of satisfaction. It was stated in an SGA post that the 'facilities' are the problem with gathering new recruits because they are

unappealing. THAT IS NOT THE REASON YOU CAN'T RECRUIT. The reason is the fact WCU hasn't been to the playoffs since 1983, or the fact we haven't had a winning average in football since before 2016 (possibly wrong on this but doubt it). FUNDING SHOULD BE PROPORTIONATE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS, OR IF THE DAMN TEAM IS JUST GOOD. STUDENT ATHLETES SHOULD HAVE TO PROVE THEIR ABILITY THROUGHOUT COLLEGE AND NOT BE CONSTANTLY REWARDED WHEN THEY FAIL! IF THE BAND WAS BAD THEY WOULD PULL FUNDING! THAT EXPECTATION SHOULD GO FOR EVERY TEAM ON CAMPUS.

230. I'm struggling to cover bills and expenses anyway. Even with a job it's already so hard to keep up.
231. Not all student are involved in NCAA sport. Most student main purpose is to get education
232. More fees seriously we are college students not ATMS
233. Why do we need to pay an athletic fee especially when the football team sucks?
234. I don't even go to sporting events on campus. I don't like being charged at all for it let alone having the charge increased.
235. There is not need to invest in the buildings when the school barely finds the teams.
236. I don't like the fact that I have to pay this fee even if I'm not doing anything within the athletics. Uping the price just frustrates me more, since it's a fee I'm forced to pay without a choice. So, no, I don't like this proposal.
237. Not everyone attends sports events or plays sports.
238. I would like to see WCU invest more athletics
239. I don't use anything athletic with the fee its a waste of money.
240. We are already charged out the ass hole in fees, adding more is beyond ridiculous.
241. I personally am not involved in any athletic programs and feel it is unfair to have to pay more. I understand it is for building and such but I think the teams fees should be raised instead of every student having to pay almost 50\$ more.
242. Why not increase ticket prices, find funding through donors, or only allow free student on certain game days.. A lot of students already work full time and find financial stress with school, don't make it harder.
243. If these future projects are not set in stone and are just ideas they should not be treated as justification. Charging students this money just to see the construction of it and not enjoy said project is just wrong.
244. Personally I wish there was an option to waive this fee. I do not go to the games. I personally get nothing from this fee. Etc. WCU needs to be very careful with raising fees. People come here because of price at some point it will not be worth it to come here. I live in Charlotte yet I am here. It costs me an extra \$1,000-1,500 per year to be at western. But I do not have a 35-60 minute commute. Now if it were to cost me 3-4K more to be here I would commute to Charlotte. Therefore I am a firm believer that WCU needs to be very very careful with fee pricing. I also do not believe it's fair to charge this fee for summer online classes. I'd be more supportive of the increase if the football team could atleast make first round of playoffs. If you can't win now what makes you think that an extra 430k (10k studentsx\$43)per semester will allow you to win? I'm all for raising the fee by \$5-10 to fix safety issues but nicer facilities will not make us win.
245. Western generated \$61,883,018 and these ascetics issues STILL have not been fixed?
246. The athletic fee does nothing but merely adds more financial burden onto students. By increasing this fee, you add more burden to the students. This fee is paid, but hardly any benefits are seen by the students that are having to pay this fee.
247. I think my funds would be better spent on fixing the issues concerning parking rather than increasing the amount of vehicles on campus. Better sports facilities would cause an influx of sports related individuals. I am attending WCU (if I can park) for an education, not a tailgate. Why build better sports facilities when the parking situation is unacceptable?

248. I don't think students should have to pay for facilities maintenance.
249. As a current women's soccer player, we do not receive proper funding as a successful team. We do not get to keep gear unless we purchase it, so no I do not agree with paying more towards a program that does not support us. Thank you.
250. Great idea!
251. I think this could propel our athletics programs into a whole another. Ultimately bettering student life here on campus.
252. It will help upgrade athletic facilities
253. Essential to take this university to the next level. Athletics are the face of public university's and we have a lot of improvement to make both in performance and facility's. I support I much higher focus on our athletic programs.
254. As a student-athlete I think the proposed Athletic Fee Increase is necessary because it will increase and support high athletic performance, strengthen the name of our athletic department and provide student-athletes with my opportunities and resources to grow their game.
255. Why should we have to pay for the increase..we don't want it yall should pay for it
256. we need this to continue to building our athletic program and win more games
257. N/A
258. It is entirely unnecessary, especially for students live far away from campus and have more important things to A. spend that money on i.e. rent and groceries and B. do with their lives besides going to ridiculous college sporting events which enhance my time at WCU exactly 0%
259. On the one hand, I think it's unnecessary. I don't like paying an extra fee for athletics I do not particularly care for, so I feel like it's a waste of my money regardless. However, if I were a student-athlete, I would not come here with the current facilities in the shape they are in, so if the money will be used to improve facilities, maybe it'll attract better athletes and give Western more victories.
260. This supports athletes but isnt fair to the people who are only here for an education.

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261. Athletics don't apply to the Biltmore Park campus so I wouldn't want to pay for it.
262. As a Biltmore Park student, I don't even get to enjoy the athletics without taking a journey to Cullowhee. I certainly don't see a point in paying even more for something I already don't use.
263. Universities are places of learning first and places for play second. It's foolish to balance the athletics budget on the backs of students with no concern or connection to the athletics program. If the university wants better facilities or increase the already exorbitant salaries of coaches (>\$200k salaries for sports at a place of learning is absurd) then the university can petition the state to provide grant funding or the athletics programs can be self-funding by raising ticket prices or holding fundraisers. Instead of relying on other students to balance the books by taking out more loans and seeking more grants. We have to scrimp/save/borrow/beg to fund our education, they can fund their sports themselves.
264. I would be in support of the increase if it went to scholarships. However, I attend the Biltmore Park campus and we don't have access to any of these facilities. I would be more amenable if there were plans to improve the gym at Biltmore Park in addition to the other plans for the main campus.
265. Much needed to get try and compete with the rest of the conference
266. As a student at Biltmore Park and an older student/non traditional student, I'm unable to utilize the athletic services, facilities or events like a traditional student.

Graduate Students

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- 267. Not supportive at all
- 268. i think only athletes should have to contribute to this

Respondents Planning to Commute Next Year

- 269. As a commuting graduate student, athletics are of little importance to me. I don't feel that it is fair to increase this fee by almost \$50 for someone who is not affected by on-campus athletics.
- 270. I'm a single parent and cannot afford extra fees
- 271. Why should an already financially taxed base (the student body) support these increases? Don't we already pay enough? Also based on the proposal information, basketball is the key to free media attention (George Mason, Butler, etc) and we've already updated basketball facilities.
- 272. This seems like too large a percent increase, especially for grad students.
- 273. \$391 is already a lot of money per semester. It's not fair to make students foot even more of the bill for athletics when they're often paying for their own clubs, extracurriculars, supplies out of pocket.
- 274. Not everybody is concerned with sports. This every student shouldn't be required to pay for someone else. If a student never attends a football game or athletic event, they shouldn't be paying for it. I am highly against an increase just because they need money, doesn't mean they should just take it from the students.
- 275. I am in full support of athletics. However, as it stands there are already so many fees tacked on to our educational bill that have nothing to do with us. As a grad student, I don't attend sporting events, and I don't really see why we have this fee if grad students don't even have sports teams that I'm aware of.
- 276. We pay so much money already. I believe it can be found elsewhere.
- 277. This is absolutely ridiculous. On simply the level of entertainment and school spirit, the teams themselves are either bad or unexciting for the majority of the student body. As a student who has attended this school for five years (four as an undergrad and a year of grad school) I have never once derived a modicum of pride or pleasure from this university's athletic programs. While this athletic fee increase would undoubtedly improve the quality of these programs, and therefore provide residual benefits to the university itself, it should not be the responsibility of temporary students to commit more of our precious resources to an investment which we will never see the benefit of. I earn twelve dollars an hour waiting tables, including tips. Does the administration of this school honestly want me to spend THIRTY SIX HOURS per year of my life working so that people I know nothing about can have better facilities for events I'll never go to. Or perhaps the expectation is that I'll go into debt for it? And for what? So that Western's brand can be more attractive? So that I can pay for someone who played sports in high school to be able to keep playing them in college? Is it supposed to be for me? So that I can take pride in the athletic accomplishments of people I do not know simply because we exist in the same institution? None of this benefits me. And yet, I, and all other students, are being forced to give more of their wages, and therefore time, to these programs.

There are so many gaping inadequacies in this university that need to be addressed in order for students to be given the bare minimum. Particularly in the realm of regular failures in the remarkably inefficient and insufficient technical and administrative support system. I have yet to see a decent and functioning university system which I have been paying for for over five years. To

- ask, nay, demand that I offer more of my precious capital every year so that a group of people I do not know can maybe beat Furman is nothing less than a spit in my face.
278. As a graduate student, I am not interested in most athletic events, just using the rec facilities and really only want to pay for that.
 279. Barely have the extra money. If it is automatically taken out(which it already will be.) Rent is going up. I understand it will be beneficial so either way it is fine..
 280. I'd rather give money for merit or scholarly based tuition's. That's already way too much money per semester going to athletics, of which I feel no personal connection to or benefit from. Use student money to work for all student needs.
 281. I don't have money like that but I know it would be put to good use. Id rather fundraise or something but I am sure those bases have already been covered.
 282. There are other avenues and funds that the university can utilize to fund the athletic department rather than increasing tuition for students.
 283. I don't think this is right because the only sports that gets anything are football and basketball and they aren't even championship sports.
 284. We already pay a substantial athletic fee that quite honestly I don't take advantage of. I would prefer to see funds supporting my educational program of study rather than adding to my personal debt for more athletics.
 285. I drive to biltmore park once a week and never ever have used and athletic facilities. Not only do I not approve an increase I don't think online students or Biltmore park students should have to pay for majority of the Cullowhee campus fees.
 286. I will be be on campus part time and do not attend athletic events

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287. might get support if we ever won
288. Even without the raise, I get little to nothing from paying this fee as a Biltmore Park student.
289. I do wish as a WCU BP grad student there was more options for fitness. The workout area is great, but it feels a little isolating that certain fees are assessed to everyone and our location doesn't have the same services, activities, etc.
290. As a PT graduate student in Henderson County, I do not attend any athletic events. Ticket sales and students who are closer to main campus should be supporting these events. I'm not going to school to support a team. I'm here to advance my education.
291. I do not use the athletic facilities, so in general, the fee is another arbitrary cost to me, however, if the facilities need updating then you have to generate the revenue somehow.
292. I'm supportive, but it feels unnecessary to charge students for various fees if they are online only or at Biltmore Park.
293. According 2018-2019 fiscal budget student fees already contribute \$6.5 million. Not only that but the Catamount Club and sales contribute a chunk of change too. Students have had to deal with COVID stress and losing out on some vital or altered college experiences. Fees should not be greater than the cost of tuition.
294. Need more information and transparency before I can support. I would support if it only went to scholarships and infrastructure, but not excessive coach salaries (which is of course not WCU specific).
295. living over 3 hrs away from cullowhee, I will not be attending sporting events.
296. Students at Biltmore Park in no way benefit from Athletics at WCU. The Athletics fee has been a large determining factor in myself wanting to pursue other programs, and not recommending WCU Biltmore programs to other students.

