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| | Undergraduate | | | Graduate | | | Distance | | |
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| | In-state | Out-of-state | % | In-state | Out-of-state | % | Undergraduate | Graduate | % |
| Tuition | | | | | | | | | |
| Supportive | 607 | 69 | 92.73% | | | | 37 | 14 | 85.00% |
| Not Supportive | 31 | 1 | 4.39% | | | | 3 | 3 | 10.00% |
| No Opinion | 21 | 0 | 2.88% | | | | 1 | 2 | 5.00% |
| Total | 659 | 70 | 100.00% | | | | 41 | 19 | 100.00% |



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| | In-state | Out-of-state | % | In-state | Out-of-state | % | Undergraduate | Graduate | % |
| Room Rates | | | | | | | | | |
| Supportive | 94 | 12 | 16.18% | 4 | 0 | 16.00% | | | |
| Not Supportive | 313 | 30 | 52.37% | 5 | 2 | 28.00% | | | |
| No Opinion | 61 | 10 | 10.84% | 2 | 0 | 8.00% | | | |
| Does Not Apply | 124 | 11 | 20.61% | 11 | 1 | 48.00% | | | |
| Total | 592 | 63 | 100.00% | 22 | 3 | 100.00% | | | |

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| Meal Plans | | | | | | | | | |
| Supportive | 76 | 15 | 14.02% | 1 | 0 | 4.00% | | | |
| Not Supportive | 367 | 33 | 61.63% | 10 | 2 | 48.00% | | | |
| No Opinion | 83 | 9 | 14.18% | 1 | 0 | 4.00% | | | |
| Does Not Apply | 61 | 5 | 10.17% | 10 | 1 | 44.00% | | | |
| Total | 587 | 62 | 100.00% | 22 | 3 | 100.00% | | | |

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| Parking | | | | | | | | | |
| Supportive | 131 | 18 | 22.96% | 3 | 0 | 15.79% | | | |
| Not Supportive | 355 | 31 | 59.48% | 12 | 1 | 68.42% | | | |
| No Opinion | 52 | 6 | 8.94% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| Does Not Apply | 48 | 8 | 8.63% | 2 | 1 | 15.79% | | | |
| Total | 586 | 63 | 100.00% | 17 | 2 | 100.00% | | | |

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| Late Graduation | | | | | | | | | |
| Supportive | 104 | 15 | 43.91% | 5 | 0 | 20.00% | 14 | 10 | 52.17% |
| Not Supportive | 63 | 5 | 25.09% | 13 | 2 | 60.00% | 13 | 4 | 36.96% |
| No Opinion | 74 | 10 | 31.00% | 4 | 1 | 20.00% | 5 | 0 | 10.87% |
| Total | 241 | 30 | 100.00% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 32 | 14 | 100.00% |

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| Mandatory Fees | | | | | | | | | |
| Health Service | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 0 | | | | |
| Athletics | 9 | 9 | | 9 | 0 | | | | |
| Student Activity | 5 | 4 | | 7 | 0 | | | | |
| Education & Techn | 2 | 3 | | 2 | 0 | | | | |
| Book Rental | 1 | 1 | | 6 | 0 | | | | |
| Documents | 8 | 8 | | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| Sustainability | 6 | 6 | | 3 | 0 | | | | |

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| Transportation | 4 | 5 | | 4 | 0 |
| Debt Service | 7 | 4 | | 8 | 0 |
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| Rates/Charges | | | | | |
| Parking | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 0 |
| Residential Room | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 0 |
| Residential Techno | 4 | 4 | | 4 | 0 |
| Meal Plan | 2 | 3 | | 2 | 0 |

