

March 10, 2026

To: President Peters and the WOU Board of Trustees

Subj: Recommendation from the Tuition & Fee Advisory Committee

After several months of meetings, gathering student input, and rounds of conversations as a Committee while trying to keep the student at the forefront of our minds, we recommend a resident undergraduate tuition rate increase of 4.55%, \$10 per credit hour (from \$220 to \$230 per credit). Although the Committee overall supports this, we do recognize that every student dollar is precious. Our recommendation attempts to balance the needs to sustain the institution as well as the need for affordability for our students.

In our student survey with 375 respondents, 277 students (73.87%) responded in support of a 2.73% increase (see full survey results in appendix). Additionally, 205 students (48.87%) ranked affordability as their top priority. Although we understand that the majority of the students who responded (~11% of total population) would like an increase of only 2.73%, to keep the university running and providing the services, we recommend the increase of 4.55%.

Additionally, we recommend a 4.92%, \$9/term increase (from \$183 to \$192 per term) for health service fee for Monmouth-campus students, and a 5.15%, \$7/term increase (from \$136 to \$143 per term) for completely online/Salem students. In the student survey, 149 students (39.73%) responded in support of increasing the health service fee.

Additionally, we recommend a 0% increase to the Building fee (\$58 per term) and a 0% increase to the Student Health Building fee (\$11 per term).

Appendix: TFAC Campus-Wide Survey Results  
 Total Responses: 375

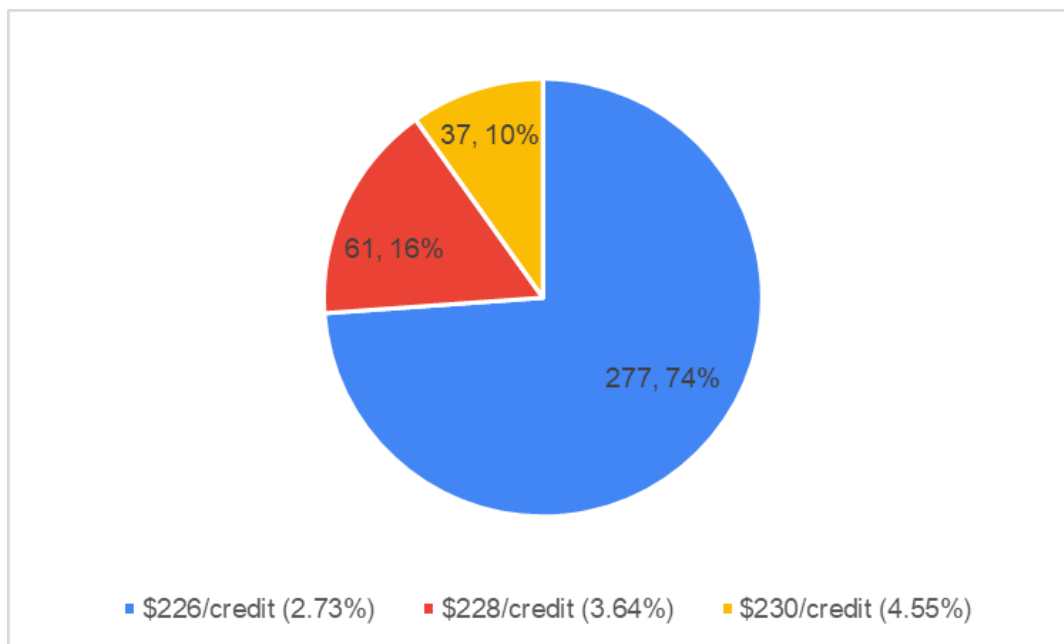
Question 1:

WOU currently operates in a deficit budget, using its reserves, as a result of declining enrollments, state funding shortfalls, labor cost increases, and inflation. The university knows it cannot balance the budget by raising tuition alone, which would require an ~16% increase. Further information is available [here](#).

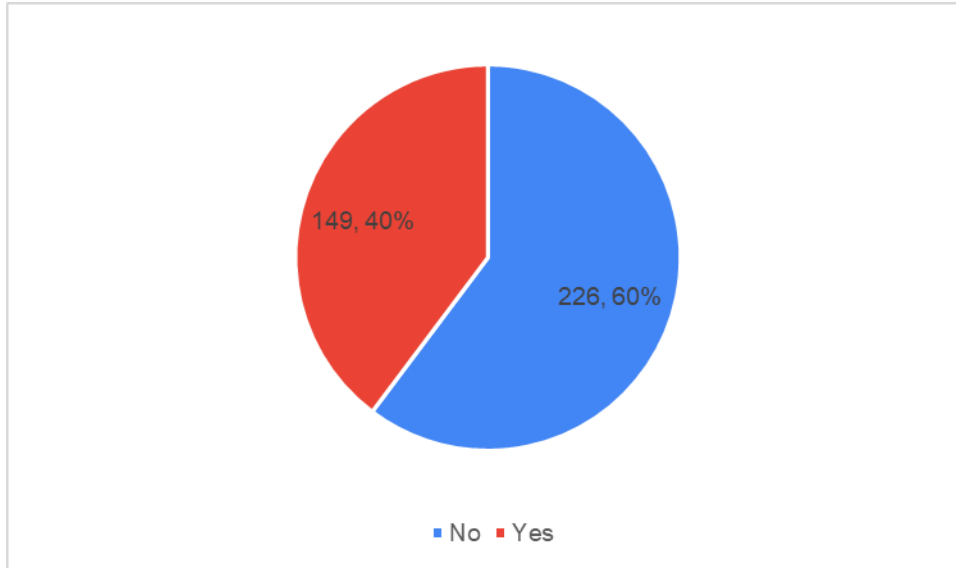
WOU’s current resident undergraduate tuition rate is \$220 per credit. The table below summarizes the proposed rates being considering, the respective percentage increase, the annual increase in cost to student based on 45 credits per year, and the subsequent revenue to the university assuming flat enrollment.

	Proposed rate per credit	Percentage increase	Annual increase to student	Additional revenue
a.	\$226	2.73%	\$270	~\$780K
b.	\$228	3.64%	\$360	~\$1.0M
c.	\$230	4.55%	\$450	~\$1.3M

Which would you be most supportive of?



Question 2: The health service fee, paid per term by students, funds all mental health counseling and medical services available at the Student Health & Counseling Center. In order to maintain current service level, would you be in support of a \$9/term (4.92%) increase, bringing the fee to \$192/term for Monmouth-campus students (\$7/term increase, \$143/term, 5.15%, for completely online/Salem students)?



Question 3: Please rank your priorities for next year from 1 (top) to 6 (lowest):