- 297. This does not directly impact students who go to Biltmore park as graduate students and do not use the Cullowhee campus at all. It seems unfair to be paying for a fee that is not even a service that we use
- 298. Especially as a Biltmore Park student but also as a student who is not attending university for any reason to do with the athletic program, I disagree with paying any fee at all for the athletic program, and so am highly opposed to an increase in a fee which I already disagree with.
- 299. This fee doesn't specifically apply to me as I don't come to the main campus where sports are held and I don't play sports. I do also understand that I am a full time student so this fee is likely universal to any student whether or not they play or participate or use athletic services
- 300. I think it's unfair for BP students to pay for things like this, especially as grad students
- 301. I am at Biltmore Park campus and would not like to pay fees not associated with my campus
- 302. As a student at Biltmore Park, the athletics programs and facilities do not add any value to my educational experience.
- 303. As a part-time graduate student, I'm not allowed to utilize/ participate in athletic events like other students so I feel it is unfair to continue charging AND increasing the fees for something I can not use.

Proposed edTPA Fee

Undergraduate Students

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- 304. We shouldn't raise this fee. It doesn't need to be.
- 305. The exact cost should be charged and no more
- 306. I think it could potentially be a good thing. Not everyone is cut out to be a teacher, and having to put money towards is a way to ensure seriousness. However, it could also be bad for the people who may not be able to afford it but can and will be a good teacher.
- 307. It would be good for financial aid to cover it
- 308. Why would it be necessary to charge on an education fee?
- 309. Unfamiliar
- 310. No
- 311. Don't raise fees because the cost of college is already high enough
- 312. no fees
- 313. N/a
- 314. It may be easier for many students to pay for this fee out-of-pocket. You could create scholarships to help students who are unable to pay. Raising the fee for education majors for edTPA may deter people from partaking in the program at WCU.
- 315. I support it because I can use scholarships and other aids to pay.
- 316. Can barely afford cost now
- 317. A lot of students picked this school based on affordability, with that being said an additional fee may influence the decision of some student's to not attend here.
- 318. N/A
- 319. Would definitely take stress off of us as education majors to pay for this while during our student teaching.
- 320. A few education majors around me have expressed concern that this one-time fee being added to tuition would prevent them from paying it out of pocket, which they have deemed easier for various reasons. For me, it would be easier to place the fee with tuition but I think it may be beneficial to allow each individual student to decide how to pay it if at all possible.

- 321. I don't fully understand, does this fee cover the Praxis tests, background check, and the two or three other fees that we have to pay out of pocket, or is it a whole other fee that will be tacked on for us? If it is another fee, I am against it, if it is a fee that covers all of our other education major fees as well, I am for it.
- 322. \$300.00 per person is a lot of money to come up with and I would have to pay that each year.

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- 323. Na
- 324. It's unnecessary
- 325. We pay enough for this school to not have parking or decent professors. Stop increasing the fees every damned year.
- 326. We already pay enough money for college, so why increase fees that some students won't even use the service in which they are meant to pay?
- 327. We are already paying for it and we would only be paying more. WCU likes to take as much money as they can and doesn't care about it's students well-being.
- 328. I am supportive given it only effects those who will be obtaining the license
- 329. I feel giving students the route to have financial aid to cover this expense would be beneficial. If "covered or free" isn't an option, the best way to be equitable for all students is to have ways of payment support available.
- 330. So you guys wanna spend a bunch of money on sports teams that don't win, but don't wanna invest in educators? Pathetic.
- 331. While it does enable students to use financial aid on the fee, it does not incentivize students to succeed.

Respondents Planning to Take Classes Online Next Year

- 332. I thought it was included!! This need to be made known that it is not ASAP
- 333. The opportunity to use financial aid and or scholarships is a wonderful opportunity and a welcomed one to those of us who pay for our own tuition now.
- 334. If this has to be collected it should not be in the same semester as all the other fees required.

Graduate Students

Respondents Planning to Commute Next Year

- 335. I'm a single parent and cannot afford extra fees
- 336. N/A
- 337. Exploring on the "More information on the proposal" link, it appears that WCU is already covering the edTPA fee. Yet, based on the info in the survey thus so far, this information is not otherwise presented. Given the nature of surveys that participants often approach taking them with limited time investment (please reference the beginning of the survey highlighting the amount of time it should take to complete it--in this case 5 min), many folks probably won't take to read more about the proposal and receive the information that I did. In absence of this knowledge, the statement about financial aid and/or scholarships covering this fee can act as behaviorally leading information; the student may assume that this fee would otherwise need to be paid out-of-pocket. With the selective presentation of information in the survey itself, albeit potentially unintended, survey participants may be inadvertently misinformed when voicing their support or dissent for the fee. It may be likely that with full information, participants may choose a different answer. Given that decisions about the fee will likely impact those participating in this

survey, the data gathered from this question may lead to nonideal consequences for them. Presuming that this survey was intended to collect accurate data, this is a gross error and may render the survey null.

Respondents Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

- 338. Agree
- 339. I'm not sure of the price, however the cost of school is increasingly going up and this is difficult in 2nd year MSW as we have field placements and it's difficult to have any time to work for extra money if I want to be successful in school.
- 340. what's the edTPA fee?
- 341. Seems irrelevant to me as a Counseling student.
- 342. I was not even aware that there would be proposed changes. I am interested in learning where to find this and what it entails.
- 343. Not clear to me

Proposed Room Rates

Undergraduate Students

Respondents Planning to Live on Campus Next Year

- 344. Why don't you just tear them down too and make more parking spaces for the people you make pay \$400 just to park no where near their dorms
- 345. can we decrease rooms for people with accommodations. we already have to have accommodations, so lower the prices of it.also if you wanna force people to live on campus another year without them dropping out, MAKE IT LOWER. so we do not worry about housing
- 346. I'm not entirely sure I understand what will happen, however I do agree that residence hall pricing should go down.
- 347. I understand the reasoning for the decrease of the dorms, however it would not effect me because those aren't the dorms I plan on living in.
- 348. This idea of decreasing the cost of the rooms will be beneficial. Albright/benton and buchanan are older dorms and they need to be affordable. The cost of a private us very expensive considering the fact they are much older. If the prices keep going up for housing people who are homeless or need a place to stay won't be able to afford and pay for their housing.
- 349. If you are going to advertise a decrease then you need to show all of them at a decrease and not just a small few that no one wants to live in to begin with
- 350. this is too confusing but the less money the better, stop making us pay so much for an education
- 351. You should decrease the rate for Balsam/Blue ridge
- 352. Even though the average decrease is \$8.75, the technology fee among all students just fills in that missing money.
- 353. No change
- 354. N/A
- 355. the ones people would want to live in have not change at all or increased. But of course this is a business and no doubt there will be people staying next semester. But having to live in dorms for a second year really makes one consider transferring.
- 356. No reasoning is given for the increase or decrease in fees for certain residence halls so I can't accurately form an opinion.
- 357. I only wish that my dorm were included in the rate decrease.
- 358. Only 5 buildings are discounted, find a way to make the others do the same.

359. I think it's great that Albright-Benton is decreasing because of the poor living conditions.
360. DO NOT FUCKING RAISE THE PRICE OF NOBLE
361. I currently live at Noble and this would set me back.
362. I don't understand why we are paying so much anyways.
363. No comments on this change as I see it being beneficial to the school.
364. as someone interested in rooming in noble, why are those fees being raised when allen has more up to date facility's and houses a lot more students
365. Balsam and Blue Ridge need to go down as well
366. decrease all room rates
367. If you make the price decrease for some residence halls why can't you make it decrease for all. It isn't fair nor inclusive
368. It should reduced even further for having people stay in ab and Buchanan
369. Not all of these are decreasing.
370. Let's decrease the cost on some of the more outdated buildings on campus, In Norton a private is 200 dollars less then Noble, yet noble has 3 -5 more feet in width
371. I do not feel some of these dorms costs should be increased as some dorms are gross and old.
372. Why are only certain dorms getting decreased? There are others that need to be decreased based on their conditions. If you're going to decrease one you need to decrease all. Making students who do not participate in athletics pay extra and then also charging them extra to live on campus (especially freshmen and sophomore since then are required to) is hypocritical.
373. why did you up noble as if it isn't already so expensive
374. Will not be living in the selected buildings
375. It's increases noble, judaculla, and harrill by q substantial amount
376. I don't think judaculla should be raised since there's definitely no increase in quality
377. Bruh im tryna live in juda yall killin me
378. So I think increasing the most popular dorms is big dumb. Because you're already forcing the class of ~25 to stay in residence halls next year, despite it being significantly to cheaper to be able to live off campus. And no one wants to live in Albright/Benton because not only is there no AC, but I've been in one of the rooms once and I felt like I was in a legitimate prison cell. So yeah I understand decreasing those prices but also no one in their right mind is going to willingly live there. Maybe decrease other buildings.
379. Why is noble an increase
380. Some of us are RAs and we do not get a say where we live. Yes there is a survey that asks where we want to live but it is not guaranteed. Also a decrease in .4% is nothing to brag about \$8 does not help anyone.
381. How does this affect the new dorms being built? Why doesn't the decreased room rates apply to every dorm?
382. You seem to be adding more charges to the dorms that are more suitable for human habitation. Judaculla is one of the only dorms that are more fairly priced and to tack on more money to it would be unfair because that is forcing your students to live in a dorm with insufficient housing. Albright and Benton are getting cheaper because it isn't a good place to live, the washers are always breaking and the students do not have their own bathrooms, the only plus side is the location.
- Allen is very expensive but because it is a luxury building which is fair, there are kitchens and laundry rooms alternating on every floor and multiple study rooms on each floor, it is honestly the best building, but it is expensive enough so I am okay with the price on that one.
- I do not know much about Balsam and Blue Ridge aside from the fact that their parking so so bad. I'm an Aramark Employee and I can almost NEVER find a parking spot so I can't imagine how its

going to be when the new buildings are finished and we lose even more parking. Honestly, I think their price should be lowered simply for the parking issues.

Buchanan NEEDS to be lowered, I am pretty sure that they have had construction going on on top of it this entire semester and I also feel like it is because of mold because of the equipment they were using and wearing, so yes, that should be lower, they also have terrible parking.