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| Comments on the decrease in in-state tuition for undergraduate students due to NC Promise: |
| Anything to reduce the financial burden of the students is a good thing, but tuition is not the largest part of the overall college bill. |
| As a First Year Generation student, and also a first year I am paying my own way through college all independently and that would help me out! |
| Better subsidies for the school. But disappointing the overall price is not going down that much. Almost feels like false advertising |
| Concern on lower quality students possible with the tuition being more affordable to folks who may not or should not attend college. |
| Devalue of college education |
| Don't go back on your word on this one. Stop fucking students over. In addition, this grab for more federal and state funding by accepting more and more students is screwing over the school and the populace |
| Even if the tuition gets dropped, the University will just increase all the fees for everything and cancel out the amount that tuition is being dropped. |
| Everything else gets raised |
| Gives me an opportunity to pay for school versus having student loan debt. |
| Gonna cause the school financial issues and the state. |
| great idea |
| Great opportunity to allow more people to get an education |
| Helpful for affordable college but it won't work sadly because everything else is being raised |
| I am 20 years old and already in over \$50,000 in dept due to the cost of my education. A decrease in tuition like this could help tremendously. With school at that price, I may be able to pay off student loans before I start a family of my own. |
| I am a big supporter of this change. However, I was under the impression that the tuition charges would take place in 2017-2018, not 2018-2019. |
| I am curious if they do drop the price of tuition will all other prices for boarding or food or such go up to compensate the College? |
| I am in huge support of this movement. Although I was almost certain it would be followed by an increase in fees to even out the cost back to normal. I feel that would be ridiculous and completely unnecessary. We already pay too much in fees, and WCU is one of the only schools around that even has fees. We just want an education without going into crippling debt or working to death. I don't feel like that is too much to ask for. I love this school but things like this make it hard to continue to do so. |
| I am really blessed to have the tuition decrease apart of my school. College is very stressful and a huge financial burden. |
| I am very thankful that they are lowering the tuition, HOWEVER, I do not want them to raise other prices. My fear is that because tuition will be lowered our textbooks, parking passes, living on campus, and meal plans will be VERY expensive. If other prices are raised I will have to live off of campus and that may cause me and my other classmates to transfer. |
| I believe it is very helpful and more affordable. |
| I believe the decrease will help those who struggle financially to still be able to get the quality education that they want without having to choose between education or surviving. |
| I believe there will be more applicants with this new tuition, and with more applicants comes more competition. I think WCU will get a better reputation |
| I believe this decrease in tuition will allow more students to feel comfortable going to college without the fear of debt looming over their heads. |
| I do not receive any assistance from FAFSA and my parents have a difficult time paying my full tuition as it is. I work as much as I can to contribute to my tuition. |
| I don't like the idea because it takes away the greatness of WCU tuition. The tuition may be lowered, but I have a feeling that they will charge extra for housing, meal plans, books, etc in order to make up for all of the lost costs. |

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| I don't want it to affect the quality of education I am receiving. I also don't want everything else's price to go up because tuition goes down. |
| I feel like other costs will go up because of the decrease in tuition. It also bothers me that we will have to start paying for books |
| I feel like the decrease will be very helpful for my family. I am the oldest of seven and I do not get enough federal help to go to school. Eventually I'll have to pay on my own. I'm just curious, will this eventually effect graduate students? |
| I like it. Even though we will have to pay for books, it will still be cheaper |
| i love it! |
| I love it! |
| I love this. It makes it super easy for me to go to college and without this decrease I'm unsure if I would be able to continue here. |
| I struggle financially so it's nice to be able to go to college and not have to worry as much instead of barely scraping by |
| I support it, if the funding from the school is also provided by the government to make up for the loss in fee |
| I support making it cheaper, however, I feel as if the fees will be added somewhere else making it not help any. |
| I support this decrease in tuition as I feel it will "visibly" (as in, no way to say if actually because it hasn't happened yet and I don't know the motivations behind this move to decrease tuition) lower the barrier for entry into college for a few. However, I can also see this as a problem because the potential for a massive influx of students will cause wait lists and still not allow all students who would like to go to college and further their education that really need the help to begin with. |
| I support this new tuition, however, I believe that there will be a sharp increase in other fees to subsidize the loss of income through tuition. |
| I think it is a good thing as it will allow more people to afford to go to college without amassing huge debt. I think it will also force the increase in the entry requirements, making it harder to get in to WCU and therefore, hopefully, increasing the opinion of the value of a degree from WCU. |
| I think it is a great idea to decrease tuition. |
| i think it is a wonderful thing. it will help me save money to put towards other fees. |
| I think it is fantastic that we are on the path to giving students a cheaper education. New York has already passed a law that says if a family is making \$100,000 and below, the student will be given free tuition. I think it is shameful that we put students into tens of thousands of dollars in debt at such a young age. I fully support this policy because any leeway there is to lessen student debt, I am all for it. I know a lot of students have anxiety about money, as I know I do as well. This will really help me get through school without having to take out so many loans. |
| I think it is great because it will not only allow more students to get the chance at going to University, but to allow graduating students to have less debt on their hands, allowing them to buy more and to stimulate the economy. |
| I think it is one of the best decisions ever made! |
| I think it is wonderful that the tuition for undergraduate students is decreasing for the 2018-2019 academic year. However, if prices of everything else such as, housing, book fees, meal plan, and parking passes skyrocket. Then I do not see the benefit of this change. |
| I think it is wonderful! As a student working hard to pay for her college education to get myself into the work force without mounds of student loans, I'm in full support! I work and pay the state taxes, and I believe this is a great opportunity for myself, current WCU students, as we'll as future WCU students! College shouldn't be free, but it should be affordable! |
| I think it should be decreased \$500/semester. |
| I think it will be more affordable for students with financial challenges |

