



Referendum #01 – 2019-2020

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SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION FEE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY TRI-CITIES (ASWSUTC)

Authority In accordance with Article VIII of the ASWSUTC Constitution, the ASWSUTC Senate has the authority to submit any measure that it determines to be of substantial student interest to the membership of ASWSUTC for a vote within a reasonable time period.

Background Safety and transportation fees increase access to campus and the ability to provide modern safety measures. A safety and transportation student fee is a common fee in institutions of higher education, and WSU Tri-Cities is the only campus in the WSU system that does not charge a safety and transportation fee. In addition, Columbia Basin College, Central Washington University, and Eastern Washington University all have similar fees.

Fee Amount Students enrolled in ten (10) or more credit hours at a Tri-Cities location during the Fall and Spring semesters will be assessed a \$65 fee per semester.

Students enrolled in less than ten (10) credit hours at a Tri-Cities location during the Fall and Spring semesters will be assessed a \$6.50 fee per credit hour.

Students enrolled in any credits at a Tri-Cities location during the summer session will pay a \$5 fee per credit hour, capping at \$30 for the entire summer session.

WSU Tri-Cities will contribute an annual amount equal to the student fee based on the annualized total Full Time Employment (FTE) of faculty and staff (\$160 per 1 FTE) where their primary office location is the Tri-Cities campus or affiliated facilities.

- Fee Usage** Acceptable uses of this Student Fee include:
- Equipment, improvements, or other measures that result in improvements to campus safety and/or security.
 - Repair, replacement, enhancement, construction, and expansion of parking areas, roadways, and pedestrian paths, in areas not funded by capital projects.
 - Providing subsidy for public Transit Passes to encourage alternative transportation.
 - Other transportation alternatives which may become necessary upon completion of regional and campus Commute Trip Reduction plans.

An Advisory Committee will be created to provide recommendations to the Chancellor on how to allocate these funds. This committee will consist of the ASWSUTC President, two at-large students, the Director of Safety, the Campus Facilities Executive, and the Director of Campus Student Life. The Director of Campus Student Life and the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration will co-chair the Advisory Committee, and the Director of Safety on the Tri-Cities campus is responsible for providing regular reports to the committee about the safety and transportation operations.

- Prohibition** Upon approval of this Student Fee, WSU Tri-Cities will not assess students another parking or safety fee alternative, such as a parking permit system or similar. Implementation of a parking permit system or similar, or adoption of a separate parking or safety fee, will cancel this Student Fee and any associated agreements.

This prohibition shall not create any limitation on WSU Tri-Cities' ability to create or modify fees charged to staff, faculty, and/or visitors, nor shall this section prohibit WSU Tri-Cities from implementing alternative systems impacting staff, faculty, and/or visitors.

- Fee Increase** The Student Fee may be increased by following the ASWSUTC Constitution and Bylaws as well as appropriate WSU policies and procedures.

- Approval** In accordance with Section 2007.00 of the ASWSUTC Bylaws, the Fee Referendum must receive at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast in the election to be passed by the General Membership of ASWSUTC.

Upon approval from the General Membership of ASWSUTC, this Fee Referendum must be sent to the WSU Board of Regents for final approval.

Passed with 07 votes in favor, 00 votes in opposition, and 00 abstentions on November 12, 2019.

Signed,

Dawn Williams
The Main Sponsor

11/14/19
Date

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The Senate Pro-Tempore

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The ASWSUTC President

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