I do not support raising the costs for Harrill, it is not a good building. The football players steal women's underwear if they wash it on their floors and the rooms are insanely small, not to mention how many floors there are, but there are only two elevators to go up 9 flights of stairs, move-in day must be awful. The price was affordable for students though and I noticed that a good sum of our African American portion lived here so raising it could really affect minorities deciding to come here.

I have no clue what the lower campus buildings will be like, but I know parking is just going to be awful when they are up and running.

I wish Madison was open, I have never been able to explore this one, but I'm glad the prices aren't being raised or lowered since we don't even get to use it aside from covid check-ins haha.

I'm fine with Noble being raised, just not too much, but it is where a lot of more well off students go, it's also in the center of campus with multiple restaurants below it and classes just across the street, so its fair for it to be expensive especially when it looks so nice, I just hate the parking, because there is NONE for Noble.

I don't know much about Norton, but man am I jealous that they have a C-store. They are already pretty up there in price so I'm glad it is not being raised, especially with how far it is from everything.

Reynolds is pretty fair, they have their own control of their temperature in their room (to an extent) and they have to share a bathroom with another room next door. The price is low and fair and they have somewhat decent parking which is always a plus. Other than it being old, (from 1953 when it replaced an all-girls dorm called Moore Hall), it is fair that it is relatively the same price as Judaculla, except for the fact that Judaculla's private is a closet and Reynolds as a private is an entire room with two beds and you only have to share the bathroom with two other people in Reynolds if you buy a private.

Robertson is awesome, I live here and I find it very fair that we have a cheaper dorm because we don't have air conditioning. My only issue is, all the rooms are different which seems kind of unfair. I have a private and it is right above the boiler room so my room was insanely hot in the beginning of the summer, to the point that my feet would turn bright red when walking around so I had to buy fans when all the other rooms were nice and comfortable. I feel like my room should have been a little cheaper with that in mind since I have to deal with an uncontrollable room while everyone else can use their accommodations and be just fine. I know this is true because I know all of the EMS people and I have been in two other rooms on my floor that are not on the EMS floor. I love the furniture and how many we have, the kitchen is such a blessing when you work as often and late at night as I do, and the bath tub is such a cure for footpain. I honestly suggest putting more buildings like Robertson on campus because my peers are often jealous of my room but then are 10 times happier with their choice when I say they don't have air conditioning.

I know nothing about the Village, nor do I really want to since it is so far away and seems like a frat playground.

383. Any decrease helps

384. Supportive because room. rates are expensive but why would there be as many increases as decreases.

385. I don't understand why the price for a Judaculla doubles raised by 7.11% while the single for Judaculla still costs the same.
386. Why is judaculla double increasing??
387. I'm a bit confused on why some halls are staying the same and some are increasing, when you have proposed that it will be decreasing.
388. Why are some rooms being raised? Why are Albright/Benton and Buchanan the only ones being lowered?
389. The ones that are decreasing are the terrible, scary dorms. NO.
390. the residence hall I want to live in next year, so it doesn't do any good to say it will decrease when it won't
391. There is no reason any of the room rates should be increasing. Houses depreciate over time, so do the dorms. Balsam should not be the most expensive dorms when they have ladders that make it so you can barely get up and down out of your bed, and that make you want to skip class every morning because it is painful to get down the ladder out of your bed.
392. I do not care as much about the room price increases or decreases, but the additional residential technology fee is outrageous. The internet does not work half the time on campus, and all sophomores have no choice but to live on campus. I am in complete opposition of the Residential technology fee.
393. I live in a private room in noble so it would be anther \$115 I would have to pay. That is a bit much
394. Not in these halls
395. I support the decision on decreasing the tuition on residential halls due to the fact that living on campus is a more expensive alternative to some students. If more funding was needed throughout the year the school could hold a fundraising event held on campus. Anything fun like a huge nerf tournament, a mini petting zoo, or maybe even something simple like a huge campus game would definitely strike the attention of their students!
396. On campus living already costs so much money, it should not increase.
397. A decrease in room rates should be on all housing, not just a select few as specific years have to live in specific buildings. It's unfair for there to be a decrease for upper classmen rooms and not lower classmen.
398. Housing should be cheaper I agree with this, although I think it should be either every dorm.
399. If they have been able to run off of those original rates for years I dont see the necessity in increasing them, but my dorm seems to be ok so I guess go crazy.
400. Noble hall is going up and I do not support that
401. It seems as if prices are mainly affecting upperclassman who are the people who you should want to retain.
402. Can't afford to live on campus next semester if room rates rise unless Allen will be open to upperclassmen
403. This should include more residential living spaces.
404. I like that the halls I am looking to stay in have decreased.
405. If students are required to live on campus next year, it's not fair to charge them a massive fee for doing so.
406. Need better air conditioning.
407. Noble is already the most expensive dorm and does not need to be increased again. Increase dues for other buildings by a smaller amount.
408. I do not want to pay more than I already am for my dorm room
409. I think all room rates should be cheaper second year students who are forced to live on campus next year instead of decreasing the cost for the rooms that have no AC and increasing the cost for

upper classmen in resident halls that are more popular, especially if we are forced to live on campus next year

410. Anything that makes the cost of attendance less burdensome is good.

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411. Wish it would go down more since we are opening two new buildings for housing so the school will get plenty of money from that.
412. The dorms that are decreasing next year are dorms people do not select as their first choice and are older dorms with fewer living resources. The top preferred dorms are still increasing next year.
413. the time required for students to be on campus had been increased, this is a much better rate for those having to stay for 2 years on campus
414. Room rates were always expensive. This will help many
415. Cost is supposedly going down, but 3 dorms are increasing with 2 decreasing.
416. It's already very expensive
417. whyyyyyy bruh
418. You should decrease it more because with the new dorms being built no one will want to live in the older buildings so far from campus.
419. Why are the only dorms students don't want to live in decreasing....also why is juduculla double increasing??
420. an overall decrease to tuition costs are always good, even if some resident halls see an increase in price
421. Glad it's decreasing some. Still think it's too high.
422. You are only decreasing the older dorms nobody wants, upgrade your stuff and move on. this is dumb, especially if you plan on making 2 years live on campus.
423. I am living off campus. Lowering rates of residential halls does not affect me.
424. No
425. a lot of people already struggle paying the prices they are now.
426. sure, on average that is a .4% decrease, but you are lowering the fee in the one place no one wants to stay and increasing it everywhere else.
427. Fix the mold issue in the dorms.
428. Why are the more nicer room options becoming more expensive. And the less quality rooms are becoming cheaper.
429. A/B are one of the worst dorms, I think it's justified for the price to go down. Albeit be a miniscule decrease.
430. The decreases appear to be a barely applicable and they wouldn't apply to the majority of students depending on their choice of living.
431. No opinion because I commute :)
432. I do not and will not be living on campus next year so I do not have a say on this.
433. In am supportive under the understanding that pay for RA's and Res-Life officials does not waiver. I am all here for less expensive housing (especially with the new required 2yr living policy) The reason behind my stipulation is RES-Life is an essential program at WCU and requires adequate funding.
434. FJB
435. I live off campus so this does not affect me.
436. the price of dorms going down is a great thing
437. I am a commuter/transfer student and not enrolled as a residential student. A rate decrease (net) of only \$8.75 annually (\$4.38 per semester) seems like a slap in the face to any residential student who has been begging for lower housing costs. If students were to finally see a decrease in their

cost of living and it reflected less than a 1% change in price is so meaningless to the average student. Its no wonder students live off-campus with roommates in apartments. Your customers cant get any wiggle room in voicing the decision made for their services. As I said, i am not a residential student, but it makes me so goddamn pissed off for those who are!!

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438. I'm not a resident, but life is hard for kids trying to work and go to school, any decrease in costs is a win to me.
439. How are the increases fair when the residential living requirement will be pushed to second years too?
440. I think it is fair to lower the costs of living in an older residential hall. The newer ones are about the equivalent of living in an apartment and can be charged as such. The only concern of mine is the residential technology fee. I do not understand why it exists.
441. rooms are to expensive. I live off campus.
442. good
443. These rate do not affect me personally.
444. a decrease would be amazing
445. I think it is a great idea to make rooms less expensive
446. If freshman are now going to be required to live on campus for a second year, if there's an option to decrease the cost at all then it should be done
447. As I am a local student, I have no opinion on resident hall fees at all.
448. if it helps the athletic program then i'm all for it.
449. These room rates are ridiculously high for seriously outdated dorms.
450. I don't think that the cheaper dorms should be raised while others are lowered. Instead just keep them all the same.
451. Why is there such an increase on more wanted dorms???
452. For the students not getting AC or private bathrooms, they deserve to pay less.
453. I am a commuter.
454. is it really a comprehensive decrease if you raise the price of actual quality residence halls? Ive been in the decreasing residence halls, theyre not nice to live in at all.
455. Don't live on. campus.
456. Harrill and Noble should not have any increase in price
457. For our pricing it is competitive with other universities in the area. However, with exception to our newer dorms the facilities are lacking.
458. N/A
459. Not supportive of noble or others increasing when the buildings are a year older with no new features. The internet on campus has been worse and this needs to be addressed
460. I'm a commuter student. I already feel like campus living is expensive, but that's what you'll get no matter where you go.
461. I live off campus because the price to live on campus is ridiculous.

Respondents Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

462. Slightly more affordable living is great for students.
463. Funny, room rates have to support their places where students have to live. Why don't athletics programs have to do the same. Tickets and students participating should pay for that just like students have to fund do their dorms.

Graduate Students

Respondents Planning to Live on Campus Next Year

464. This makes life much better for those of trying to survive and make it through

Respondents Planning to Commute Next Year

465. Housing is already outrageously priced for what students receive, even with skyrocketing costs of living in the area.

466. Seems logical with more dorms.

467. N/A

468. You're dropping prices of dorms people don't want to live in and increasing the prices they do. It's obvious

Respondents Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

469. Living in A/B and Buchanan already sucks, a decrease would be nice.

470. N/A for me.

471. I do not live in campus housing.

472. Also, not clear why some dorm rates are going up and some going down. Need more info.

473. I am not an on campus student I live else where, but I do think a decrease would help students out who are solely financially responsible for on their own

474. I understand prices increase but it seems arbitrary for campuses unless it is due to increased wages to employees.

475. Maintain rates and put towards repairs/renovations.

Proposed Meal Plan Rates

Undergraduate Students

Respondents Planning to Live on Campus Next Year

476. How about you have decent food on campus and maybe you wouldn't have to increase the meal plans that already suck

477. last year they decreased the value of the plans while keeping the cost the same, NOW YOU WANNA CHARGE MORE???