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| I think it will make our school bigger and lose the small campus vibe we have. |
| I think it will take the financial burden off of families and students. These students will be able to focus more on classes and then WCU will have a higher graduation rate. I think it is a great idea. |
| I think itâ€™ll affect school programs greatly as well as possibly academics, I honestly feel it is not the best choice overall. |
| I think itâ€™ll be a bad thing if everyone and their fucking mother can come here and not take it seriously. Like I donâ€™t think itâ€™ll work. |
| I think itâ€™s a great idea because itâ€™s giving more people the opportunity to go to college that might not have been able to go before hand. |
| I think itâ€™s a wonderful grant that will decrease student loan debt. And will help students succeed financially within the university and after graduation. This makes college a whole lot easier to attend for those in need as well |
| I think itâ€™s great, it is so expensive to go to school and so many people are unable to because of finances. |
| I think it's a good idea and I don't think that higher education should cost at all but lowering the cost is extremely helpful, student loans and debt are not the best way to start off life. |
| I think its great as a student all we have to look forward to is a degree but that also comes with debt. If its lower that means less debt and I still gwt my degree great. |
| I think it's great that the tuition is going down but my only concern is whether or not the cost of other things at the college will go up to compensate for the loss of income for the school. |
| I think that everyone is stuck on the idea that tuition is going down, but they donâ€™t fully understand that tuition means just tuition, and that fees will have to go up in order to pay professors, create buildings, etc. I feel like if we just left tuition how it is, itâ€™s going to even out to the same thing so why even say that we offer such a great deal when itâ€™s not, itâ€™s equal to our regular tuition. |
| I Think that it allows better access to higher education for underprivileged youth. I my self struggle with paying for college and this will be a huge burden lifted off my shoulders |
| I think the \$500 tuition will allow more people to attend college, but I'm not sure if it is a sustainable plan and feel like it might drastically drive up other fees. |
| I think this a great idea, because college is expensive especially when your parents are putting two children through college at the same time. This decrease in in-state tution will help out my family a lot with being able to afford and pay for college. |
| I think this is a great idea and should be upheld. |
| I think this is a great idea. It would give low income students who have great acadmics the ability to get an education that they rightfully deserve. I also believe this would give more lower income students a better chance and want to go to college, they would feel more motivated to strive harder to reach their goal because the lower tuition. |
| I think this is a very beneficial change that will help thousands students afford college. |
| I think this will allow students to graduate in lower debt, which will make it more affordable to go to school. I believe this is an amazing plan, as long as the value of the education that we receive does not decrease. |
| I think this will attract many more students to WCU, and will be good for our University. |
| I think this will encourage more people to attend college and help people that would not have the option. It opens up pathways that had been closed off for people in financial difficulty |
| I wholeheartedly support the decrease for IN-STATE students only. |
| Iâ€™m not supportive of this due to there will be an increase in fees now which is a big chunk of what I already pay each semester |
| Iâ€™ve heard itâ€™s for only incoming freshman and everyone after and that those who are already here wonâ€™t be able to take advantage of this, is it true? |
| I'm concerned that the tuition won't be fully reimbursed by the state and WCU will make up for it by increase fees. |
| I'm glad that college will be more affordable to more people! |

