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To: Chancellor Malhotra and MN State Board of Trustees
From: Malorie Olson, Winona State University Student Senate President
Subject: Tuition and Fee Student Consultation

Chancellor Malhotra and Board of Trustees,

I am pleased to inform you all that the Winona State University Student Senate (WSUSS) has been properly consulted on the increases regarding tuition and fees for the 2023-2024 academic year. This was done in accordance with the Minnesota State's student consultation policy (Board Policy 2.3 and 5.11).

The administration has gone through the proper process at Winona State University to ensure that all students have been informed and consulted. This was completed by having student representation on the Student Fee Management Committee (SFMC). This committee consisted of four non-Student Senators, four Student Senators, the Student Senate Treasurer, and different university bargaining units. Each of the fee recommendations were presented to the committee and the committee then recommended an amount to the Student Senate.

WSUSS could then adopt, amend, or reject the proposals put forward by the SFMC. In each of the process WSUSS took a week-long waiting period before voting to seek feedback from constituents on the fees and reach out to the proper contacts with any additional questions.

- 2.84% increase to the Technology Fee (*approved on February 1, 2023*)
- 3% increase to the Health Services Fee (*approved on February 8, 2023*)
- 3.18% increase to the Wellness Center Fee (*approved on February 22, 2023*)
- 2.95% increase to the Student Union Fee (*approved on March 1, 2023*)
- 1.97% increase to the Athletics Fee (*approved on March 22, 2023*)
- 0% increase to Room and Board Fee (*approved on March 22, 2023*)
- 1.98% increase to the Student Life Fee (*approved on April 5, 2023*)
- 0% increase to Undergrad Tuition Fee (*approved on April 5, 2023*)

- 0% increase to Graduate Tuition Fee (*approved on April 5, 2023*)

We understand the Health Services and Athletic fees are both at their caps, as of now. If they are to be raised, I have included our proposed increases.

Winona State University Student Senate has put a lot of thought, time, and energy into the discussion and recommendations of the proposed fees. Higher education is costly and causes a burden for many students so these recommendations were not made lightly. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please reach me at malorie.olson@go.winona.edu.

Thank you,

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