478. I think we should decrease all meal plans because the food here is so bad and I already have bowel diseases and the food here does not help

479. Again I'm not sure I understand entirely. If the cost isn't increasing but the benefits are then I support it. However if the plans increase costs on students behalf, maybe it's better not to do so.

480. Eating here is already so expensive and we have to wait SO long for food anyways. It is not worth an increase

481. Current freshman's already pay so much for unlimited and for the pricing to go up and not be able to go in as many times as we would like as we have been doing all year will be a unnecessary adjustment.

482. Why do students need to have 5 extra swipes for guest meals? They have an UNLIMITED plan which is around 5000 meal swipes. That should be more than enough for the student to have for the semester and to swipe for guests/friends. Simply just allow students to use their unlimited swipes on themselves and on others. Commuters don't need to be charged extra for picking a meal plan. For the Block 150/80/40 there needs to be more meal swipes or add board meals if you are going to charge more.

483. Why would I pay more when food on campus is shit and I have to go off campus to eat.

484. The price should be lowered not raised because the food isn't good anyways

485. Refund some of the money for those you paid for the meal plan when Brown Hall and certain restaurants in the courtyard dining hall that are closed.
486. I have had a lot of difficulty with dining on campus. I pay more than I think it is worth, considering I do not get the opportunity to eat lunch in the dining hall. Brown Hall was already closed for a majority of the first semester and is still only open for dinner. Meal plan rates should not increase unless more dining options are introduced (new restaurants, better dining hall hours).
487. I don't need unlimited meal swipes as a first year.
488. How does that make any sense that the most volumetric meal plan would not change, but the ones that contain less be more?
489. It has been hard to eat at all this semester. Having to eat off campus a good bit which causes extra expenses
490. If more options were there it would be fine. I fully support this.
491. It is already mandatory to buy a meal plan for residential students, so raising the price makes it worse.
492. the dining halls are never fully operational the food is lackluster and the meal plans are ridiculously expensive as well as unnecessarily large.
493. Students with the mandatory first-year plans in 2021-2022 are now required to stay in dorms another year so if they also have to pay the higher residential rate without getting any choice then I do not support the increase. Also, the graph shown above does not match up with the actual graphs in the proposal and it is a little misleading-- for a second I thought Unlimited Basic plans got exchange meals.
494. My support is majorly due to the average hourly wage increase, but I understand rising food costs as well.
495. If the food, gets better and there are more options for people with dietary restrictions I support the increase. However the food as is should be decreased.
496. meal plans are expensive enough! As a freshman who is forced to live on campus next year, I will have no choice but to get the residential meal plan. It is going to cost me so much more to live on campus now since I don't have the option of living off campus and providing meals for myself or purchasing a commuter meal plan.
497. I think more DB should be added to the unlimited meal plans because \$107 runs out very quickly and the upstairs dining hall continues to give students food born illness
498. NO! We already pay enough for minimal quality and access. If you plan on raising costs, we demand all locations be open, at full capacity, and improve food quality.
499. Why are we paying more when you can't even have all dining services open all the time, it took forever to get everything at courtyard open and the hours are crazy. I do not support this because we are not getting our money-worth as is.
500. NO
501. It is already expensive.
502. Why
503. I have already been paying a high fee for food and services that are not available or unreliable.
504. Would not be a big increase and will allow room for better food variety and paying employees and adequate and competitive wage.
505. why do you need to raise the ammount of money to pay for food which is an essential human right and should be provided by the school for a lower cost and not a higher one.
506. While I understand the need for this increase, the meal plans are already quite expensive.
507. Food already costs a lot. Don't make us pay more.

508. I feel as though it is wrong to keep first year student meal plans the same and up charge the cost for upperclassman. Upperclassman have stayed loyal to WCU over the years and an increase in prices is what we're offered in return?
509. I think that 150 plan should be replaced with 175.
510. We are receiving less quality service as it is with less options as before. The lines are long everywhere.
511. The dining on campus is pretty bad in all aspects, so I think this is a good idea.
512. I do not think we should increase meal plans because the food on campus is already very slow and some struggle with finding time to eat.
513. You are going to make us pay extra for a food service that doesn't even fit all the needs of every student? Not to mention, many freshmen and other students are not able to get food because of the time it takes to wait. If you want to do something actually beneficial with the food industry on campus, you need to increase pay for employees, provide a better work environment, give quality breaks, and actually listen to the students when they tell you they don't agree with what the school is doing.
514. The dining services are already awful, no student should have increased meal plan rates despite their classification.
515. The food sucks I'm not paying more for bad food.
516. Our food it's that great on campus
517. The dining hall food gives people the shits. Increasing the price for poor food quality would be ironic
518. We need to make more better food choices available to all students
519. Please I'm poor
520. lame
521. Meal plans shouldn't be that expensive tbh. Also the ones for first-year residents suck so why are they the most expensive?
522. It's already over 2000 dollars
523. Meal plan options are not broad enough to support student options. I also do not believe we should be increasing meal plan fees when campus dining cannot support the students on campus.
524. Will the meal plans for the current freshmen that are required to stay on campus an extra year also increase?
525. NO, this has been the worst year to have a meal plan and I am so upset about it, I am absolutely against this because meal plans are already so expensive and our meal exchanges do not always match the 7-9 dollar range we are promised.
526. Access to food is important increasing prices may make it difficult in some students.
527. I believe that the people working under food deserve to make more money for what they do.
528. We are currently paying full price for meal plans and Brown is not even open all day, if the increase is to up the workers pays then the increase is fine, though if it does not have any correlation to getting working staff inside of the dining halls then I am against it.
529. We have to eat. Stop charging us out the butt or were all going to have eating disorders.
530. If there is going to be an increase in price better meal exchanges need to be considered, and all available food options need to open up before this happens.
531. Again another increase
532. I don't think we should have to pay more to eat on campus when that is our only option as residents.
533. I do support that the employees need more wages but I would be keep in mind that if food on campus does become to expensive then the students will find an alternative such as dordash and get their meals else where an increase in cost for food is understandable.

534. Between the room rates rise and the meal plan rise, I will not be able to afford college next year. I receive no scholarships, and hardly any benefits from fafsa and I am paying for college by myself. Please consider students like me.
535. If the increase means we get better food and start paying employees better and treating them fairly, then I'm supportive. Otherwise, the price should be the same.
536. Why can't we just keep the pricing the same each year? Since there is not a change in the actual meal plan.
537. The food here is not good at all. There are hardly any options for allergies such as gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, lactose free etc. I think it's ridiculous how much we're paying for not even mediocre food.
538. I think it is wrong to keep raising prices of necessities because eventually there is going to be a point where students are going to have to choose to eat or to study and that is an awful choice to have to make.
539. This is absolutely absurd, there is no way that this increase can actually benefit students seeing as to how the currently selection of dining halls does little to support people with dietary or religious restrictions.
540. Don't supportive because the dining hall food is not accessible for ANYONE with dietary restrictions , gives you food poisoning, and is simply disgusting.
541. Prices should only go up if food quality is improved. It is a struggle to find food on campus that is suitable for people with dietary restrictions or people who simply want to eat healthy food. It's also unfair that students paid for meal plans this year thinking that Brown would be open, only to find out that it would not be open most of the time and students would not receive a refund on even part of their meal plan.
542. I believe the meal plan needs to be reevaluated for usability. The amount of times I have gotten home from work past 9pm and not been able to eat a warm meal cannot be represented by my fingers or my toes. The only meal option open past 10pm is Papa Johns, which is unhealthy and cold. It makes me feel dumb for paying \$2,350 for a meal plan that can't feed me when I am hungry. I am impartial to the new change as I will not purchase a meal from the school as soon as I am not required to, but I hope my comments are heard by someone who wants what is best for the students.
543. No. I understand that catamount dining is exclusively funded but this is ridiculous.
544. I feel that if second students have to live on campus next year then these prices should also be cut cheaper, especially for student who make their own food and do not use their meal plan
545. Charging more for food so that third party vendors can make more profit us obscene. This year we have had to deal with limited food offerings and other inconveniences and now it seems you are going to protect the profits of the food company over offering more competitively priced plans.
546. They are definitely over priced, but I think it is pretty necessary to require on campus freshman to have a meal plan.

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547. Switch food service providers.
548. The lack of options for food on campus this year is an issue. There does not need to be an increase in payment until food options are open with normal hours of operation. Getting food between classes is not reasonable and has not been since Chick-fil-a moved to courtyard dining. The courtyard is the only option for people on the main part of campus near classrooms and overcrowded. Getting food takes 40 minutes.

549. if meal plans are required, more affordable plans should be offered.
550. A lot of places on campus have long wait times and very understaffed, if it is open at all. We do not want to pay more for that.
551. Unnecessary rise
552. I do not support the removal of the 5% DB discount.
553. Too expensive
554. Needs to be muchhhh better. Too expensive as it is with nothing to really support the cost. Brown isn't even open on weekends?? Steak n Shake hasn't been open all semester? And this has always happened, even before the pandemic
555. not enough staff or variety or options to change and lines too long nobody can ever get food when they need it during school day anyways
556. The meal options are shit and do not provide adequate nutrition for anyone especially those with allergies or restrictions. It also takes hours just to get one meal.
557. I get it but dang bro
558. Don't have a meal plan but it seems reasonable
559. why would meal plan prices rise when this year we have only had courtyard open. not fair
560. i'll only have to use the first year residential, so this change does not affect me
561. I think the guest meals are cool.
562. I am not getting a meal plan. This does not affect me.
563. aramark is the company contracted to provide meals on campus. this company uses prison labor (modern day slavery) and I suggest western divest from them
564. send it
565. The food provided here by Aramark is already low quality. Why should students pay more? I am sure you're aware of the many complaints of the food service here between closed dining halls, lack of food, lack of quality food, etc.
566. After this year it would be hard to find anyone who supports this increase since no one is getting what they are paying for.
567. if prices are going to stay this high, at least keep one dining hall open 24/7. Some kids live in dorms that dont have open kitchens, work late nights or have all day classes and can't manage to make it to a dining hall to get food before 9pm.
568. Unless this is going into Aramark wages, absolutely no.
569. No need to raise food prices when the food here sucks and is still very expensive
570. The food is terrible for that price, and service is slow. Especially when half the restaurants aren't open.
571. People need to eat to live, stop increasing food prices and use better partners and food distributors, or more local groups to supply food to WCU.
572. Creating an incentive for commuters to never consider having a meal plan.
573. If the money is to help pay workers better then sure. If they never get a raise then this is stupid
574. not applicable to me
575. Thanks to the food shortages caused by China Joe, no wonder you're having to charge more. FJB. Oh and screw Aramark too.
576. Our food isn't worth what it is now.
577. The price for food may be increasing, but the food quality is not. My first year, I purchased an unlimited plan, as it was required. The food on campus was, and continues to be nasty, and has given me and other students gastrointestinal issues.
578. some people can't afford to eat already. let alone pay their tuition in full/get enough help with payment. raising the price of a meal seems cruel when a lot of people can't afford to eat