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| Is this for current students? |
| Isn't a huge change. We will still have the high fees and the fees are only going to increase mitigating the effect of the tuition decrease. |
| It gives the opportunity for students who are not as well off financially to be able to afford schooling. |
| It helps those who are paying for their on college tuition. |
| It increases other fees that benefit students at current price. |
| It is awesome!!! |
| It is great for all students for a slight decrease in the overall cost of college, but it will not make a big difference since fees are going up. |
| It makes me Able to go here all four years and is going to help me get the degree I want |
| It may allow for more students to be able to afford college which opens so many more doors for opportunity in this generation. Itâ€™s great |
| It sounds great in theory - lower cost means students from different socioeconomic standings can pursue a higher education leading to a more diverse campus - but if the decrease in tuition only leads to an increase in other fees the decrease is virtually meaningless. |
| It was a deciding factor in which school I'd go to |
| It will help those who have to take out loans, like me. |
| it will increase the other fees that we have to pay. I think its either equaling it out or making everything higher. The money that we are losing will be paid regardless so I want everything decreasing or everything stay the same |
| It will make going to college less of a burden on everyone who wants to go to college. |
| it will make tuition more affordable |
| It will really allow for the school to grow more. |
| It would really help people to be able to come to college and get the education they want to get |
| Itâ€™s one of the reasons I chose western over places like App or NC state |
| Itâ€™s very helpful and encouraging!! |
| It's a great decrease but please don't raise everything too much |
| It's a step in the right direction but tuition itself was not the most expensive things |
| It's great ! |
| It's wonderful to not have to pay as much for an education. Very happy with this tuition decrease |
| Less debt and makes attending college financially easier. |
| Makes college more affordable for those who may not be able to attend due to financial constraints. |
| Money will be taken from other programs to take care of costs. |
| Much needed |
| My only concern is that our quality and value will decrease due to cuts |
| NC Promise will allow many more students the chance to pursue their degrees and WCU is an awesome campus that will inspire their personal growths. I think the tuition should be set at 500 a year as was mentioned in NC Promise. |
| Only reason I chose WCU |
| Supportive if fees stay the same as they are now |
| Thank God. Finally. |
| Thankful!!!! Especially as a student who pays their own tuition! |
| The decrease in tuition for undergraduate students is an amazing way to make education more affordable for people of all backgrounds and economic standing. More importantly, it will help prevent students from graduating with severe debt that they then have to spend a good portion of their adult life paying off (even if they don't go to graduate school). |
| The drop in tuition would be incredibly helpful for those students who are paying for their college here at WCU by themselves, like me. |

The lowering of tuition would most likely cause the other fees to rise due to the things that students demand such as free laundry, easy access to tutoring, properly cleaned and managed building, nice labs and lab equipment, etc. What would be the point in lowering tuition for a more affordable education if the fees would rise to compensate for the lost income from the decrease in tuition. Some departments don't allow or want their professors to print things out for their classes to save money in that department.

The NC "university" system makes enough with all the "fees" and whatnot that students are charged. Tuition should be MUCH lower.

The NC Promise based decrease in in-state tuition allows me to continue on my path to a higher education without as high of a financial cost/debt. I believe everyone should be able to obtain a higher education without going into debt.

The only reason I am able to continue my education at western is due to the tuition decrease.

The proposed tuition decrease was a major factor in my decision to attend WCU to limit my college debt.

The tuition decrease was an overwhelming large reason I chose to attend WCU in the first place. In fact, without knowledge of this impending change, there is no way I would have considered going back to school AT ALL. Even with this promised drop to \$500 per semester, I did not realize that fees would total over \$2000 per semester. I will have a hard enough time affording \$2500 per semester starting next Fall (not to mention the more than \$4000 per semester for my first year). Any deviation from the original NC Promise program WILL SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE the likelihood of me finishing a 4 year program.

They are not saving students money simply just reshuffling the way they get the money they want. It looks good on paper but simple is not practical in real life

This greatly encourages students to attend and continue attending as they will not go into as much debt to do so.

This is a change that is critical to helping more students succeed at WCU.

This is amazing!! Thank you NC and WCU!!!

This is the best way to increase the number of students that attend the university, and allow individuals to further their education without having to make pick between other alternatives.

This is the main reason I chose to come to western Carolina!

This is truly a blessing

This makes college more accessible and financially realistic to many people.

this really helps me to be able to attend a university

This was one of the reasons I choose to come to this wonderful university

This will allow me to go to school without being a financial burden to my family. I think it's amazing.

This will draw a lot of attention to Western Carolina University, but also make it seem like our college is not as prestigious.

This will help me reduce debt after graduating and relieve stress of paying back loans before graduate school.

This will make it a more reasonable for all students to be able to attend and pay for college

This will be a small step in making college more affordable for many students.

This would be amazing.

This would greatly improve my ability to receive an education. I do not have anyone helping me with paying for school, so this is a God-send.