579. We hardly have staffers to stay open for certain places in order to eat. What are we paying an increase for when we can't keep our staffers
580. meal plans should go down
581. Cost of living increases are set to skyrocket from inflation setting in this year. If (AND ONLY IF) wages are set to increase as expected to combat this increase surplus of cash, will I be supportive of raising the prices on foods. Price increases must be proportional to student earnings.
582. Commuter meal plans are already too expensive for the quality and quantity of food.
583. I feel that the increases in plans should be on the first-year residential plans that are required. Increasing the commuter plans will only turn people away further.
584. I think meal plans are a scam, but for people who throw their money around all willy nilly its a good way to make sure students eat. Sure they eat only fast food because that's what's here, but they eat.
585. Especially after food was not open for all students, more than half of this semester, I do not support this increase.
586. If commuters where planning on buying meal plan they will still buy the meal plan even with the increase in price, and if not then they are not required to.
587. I believe that it is important to pay a living wage to the support staff of WCU.
588. The meal plans are slightly out of touch with the dining options and hours of availability on campus. It is a large price to pay for mediocre service and food.
589. I have no opinion on meal plans.
590. the food for this price is a little much.
591. Campus dining this semester has been a disaster, why should we pay more for lesser quality and less access to food
592. Our food is horrible and we are already paying too much for what we recieve. They is absolutely no access to what I would consider healthy food and its very hard to give your body what it needs when you go to the cafe.
593. Why do we continuously fuck over commuters? Parking is horrible, it constantly makes us late to class, you price gouge parking and now you want to raise meals plans as well knowing we no longer have the ability to leave campus in-between classes due to the parking situations you caused.
594. There were few to no facilities able to support the food needs of the student body in a daily basis, which is shameful. With minimal expenses being utilized this year due to this "shut down", there should be absolutely NO increase.
595. Stop raising prices
596. Over priced for low quality food.
597. If the price of meal plans increases, so should the quality of the food.
598. Commuters should not have to pay more for a meal plan when they are only on campus for classes. Therefore the meal plans that are not for freshman should not increase.
599. As long as the commuters still have this as an option I'm okay with this.
600. If this helps pay better wages, I support.
601. I do not use a meal plan.
602. Meal plans are already so expensive, I can't afford to have one.
603. Meal options on campus and hours are terrible until this is fixed I do not see any possible reason to increase any rates
604. Don't have a meal plan.
605. The meal plans are fine now
606. N/A
607. I dont use them, do what you will.

608. If it gets student workers paid more, I support it. Side note, can the Department of Campus Activities students get paid more? I feel like I don't make enough.
609. Meal Plans are already too expensive as it is, which is why I did not purchase one this semester.

Respondents Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

610. Increased meal plan prices support a better wage for workers.

Graduate Students

Respondents Planning to Commute Next Year

611. N/A
612. Why not use the proposed athletic fees to mitigate this cost instead of passing it on to students??

Respondents Planning to Take Classes Primarily at Biltmore Park Next Year

613. Soley for guest meals.
614. I think it is telling of how financially strapped students are, with the fact there is a food pantry on campus for graduate students at Biltmore Park. It is challenging to attend school full time, work and not have mounting debt. Food security is something that no student should have to worry about.
615. N/A for me
616. As a PT student attending the Biltmore campus, I do not consume meals. I should not be charged a fee for meals as part of regular tuition unless I participate.
617. I do not eat on campus.
618. Food costs are going up. Need to pay more to keep up with costs and quality.
619. I support hourly wages for workers being increased.
620. Does not impact biltmore students therefore again seems unfair that this is part of our tuition
621. 10% is a significant jump. I support the idea of maintaining the first-year rate as mentioned.
622. Ensure you are paying a living wage to all workers.

Any other feedback on WCU Tuition and Fees?

Undergraduate Students

Respondents Planning to Live on Campus Next Year

623. The fees here are a joke
624. I'm glad housing is going down, because dining and athletics is over charging
625. give scholarships to out of state students. I go to western and in the honors college and got no scholarships because I am out of state. maybe just maybe make it cheaper for people who do not live here. Yall inconvenience and inconsiderate
626. N/A
627. N/A
628. Lower them
629. For the meal plans, please allow more Declining balance for students for the Unlimited Basic and Block 150/80/40. It will be beneficial to let students be able to eat at more places. For the Unlimited Premium and Basic. Decrease the amount of Meal swipes and add more Declining balance instead. This will allow students to be more happy of having more food places to eat at besides the dining halls. It also ensures that students of different backgrounds are allowed to have equal access to their diet needs.

630. If at all possible keeping the tuition and fees as is or lower is ideal. So far the best rates I've currently seen, which is one of the big reasons for choosing this institution aside from my major, FTP.
631. The price needs to be lowered because I feel like I'm being ripped off for my education
632. I'm broke
633. lower the prices, stop making us pay so much for nothing, we barely have any food choices and need brown opened up, so worry about the food and not this.
634. Housing and meal plans are too expensive.
635. As of now I see now problem with the current tuition and fees. However if this changes, it will affect how many people choose to come here, and if current students decide to leave or not.
636. Too many fees
637. I understand the increase, I would also understand you supporting more dining options. For the 21/22 I know there struggles but there should be updates and corrections by now.
638. Increasing services that do very little for students shall not be a decision.
639. The meal plans in particular, especially the Unlimited Basic plan for first-year residents, are a little annoying. 5,000 meal blocks is way more than can be used in a semester while there are zero exchange meals and only a small amount of DB. Students should have the option to choose what balance of DB to meal swipes they have.
640. I admit that I'm not very supportive of all of the fees that come with WCU tuition, mostly because I was caught unaware by most of them when I first started attending (though I accept responsibility for my lack of knowledge on the subject). However, I am certainly against all the costs that I do not see affecting my school career.
641. none
642. Students should be reimbursed for fees that are not used.
643. A map of campus
644. /a
645. Mandatory fees outside of tuition, room and board, textbook rentals, and meal plans should be cut and charged on a use/opt-in basis.
646. The fees are really high, I wish they could be lower, the NC promise tuition is honestly a facade because you think your going to college for a lower cost but with the fees and room and board added it's no different than any other college in NC, it's actually more expensive that UNC Greensboro for me.
647. leave it how it is or decrease
648. Don't raise fees
649. Committee should remember that this is a NC Promise School and the goal should be to keep it affordable for all students.
650. N/A
651. Stop making the minimum amount we can put in CatCash \$5. I do not need that much in CatCash but I have no other choice if I want to print something. I have only had to print one thing and I had to basically pay \$5.50 to do that. Ridiculous.
652. The \$500 per semester tuition makes you think you are getting a good deal.
653. I feel we should not have to pay the athletic fee if we do not play sports. Only those that relate to the specific individual and or whole community.
654. N/A
655. The internet is absolutely ridiculous and something needs to be done about this because most of the time classes are disrupted and I'm not paying 12,000 a year for spotty classes.

656. We pay too much money for the school WiFi to constantly go out everyday this is interrupting classes and the process of completing home work assignments. If this continues to affect the university's academics, expect to lose business.
657. There are certain fees that I pay each semester that I do not even use. For example the gym fee. I understand but maybe decrease some other fees.
658. Stop raising fees when you admit more people than you have space for.
659. I think there should be more financial assistance offered, it's really hard for me to meet the current requirements so raising it puts me in more financial danger.
660. I shouldn't be paying \$400 to park across the highway.
661. Meal plans need to be reviewed. Many students have meal plans that are not being used to their fullest potential and many students feel as if they cannot use them due to the dining options and operations this semester.
662. I think that a solution to increase fees is to give a list of options where students can choose what fees to pay but they are higher.
663. N/a
664. I feel like we pay a lot of money just to get small things in return. We are constantly expected to pay more money each year, yet the NC minimum wage is still 7.25, and a lot of us students are paying for our own colleges. Unless you want us to have to drop out, maybe be a little more respectful towards our wallets? I don't mind having some changes, but not all at once, and not on the things that some of us never even use.
665. None
666. I wouldn't mind paying more for the tech fee if it meant that we'd have better wifi and cellular service on campus.
667. Why do some fees have to go up every year? The students don't decide all the construction the school goes through, the school does.
668. With the tuition and fees, it is best that we put academics and student living at the forefront. These two areas are what are going to make a student's future successful not sports, not social events, and not other needs. While these are nice to have they are not in the best interest of a student's future.
669. None
670. I feel like possible refunds need to be given to those that don't utilize all of the fees, such as the athletic fee or particular fees need to be lowered because of the lack of usage.
671. You'll lose business.
672. \$400 for freshman parking especially how inconvenient the area is and how unpredictable the bus tends to be is ridiculous! Not to mention you can't carry many items to and from your dorm through the bus! So in order for you to drop off your things at the dorms you kinda need to park the car somewhere near the dorms but there's always cars parked in that area!!! Leaving the car near a wall or by the fire lane leaves you with a TICKET even if you've only been gone for 10 mins!! Please from the bottom of a broke college student's heart please dear God PLEASE fix the parking situation....
673. Why are you going higher? Explain to us please
674. Put better cell towers near the Allen dorm and you should add more dorms to all students because not everyone wants to eat in the courtyard or brown everyday and add more than one meal exchange a day.
675. Comparing in-state and out-of-state tuition, the difference is outrageous and makes it impossible to completely pay off a year even with the help of scholarships and loans.
676. By charging every student the same fees, you're forcing poor students with good GPAs to take out loans to support student athletes with worse GPAs (on average), doesn't that seem unethical?
677. Better allocation of current budget rather than just charging for more money.

678. I think the fees are insane especially because a majority of the time we are getting fees for things which we dont even use. We are people first and foremost and yet every college WCU included sees us as numbers and ways to make a profit and revenue. We are not people here.
679. It seems like all the fees are affecting upperclassmen??
680. The tuition is already reach the highest or highs that I can afford as an out of state student. With a rise in fees I will have to be working full time as a college student and figure out how to afford living on campus with another rise in residential living. Along with a rise in meal plans that is simply irrational and uncalled for. I do not see any need for such an increase when I am paying an obscene amount for simply the bare mini mhm while being out of state. I should also not need to pay athletic fees when I am not attending games, play sports, and doing anything involving the teams or events.
681. n/a
682. WCU ads on tuition are misleading because they fail to mention the thousands of dollars worth of feeds included in tuition.
683. I dislike the parking costs. I am finally able to bring a vehicle to WCU but being able to park it I have to pay a total of \$400 though this semester is almost over and I will only be attending the spring semester, not the summer semester. Based on this and the pricing I am overpaying by almost 2 times and this is just unfortunate because I am barely able to pay for tuition or even gas. I must go home every weekend for welfare purposes and my family cant drive upwards of 1-hour every weekend for this. It would be amazing if a change could be made to the parking fees. For example, instead of a yearly payment make it a semester-based payment. You would be charging once for fall once for spring and once for summer. And instead of charging 400 total, you could be charging 175 for spring and fall and 125 for summer. A student taking fall and spring classes only would be paying 350. This would only be a 50 dollar decrease but it would be less strenuous on students that don't readily have funds available and don't want to get in debt because. This would also be more practical because of the fact that students have to pay for meal plans, housing, and tuition at the beginning of every semester; splitting the price of parking would just make sense in terms of semesterly fees. I ask that my feedback gets considered or at least thought about because I am just one of many students that worries about their car getting towed or receiving a 132 dollar ticket for not having a pass because they can not afford it.
684. I do not want to pay more than I already am on any type of fee or cost
685. Lo
686. Yes. I enrolled at WCU in large part because of the NC Promise program. However, after enrolling and finding out the true costs, the headline of \$500 tuition feels more like a bait a switch fraud.
687. I understand it is near impossible to lower tuition without cutting programs and amenities. However, we shouldn't spend disproportionate amounts on athletics in the near future and try balancing out because it does cost a lot to run a university that I am aware.
688. Make upcoming freshmen pay the higher interest for residence halls. Upper class men won't be able to live in those dorms anyways.

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689. Stop pretending to be a beneficial NC promise school if you are going to continue to add additional fees. It's embarrassing and it's annoying.
690. No
691. Decrease prices in parking passes.
692. Remove the requirement to students who do not attend athletic events- i.e. prohibit students who do not pay an athletic fee from attending athletic events for free.

693. Wcu is suppose to be a cheap public education. With all of the increases of room and board fees, the 500 dollar tuition will be pointless because the room and board fees are unaffordable. Also, wcu will have the 3rd highest athletic fee in the Unc system.
694. Please take into consideration students opinions. It feels like we are constantly ignored. As well as sports should not always take precedent. I get they bring in a ton of money, but support ALL students. Every department on campus needs more funding but I can't agree to raise fees without promise that they will recieve some.
695. The fees should not be realized for things the students cannot use on a regular basis
696. There should be an option to opt out of program fees that we have no affiliation with.
697. stop making me pay for athletic events that I don't want to attend. make it optional
698. The commuter parking fee is outrageously high considering the lack of actual parking availability anywhere near classes. Most of the commuter lots are at least 20 minutes, and usually very full.
699. after the pandemic students have been financially struggling, prices should be decreasing to accommodate the circumstances we have faced, definitely should not be increasing.
700. Parking fee should not be there if Students are paying \$300 non-refundable deposit just to secure a seat.
701. I think it's overall too high. Especially since WCU's whole advertisement thing is the \$500 tuition. That's very misleading and not fair. I have friends who say that WCU is just as expensive for them being out of state as if they were going to a college/university in their own state.
702. Not sure why I have to pay for parking to begin with
703. you cannot make us live on campus another year, Federal law over state.
704. Thank you for being transparent and keeping us informed!
705. I agree with the proposed changes. They're great ideas!
706. I'm ashamed of what WCU has done with tuition over the years. As a senior, it's upsetting to see the questionable things (random money leaving my account, etc) that this school has done.
707. Commuter students should not have to pay fees for things they do not use. For example, dining fees, when I pay for my sandwich out of my own pocket or athletic fees when I am not an athlete or attend/participate in any athletic events.
708. It's too expensive already stop over charging commuter students for what they don't participate in
709. I think there should be less charges for the ones driving back and forth for classes. I do not find it fair that I have to pay a maintenance fee when I do not live on campus.
710. no
711. Increase the fees. This school is very cheap to go to, and it has a ton of potential.
712. Do not make any changes unless decreasing fees
713. N/A :)
714. with prices going up on some of these dorms, maybe some of that money can go to ensuring that the dorms without a/c or heat are equipped by next year.
715. Us non-traditional students shouldn't have to pay for athletic events and stuff. We aren't coming. We are old. Strongly dislike.
716. There should be reduced fees for senior citizens (or others) who just want to take the occasional class for personal enrichment.
717. It would be helpful if the fees were more consolidated or clear. It is always confusing reading the fees list and trying to understand what and why I am paying all of those items.
718. Meal plans are way too expensive
719. Students who live off campus should have to pay a residential living fee since we don't live on campus
720. Why pay for brown dining hall if we don't live on campus or have meal plan? Brown isn't even open yet we had to pay a fee

721. Some fees should be optional like sports
722. stop taking all of my money!
723. Why are we more concerned with student athletes that provide incredibly failing performances and yet some educational programs are not as fleshed out as other UNC system colleges? Understandably, people choose this college over others regardless of their other options but this opportunity leads to a voice being heard and my opinion is that to retain students of all backgrounds, interests, etc.; raising fees because of student athletes (a minute population of the student body that does not draw in more income versus how much is spent on them) will lead to better numbers. WCU could be better in so many other ways. The athletes just happen to not be their direct route.
724. The athletic and parking fees are outrageous. I shouldn't have to walk a mile and a half to school in the freezing cold because I can't afford that over priced commuter pass.
725. If we're going to be charged for parking we should be able to have convention parking spots for our classes. Especially senior commuters and staff.
726. It makes sense to have the nicer dorms cost more. It makes sense to have more meal plans and have them cost money, it makes sense for the crappy dorms to decrease in price. It does NOT make sense for the athletics to force students to pay even more money. We need to see a breakdown of what athletics is doing with all their money because if they're bringing in so much, plus their uniforms are sponsored now, I don't understand why they can't pay for it off of fundraising and ticket sales. Have somebody else try to pay for it before you force the students. We can barely afford to get ourselves through school that's why we're at western in the first place. I feel like recruits would be more interested if we had better coaching, better academic programs, more community, not just fancy facilities
727. I came to western because I am poor and this is the cheapest instate school. Making us pay more is going to hurt the student body and make fewer people come here/drop out.
728. Please get more parking
729. All these price increases are rooted in the rising inflation thanks to the idiot dementia patient placed into office. Not legitimately elected, but appointed. FJB
730. Lower the parking cost.
731. As a commuter the fees are ridiculous. I understand the college wants to make money but some of the fees are for things I will never use. I don't use CAT transportation, I don't live in any halls, I try to leave campus ASAP to get to work. I feel like the charges are just too much for not using any of them.
732. Parking passes, tickets and fee's should not be a thing/faculty parking is understandable.
733. Maybe give explanations to the fees when paying for classes?
734. I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR ATHLETICS! I don't want to fund our teams constant failures. It will not improve. If someone can play well, they wouldn't be playing here.
735. STOP INCREASING OUR FEES! This is getting ridiculous. We already pay so many fees to go here. Let us opt out of fees that we don't use. It just makes you look money-hungry and greedy. I'm sure this survey serves absolutely no purpose, but thank you for your time.
736. Out of state tuition is very high.
737. Lots of unnecessary fees for commuters in my opinion.
738. Being a transfer student at the university since Fall of 2019 (5 semesters), I have experienced a decrease in my social happiness, an increase in production of future buildings (of which I will never be able to enjoy), and an increase in my tuition all right before my Spring 2022 graduation.

Fuck. You.

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739. Quit charging us fees for stuff we don't use.
740. Maybe offer the rec center as an option that you pay for with a pass, instead of forcing people to pay for something they potentially never have any time for (because they live off campus) or just don't use. Same goes for commuters and the requirement of Health care... the universities health care is expensive and if they're not staying on your campus why is it enforced? I pay for an outside source but if I had the choice I would just have an Aflac plan for emergency use. I just want to come here and get an education, I don't need all the extra costs placed on me.
741. Tuition is a fair price. The fees are what break the bank to attend college. There is literally a fee for every operation on this campus and it is outrageous. It is not fair to ask every single student to pay for every service available at this school. I feel that there should be a choice. If we choose not to pay, then we get put on a list to not use that service. CatCards should be used for more than paying for our food. We should be using that to sign in everywhere we go on campus, aside from attending class. It would make everything simpler to be a part of an organized system and not have to explain all of our information every time we go anywhere. As a student, the school already knows just about all of our information. Why not organize that information to make it useful? Instead of repeatedly being asked the same questions. Frankly, I am quite disappointed with how many fees I am charged at this school. It is especially infuriating that professors even have to pay for a parking space. Even then, it is never guaranteed. Why should they have to pay to go to work? They shouldn't. The priorities of this school are skewed and it is not for the better.
742. Take assault serious, stop pleasing everyone, take care of the people who feel you don't care. from first hand experience the football team is full of disgusting individuals with no respect for women, I think western needs to do something about that and take those claims from girls seriously. I think it is absolutely unfair that we have to fund their "fun" when they are single handedly taking "fun" upon themselves in a disgusting way.
743. I want to take off the fee that I have to pay for my "free" tickets to games. I don't care for sports, never have, and I don't want to pay for that.
744. Parking fees should be reduced for commuters. Commuter parking is incredibly restricted to begin with.
745. i shouldn't have to pay for the football team to go here since they aren't even good at football
746. I am concerned about the parking fee and the lack of available parking for commuter students. I don't understand why the students living in residence halls park at the closer lots when students that drive in each day are experiencing less and less parking. We have to navigate each day whereas those that live on campus do not need to access their cars daily.
747. Please don't charge so much for commuter parking if you're only going to offer said parking on one side of campus when lots of buildings are located on the complete other side of campus. On top of this, there are two metered lots right by the bookstore that cost money 24/7, and those could be used for commuters while the lot off of Buzzard is "under construction." That lot isn't even very helpfully located, but it's at least a little better than what is currently an option.
748. no
749. N/A
750. Affordable going unaffordable
751. WCU is one of the cheapest colleges available not only to in-state but also out-of-state. For the most part we are up to par with other comparable colleges and universities. However, we lose potential student athletes with our poor facilities.
752. I feel like there should be more parking options for commuters. I pay around \$400 for a parking pass and still have to use paid parking sometimes because there are no spots.
753. for a commute student traveling from Asheville I think its ridiclous for those who commute to pay for building fees that we don't actually use such as gym or weight lifting building