Very awesome! I'm grateful to the legislation!

Very helpful, and takes Burdon off of families paying student loads and students taking out loans

What a huge financial help this will be for my family!

What I fear is that WCU will lose many of its faculty and staff. It seems very rare that when ever the government gets involved and promises money and pay, something unplanned or unprepared happens. Take the road to nowhere in Bryson City for example. My big fear is that the government will not fully sustain the university at its current faculty and staff size, which would result in people getting laid off. I enjoy the smaller class sizes at Western, and the amount of resources that I have available at this school and I would not like to lose them.

While tuition is dropped, I believe that other fees will increase to make up for the money, so regardless everything is going to be the same amount in the end.

Will help save me money as a student working their way through college

Will lower the presumed value of attending western by potential jobs. We will turn into another party school like ecu full of idiots who want to party

Will make it easier for students aiming to attend graduate school

Wonderful, it makes college much more affordable.

Worried that it will reduce the academic standard of the university

yay

Comments on the decrease in out-of-state tuition for undergraduate students due to NC Promise:

A decrease is amazing but if increasing other things is required for this such as laundry or in state tuition then I would rather everything continue to stay the same price across the board

An education is an education, and you shouldn't have to be stuck in your location because the cost of getting an education in another location is sky-rocket high. This only forces people to stay sedentary.

Compared to in-state tuition, it is still too pricey.

I believe that there should be a tuition based on distance tracked, because I live close to this campus than half of the in-state students

I can actually afford college with this

I love it, of course. I am an out of state student that only lives an hour and a half from campus. It really sucks paying out of state tuition when I live closer than some of my friends who live in NC. The proposed tuition plan makes me less likely to transfer.

I think it is great and will help me with less debt when I graduate. Especially since I am planning to go to graduate school

I think this is important for DACA (Deferred Action Students) who have been living in this state for the majority of their lives and are categorized as out-of-state students.

I'm afraid the state government will compensate for the first few years but then stop their support when they need money to go elsewhere, especially because we're not a big name school with a good sports team.

I'm currently paying \$7,000 per semester so yes, paying just \$2500 per semester for the next three years helps me a lot! It's less money that I have to borrow to attend WCU (I receive \$0 in financial aid. My parents and I pay the \$28,000 yearly price tag through loans and savings).

It is great

It makes it a little more affordable, especially since scholarships are really competitive.

It was a major reason I chose to come to this school.

It will make it easier for me to attend this university.

It's gonna help a lot of people but also make a lot more people want to come here

It's great because this school is stupid expensive.

Make more affordable without cutting corners by raising tax rate and using government subsidies

Thank you God

Thank you so much! I am all in favor of decreasing out of state tuition.

The NC Promise will certainly attract so many students from not only in-state but also out of state iike me and thus the school will attain even a higher echelon of students than it already has. Most importantly, it gives students an opportunity to graduate ahead of everyone else when they are significantly less in debt than everyone else. I find this plan to be a gift and I truly believe it's something that adds to this school greatly.

This is part of the reason why I picked Western.

Very very helpful. It is extremely expensive to pay out-of-state tuition and it makes coming here so much easier financially

Comments on the proposed Residential Living room rates:

Why would you raise prices if youâ€™re trying to make school more affordable for students?

A 3.2% increase, even for all students, is not going to help that much with renovations and such. Also, the residence halls are overpriced as it is.

A little excessive

Again, every dime counts for my family. My sister hopes to attend WCU next year as well. We are from Harrisburg, NC and require on campus housing.

Already expensive enough; doesn't need more improvements

although still don't support

Although this is not applicable to me, it would be helpful to see a comparison to current rates. On another note, a slight increase in room rate could be acceptable in most situations.

Apartment living is cheaper and has more amenities. Get rid of RA's in upper clansman dorms. Renovations to dormitories are investments and should be treated as such. Students shouldn't have to pay for renovations before they occur.

Balsam Rooms are already expensive but the amenities and community are nice to have so an increase would not make me move out.

College is already expensive and increasing the price is making it harder on students.

Do not support this at all!

First time living off campus because there was not enough room on campus, but now I'm paying less for my rent than I would for on campus living.

For location, water, electricity, its a good price.

For many students they can afford the tuition but not housing on or off campus. Making it less accessible is not a good idea

Honestly I feel like this is still saving me money, so it's all good.