754. Stop raising prices I'm struggling financially enough
755. The amount of money it takes to buy a parking pass is outrageous.
756. Making the tuition fee clearer to students would be appreciated. It felt like it was hidden and secret from how it's advertised. The tuition fee is advertised as 500.00 however going into it fully and having to pay for it, it's not what it describes. Be more clear that it is 500 hundred minus the original tuition cost. That way students are not fooled by the proposed 500 hundred (plus parking) and then will not be as surprised when they still have to pay around 1,900.00 dollars in tuition fees.
757. Some of the fees could be aimed at selective people rather than everyone. For example, the rec center fee. Not everyone uses the rec center, so rather than charging everyone, the fees could only be for those who enter the rec center on a regular basis. Like a gym membership.
758. optional athletic fees
759. It is supposed to be \$500 tuition but instead the extra fees that add to it wind up to be \$2,500. This is absolutely ridiculous as I don't use any of the facilities at WCU like athletics, etc.
760. I think tuition is already pricing and trying to raise that by another 1,000 is asking a lot of those that can barely afford it already.
761. Yes, vehicle registration for commuters should be considerably less. If we have to drive here everyday that should be taken into consideration. Perhaps a scale (further from school= lower charge) There should also be more disabled parking I've been hearing numerous students talk about how there is not enough parking that is convenient.
762. Give me the option to waive these fees. I get nothing from athletic fees. Let me not be charged a health services fee if I sign a waiver saying I am not allowed to use the on campus health services. And certainly do not charge us those fees for summer classes that are online. There was absolutely no reason I should of had to pay a athletics fee, health services fee, and a campus security fee for summer online courses when I wasn't even remotely near this zip code.
763. Remove the unneeded fees.
764. Collect some money to fix the parking.
765. In general, I don't think student's tuition and fees should increase only because the University wants to keep building things and add on to the campus. It is not the student's responsibility to pay for it.
766. So much money gets poured into athletic improvement; why not reallocate some of the money that would go to the third-rate sports teams and offer them as scholarships? If the sports were good, I could understand all the renovations to Ramsey and the fields, but the football team in particular gets so much funding.
767. Parking operations is absolutely horrible
768. n/a
769. N/A
770. Military veterans should be charged at the instate tuition rate regardless of state of residency.
771. As I am sure others have said in the survey, the cost of parking is exorbitant. Why do I even have to pay for parking if I have already paid to come to your school? Do you want me to sign up for and pay for classes and then not be able to attend them because I can't afford a parking pass and then can't find a metered lot? Because that feels counterintuitive to me. The parking situation has caused me more grief this semester than literally anything else.
772. Make them cost less

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773. It is unreasonable to require Biltmore Park students to pay fees for services and experiences we can't easily access.

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774. Do not raise the fees!

775. I'm a distance student so

776. No.

777. I would not be able to attend school if tuition and fees are increased for online distance students. I pay cash for my classes and already have a lot of student debt and do not wish to incur more.

778. Doing the Distance program for ET. I am surprised at the difference in cost from other Major Universities.

779. Dont charge people for fees that they will never encounter

780. No.

781. summer feels are insane

782. Tuition at WCU is one of the best out of all the universities in NC.

783. I love the fees being low at WCU so I can finish my degree

784. tuition is fine, Its the other fees that raise the cost so much. If these fees could subside then the cost would be affordable

785. online fee is fine with the North Carolina Promise Program.

786. None

787. Appreciate the support! The tuition and the fees associated with my degree have made it possible to pursue my educational goals

788. lower

789. Keep the reduced tuition. It helps to have affordable fees for higher education.

790. I would love for the NC Promise tuition rate to be offered for summer.

791. The NC Promise Plan allows me to attend this Univeristy at an affordable price.

792. N/A

793. The NC promise tuition rates has allowed me to earn my degree and pursue higher education.

794. I thought the fees were reasonable with the NC Promise program. I would be very irritated if this cost more than \$1500 or so per semester before surcharges. The quality of the education is ok \$500 a semester, but of lesser quality than the community colleges.

795. For most people, the lower the fees the better - especially for people who don't qualify for financial aid. While the \$500 semesters are so amazing and such a privilege to take advantage of, I personally have to nickle and dime everything right now.

796. I don't understand why distance learning students would have to pay the same fees as students who meet in person.

797. Distance Students have to pay for fees that we will never utilize like security fees for parking lots at Cullowhee or sport team fees. We never have needed this benefit and I dont see why Distant students should have to pay these additional fees.

798. It looks like my tuition doubled from last semester?? Who would I talk to about this? I'm extremely disappointed

799. None

800. I truly appreciate the NC Promise lower tuition rates. It has made it possible for me to return to WCU to get my degree after so many years. Even as an out-of-state distance student, it cost the same as the local tech school's in-person classes, for which I could only receive an associate's degree. I feel proud not only returning to school but not having to go into debt to do it.

- 801. NC Promise makes Tuition more affordable
- 802. No feedback, just a thank you for offering such affordable tuition.
- 803. N/A
- 804. Tuition could be a lot cheaper for part-time students
- 805. I feel this college offers education at a reasonable cost and is an attractive thing about attending. If the prices were to raise I would seek another institution to attend.
- 806. Western Carolina tuition and fees allow those who may not otherwise be able to afford to attend college an opportunity to receive higher education.
- 807. Fees are ridiculous. Paying fees for something you don't need or use is crazy.
- 808. I've only paid for one class so far. In the spring, I will be taking 3 classes. I'm nervous about the cost. I know I have financial aid, but I am unsure how much will be out of pocket. I feel that the website does a good job with estimating costs of a FT class load, living on-campus person, but not as good of a job estimating a PT student living off campus.
- 809. Terrific, very affordable
- 810. I am only able to afford attending WCU because of the NC Promise program. If rates increase with any substantial measure it will jeopardize my ability to complete my degree.
- 811. The reason why I chose Western was because of the low tuition costs.

Graduate Students

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- 812. Don't charge students for fees related to services they don't use.
- 813. Less fees for on-campus utilities for graduate students because they use way LESS campus facilities. So they are paying for resources they don't want or use.
- 814. I believe fees, such as the dining hall fee and/or athletics fee should be selected by the student. If the student wishes to partake of their university's athletic events, then they should pay the fee. If the student does not wish to partake of the athletic events, then they should not pay the athletic department fee. If said student wanted to attend a game, then they should then have to buy a ticket if they did not select the athletic department fee. Additionally, dining hall fees should not be applied to all students, only those who have meal plans and will use the dining halls. Some people never use the dining hall, and don't purchase a meal plan. Those said students should not be paying for a facility that they never use.
- 815. Need more financial aid for international students.
- 816. If you can lower tuition please do. Were all struggling out here. Especially the out of state-ers
- 817. I'd like to see WCU & Cullowhee invest in more alternative transportation options. Very often the revenue for this can be generated from higher parking fees, which additionally actively discourages personal vehicle use. I would be supportive of this.
- 818. Tuition is great at WCU no complaints. Some of the fees for graduate students are not. If I don't plan on using the facilities, I really don't want to pay for it like dining and athletic facilities besides the Rec center.
- 819. Commuter passes cost extremely too much.
- 820. Any money paid by students should be used to support ALL students in some way. Athletics does not support all students and does not contribute to the academic standing of the university.
- 821. Tuition is already expensive as is and a massive bill for students who are not taking student loans. Therefore, I would urge the committee to consider any further increases carefully.
- 822. Low graduate fees
- 823. n/a

824. I think Cullowhee students and Biltmore Park students should have different fees since we use and have access to different facilities.

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825. RIP when tuition gets lowered just for fees to shoot up
826. Just wish WCU BP had more resources and services overall. I appreciate what it does provide, but in terms of a health clinic, counseling access, events, activities, etc. It feels like we aren't part of the real school. If we are paying for these in tuition and other fees, it's disappointing to feel so disconnected and only have tele-options. I also wish WCU BP had a dedicated library/study space. The lounge is great and well used, but groups meet there to discuss projects, people chat, take calls, etc. A dedicated quiet area would be amazing.
827. The fees seem exorbitant, especially for those students who are commuting to BP only. We shouldn't be charged a fee for benefits we don't experience.
828. See previous note.
829. As a Biltmore campus graduate student, it's hard to swallow paying for Cullowhee campus services intended for undergrads.
830. Biltmore Park students, who do not benefit for the Cullowhee campus and have never/will never be on that campus, should not be given the same fees as Cullowhee students.
831. I feel the graduate rate per class is a little high
832. I think that for remote or online students some of the on-campus fees should not always apply to this group as they may never have any hand or place in these fees. However I do understand why it's allocated to every student status.
833. Fees should be more in line with the campus.

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834. Yes, if you drop a class within the drop/add date, I feel you should be refunded your portion of money back.
835. Could there be a coordination where SC residents receive a lower tuition rate? This is not as low as the NC rate but something in between.
836. I've been pleased with the distance graduate tuition fees. It's the most affordable distance master's degree I could find for my field.
837. Keep same rates
838. Consider a cost reduction for out-of-state students. As an out-of-state graduate student, time and cost are a concern. To take one graduate class, the cost is nearly double the cost of that for in-state tuition. However, I am not using the parking lot, the buildings, eateries, the utilities etc. I am utilizing technology and professor/instructor resources. Why are the costs for out-of-state students much higher than in-state? Why is there not a resident tuition agreement with surrounding state? To commute to campus would be a 2 1/2 hour drive one way, but tuition fee penalize out-of-state students.
839. The tuition and fees for fall 2021 were affordable for me, otherwise I would have not been able to attend. I am very thankful for this.
840. It's insane how much of a discount undergrad gets but online masters cost a fortune to practically teach yourself.
841. The tuition increase has caused a major financial burden on my life. Please change the tuition back to a reasonable amount.
842. NA
843. I agree with the purpose and use of the fees

- 844. It's one of the reasons for selecting WCU.
- 845. Confused on why there are so many fees for Distant Ed students.
- 846. The online cost for instruction is too high per semester and increase each semester - having to pay for on campus fees outside of use of the library is costly to students whose programs are only ONLINE!

Are there additional services WCU should consider offering for a fee or charge?

Undergraduate Students

Respondents Planning to Live on Campus Next Year

- 847. make parking cheaper
- 848. N/A
- 849. More All Campus Express Cat Trans
- 850. Lower the fees
- 851. none
- 852. NOOO!!!! No more fees need to be charged to anyone because there are already too many of them that are pointless. If they are gonna be charged then include it in the price you advertise.
- 853. No
- 854. Guest housing and guest meal plans.
- 855. Better parking, pay attention to when citations are giving so one isn't giving 30 mins after another. You aren't giving us enough time to move.
Covid protocols needs to be clearer so students know when they can be back in class or not and not get behind. It's not fair to us.
- 856. N/A
- 857. Mandatory payment to use the gym facilities is not conventional. I understand that the income is probably required for upkeep, but it is making people who do not use the gym ever pay for something they are never going to touch. I think an option for the facilities should be given at payment. If declined the student should have to pay for each use.
- 858. living off campus
- 859. I would quite honestly just like WCU to offer more affordable online classes.
- 860. none
- 861. No
- 862. N/A
- 863. No new programs/fees. Improve what is already broken.
- 864. Cat-Tran expansion, to third party apartment complexes and further operations throughout Sylva.
- 865. Please no, we can't afford this stuff.
- 866. no
- 867. No other mandatory fees.
- 868. N/A
- 869. no, stop charging us for things that we shouldn't be charged for.
- 870. make the food better. PARKING FOR STUDENTS AT A GOOD LOCATION
- 871. No. stop making us pay for stuff that we shouldn't have to.
- 872. Easy roommate switches with no additional charge to student. Being paired with a bad roommate is not your fault. I don't understand why I should have to pay if the school provided me with a bad roommate. I am unable to do my school work and function in my own room because of my roommate.

873. If you are going to increase the athletics budget, can we get a clause for club teams to be supported in some way(other than facilities)
874. Yes, put more money towards things that increase safety for EVERYONE. Put more money to building more light posts, with brighter bulbs, and installing more blue light emergency poles. Students should be able to turn in any direction and see a blue light pole. We should not have to worry about how long it would take us to reach the nearest pole if we are being followed, chased, or simply feel uncomfortable.
875. No.
876. No, please no more random fees
877. Yes. The parking fees. Please. They're ridiculous. In my opinion, everyone should have parking passes and one designated spot.
878. na
879. N/a
880. Parking is trash here, I'm sorry to say so rudely, but it affects everyone, and its not fair that a parking ticket can be \$150 when we already pay for parking services and don't have fair parking. Why am I, a Junior, paying the same amount as a freshman??? I have never been able to pay less than \$400 because of all the expectations and requirements you guys have to get more money from us.
881. None I can think of
882. better parking opportunities and updating residence halls. Most buildings on this campus are in very need of updating especially the interior. If the university is forcing people to stay on campus for 2 academic years now. It is crucial that the university thinks about updating these residence halls.
883. None
884. No
885. They should consider issuing a partial refund to balsam residents and any other residents with round rung ladders for the pain that has been caused.
886. Working eduroam internet
887. No
888. Please no~ not until the parking is better on campus
889. No
890. You should not charge for printing when we already pay a lot of money to this school instead with tuition you should add atleast 50\$ of cat cash so students can print stuff for class.
891. I don't want there to be any other fee increase. It just keeps getting more and more expensive each year. I don't understand it.
892. Everything should be lowered
893. n/a
894. Perhaps testing for mental disabilities such as ADHD and dyslexia.
895. Yes, please allow cat trans to go all over the town of Sylva because there are not that mainly food options on campus. I am sick and tired of eating the same stuff every week and would love to spend a little cash somewhere to eat at a restaurant. Not everybody on campus drove themselves and cannot afford \$400 to park the car five miles away from campus. And another thing. Please allow the Cattran to go to Walmart and ingles every day as well. Please and thank you.
896. parking we paid a lot of money just to park a mile away and some of us work so it doesn't become so easy I think people that wont be using their car should park it far away.
897. No. You should offer more services for less money but putting students and their families who pay the bills over athletes and food vendors.
898. N/A

899. Lower the residence hall fees or have things working properly prior to move in.

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900. The arts need more supplies :)

901. This is hilarious, half the fees we pay for I think are a joke.

902. Library Fee is standard at other institutions, could help fund the library and bring it up to date.

903. CAPS, CAPS, and CAPS. Students are suffering due to CAPS being severely underfunded.

904. Caps needs to do better

905. Maybe some expansion on counseling services? I think people would be more open to CAPS if it wasn't so hard to get an appt. maybe more funding could get more therapists hired?

906. no

907. Not an additional fee, just a comment: it's absolutely ridiculous that freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus. I cannot see any other reason for this rule besides greed, because it's very expensive to live on campus. Not everyone's parents are or are able to pay for their tuition.

908. Better parking options for commuter students

909. wcu should invest in a taxi service on weekend nights. helps prevent drunk driving and safe rides back to the residence halls.

910. No.

911. I'd rather pay for a POTM fee than an athletic one.

912. Nah. Students shouldn't come here if they can't afford to.

913. Act like an institution of higher learning, not a failed athletic school.

914. Offer more newspaper subscriptions for students, not just for academic archival purposes (I: E Financial Times) In 2021 lost current article updates of the Wallstreet journal. . As a student in the College of Business, we need a reliable concurrent access to information to help with our classes. Make it a fee for the college of business students.

915. you should take the proposed athletics fee and apply it to more mental health services on campus. CAPS is overworked and needs a better building and more staff to meet student needs. I have had peers kill themselves while I have attended this school and suicide is preventable 100% of the time.

916. Again I think there should be a decrease in fees for the students that do not live on campus and drive back and forth each day.

917. no

918. WCU should consider building a multi-sport indoor training facility on the far side of the intramural fields, including the creek lot since we now have a parking garage. This facility should allow for indoor pole vaulting, long, triple, high jump and throws with some lanes for sprint practice. Training rooms, coaching offices, and ice baths should be there as well. This should come with a roll out turf to allow for indoor football training as well as soccer. It should allow for golf to move their virtual facility there as well. This facility should also allow for cheer to practice. If we ended up with a complete indoor track we could bring in a ton of revenue in the winter months. Please consider an indoor facility.

919. no.

920. Parking fees. I should not have to pay to park at a school I go to that I already pay taxes on.

921. No!

922. We should get paid to run off the incoming freshman so that we're not overcrowded anymore

923. No

924. Parking passes should be lower. Each commuter student pays \$324 per pass. Multiply that per each commuter student here on campus. Easily over \$2000. This isn't including residential

students. Paying that much to park on campus is going towards new technology for scanning plates. Completely unnecessary considering what we've done in the past has worked fine. First year students shouldn't be allowed to park on campus. Commuters have to park absurdly far. If first years are normally not on campus why should they be allowed on our campus? Commuters drive sometimes up to 30 minutes away. Traffic sometimes is a problem. Parking shouldn't be another additional problem. Thank you for all that you do.

- 925. Electric vehicle renting
Bike rentals
- 926. Making the athletic fees solely for those in athletics like ALL other program fees.
- 927. If the parking situation for commuters is going to continue to be a problem, then western needs to partner with ALL apartment complexes to have a cat tran go to them. It is not ok that Husk and Helm get a cat tran while other places such as bellamy do not. If you are going to offer cat tran services at one complex you need to do it for all.
- 928. Doggie daycare
- 929. No, yall just have all the audacity sometimes.
- 930. WCU should consider increasing health service fees to improve the counseling and psychological services offered by health services.
- 931. No.
- 932. No
- 933. Why is there no damn ski resort at this university??? (Heavy Sarcasm)
...
Do not increase prices on these poor kids any more than absolutely necessary to combat inflation. They don't need it anymore. The "college experience" is DEAD after the year 2020. We ALL want to get in and get out ASAP. Don't make this hard.
Social Development ID: [REDACTED]
- 934. Lower parking fees
- 935. There should be an animal facility that houses shelter cats and dogs. It can be used as a place of adoption for people who want to own a pet. You could additionally charge a few dollars for people to rent out an animal for a few hours. Most workers can be volunteers, with just a few full-time professionals. It would be a low-risk investment with likely high returns.
- 936. Breathing campus air hasn't been added on to the fees which frankly, I am surprised about.
- 937. no
- 938. no
- 939. If meal plan costs increase, you may consider expanding the hours of the "food court". This would cut down on late night traffic into and out of the Sylva area, which is helpful for those who live close to 107 and work early in the morning.
- 940. no
- 941. N/A
- 942. STOP CHARGING STUDENTS FOR EVERY LITTLE THING
- 943. NONE
- 944. IM sports
- 945. Decrease parking fee for commuters bc it's not fair that we have to pay over \$300 when there's barely any parking & the ones we do have are at least 0.5 miles from our classes
- 946. Who in their right mind would ask for another charge? Y'all are already crippling us in the first place.
- 947. parking fees are too high. Maybe charge for days used not just a set amount
- 948. There are plenty of fees already. Please dont ask for more.
- 949. free printing

- 950. I think the fees should be lowered for things like the rec center because not every student uses it. If a student wants to use it they can buy and pass or membership and that will make up for that loss in funds.
- 951. Give us the option to waive fees if we do not use said services.
- 952. No, school is priced ridiculously in the first hand, and adding more fees will only lead to more financial burden onto students with no benefits.
- 953. Fix the parking.
- 954. having the parking pass lowered should be considered.
- 955. Parking. This is the worst thing about WCU. Parking is ridiculously over priced, and there is no good parking on campus. Beyond that parking tickets are an obscene amount of money \$132 for one ticket is absurd for a college student to pay we pay near \$400 for a parking pass and on a slip up a student who is not able to work more often than not must pay 132+ dollars of their own money to a school who you already pay \$400 to park here for. Explain to me how that makes sense.
- 956. Stop giving out so many parking tickets, there's no reason I should be getting a ticket if I park at Ramsey when I play a sport just because I live on campus.
- 957. n/a
- 958. N/A
- 959. Jesus Christ please stop making parking so expensive. And maybe allow students to opt out of the athletics fee. Thanks.
- 960. No, Im already broke as it is.

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- 961. N/A
- 962. No.
- 963. no
- 964. Great the way it is.
- 965. Absolutely not...
- 966. Activity fee for distant students that may want to attend games
- 967. no
- 968. None
- 969. NA
- 970. no
- 971. N/A
- 972. Job placement opportunities for distance learning students
- 973. A broader selection of distance classes. There is no reason all of them are not taught every semester.
- 974. None
- 975. N/A
- 976. I feel that there should be as little charges as possible. Education is becoming the next healthcare system, over priced services.
- 977. No, I am pleased with all services of the University and proud to be a Catamount
- 978. No. You charge too much as it is....
- 979. I can't think of anything.
- 980. Parking
- 981. No

Graduate Students

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- 982. Free childcare
- 983. More parking near academic buildings with a small parking permit fee increase would likely be worth it for graduate students in biology at least.
- 984. Additional recreational center needs to be constructed. It's too small for the growing size of WCU's student population. I would support a fee for recreational centers for a new one to be constructed.
- 985. I think we greatly need to consider the amount commuters have to pay for parking. Next semester I will be on campus one day a week, and yet I had to dish out more than \$300 for a parking pass this semester. I understand that the college needs to upkeep everything, but I feel there should be a balance. I wasn't even given the option for another other than a major pass. When I did the calculations, I could have saved some money on daily passes and used that for gas, as an Asheville commuter.
- 986. nope
- 987. See above question, I'd like WCU to consider a bike-share program.
- 988. no
- 989. No.
- 990. Take away from parking and give to athletics. No need for parking budget to be that high
- 991. n/a

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- 992. Including fee for the graduate online portfolio in tuition may also be helpful
- 993. Not that I can think of
- 994. n/a
- 995. No
- 996. Why did WCU increase tuition?
- 997. NA
- 998. No