Honestly increasing rates for residence halls is pretty insane to me. My room has paint chipping off the walls, the ac doesnâ€™t work, the bathrooms are out dated, and half the time the water isnâ€™t working. How are you going to ask students to pay more to live with less?

I agree and think that is a good amount to raise the rates, but that it shouldn't be more than that.

I believe that the slight increase is much better then I thought it would be. I was expecting a 50% minimum increase on living to make up for the loss in tuition.

I believe the room rates are quite expensive or appropriately priced as they are and there is not need for to change them.

I can barely afford the rate I pay now. Every semester after all is paid for, I barely scrape by with enough money. increasing the rate anymore would put me over the top causing me not to have enough money to cover all my expenses. Why is state funding not being used? Or revenue generated by athletics?

I cannot afford any price changes. I can barely afford to attend WCU as the prices stand right now.

I disagree. I have heard the plans of a new residential building near Judaculla. I know renovation and building expenses as quite a lot, but whats the point in decreasing the tuition for students when you will raise the residential living so much. I honestly would prefer not to pay so much extra for my residential living, but if it must happen I would suggest keeping it a slow intake of money and not to jump the gun, and asking for too much at once. Though Western Carolina is growing, I feel the rate we are growing, we should prepare for the backfire. Were growing quite quickly already and with that comes new cost and bigger changes. Though we want to become a big school that is well know and has high regards we shouldn't push our limits, sometimes taking small steps will lead to larger ones later on.

I do find it hard whenever a school plans to increase costs. However, with the influx of students and their lower tuition rates, it does give reason to increase rates if the school truly believes it will better the school.

I do not feel as though these renovations are as permanent if several of the buildings will be removed later on down the road.

I don't think pages should go up because nothing changed in the dorms to reflect price increase

I don't care how nice some of the dorms are, if every student doesn't get to choose the room they want this is NOT FAIR to those getting stuck with a higher bill because they were shoved into a dorm without any say of their own. THIS SCHOOL DOES NOT ACCOMODATE EVERYONE'S NEEDS whether it looks like they do on paper or not!

i don't like that the rates for everything are going up but i understand that its because of maintenance and increase of on campus population.

I don't like the increases of everything to help with renovations on campus, new buildings etc. Some of us have out of pocket costs for school and it's hard enough to make the payments I do make before the increases. I don't get family help and pay close to if not over 1000 dollars a semester. This will just make the amount I pay even more in the fall

I don't see why they should have to increase living expenses just because tuition goes down. The goal is to make the total cost of attending WCU less for students, not just switch numbers around and offset the difference

I don't think the renovation is a necessary

I feel as though living on campus should not be as much as living off campus. These rates seem very high.

I get the increase but why isn't there a column for the previous years expenses? A little misleading. I figured things would get more expensive due to the tuition drop but dont bullshit me with a chart with no previous info.

I had to take out loans to live on campus and I can afford to live off campus

I hate it. WCU used to be solely focused on students. Now that they're going to make this change, it focuses more towards money and how are we going to make more money off of the students.

I have a health condition, and require a private room with access to a restroom as a result. I am not supportive of these changes, because I do not think it is fair to those who have little choice where they live on campus.

I have not seen the previous rates, so I have nothing to compare this chart to.

I live in noble and I didn't pay the listed price this semester. But the housing looks expensive in general

I marked supportive, BUT only the circumstances that renovations are actually DONE! These halls are in poor condition... And the wifi situation is not good! If you're going to charge me more, that is fine! But if you're getting 3k per student a year to stay in an teeny little room, then renos should be done, more washers should be added, and wifi should be stronger!

I pay \$2700 per semester for Harris now. I'm ok with a slight increase if it means upgrades for students.

I plan to live off campus next year Fuentes to expected increases in residential living room rates.

I planned on living on campus next year as it would have been cheaper but now it coast as much as living off campus and commuting.

I support it because if it means better matience of the halls!

I support the increase if there are going to be improvements made.

I support this

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| I think a lot of these expenses should be on the connectivity issues within the residence halls. These thick brick walls are making it hard for laptops to connect inside rooms. Maybe install stronger routers? |
| I think that should be the one thing that shouldn't increase. |
| I think this is not a good idea because it will persuade students to live off campus or commute. |
| I understand money is needed in order to maintain things, but man does it get old having to rake money out of my pockets when I'm barely making it up here. |
| I understand that the prices of residential living rooms will probably need to go up if the tuition is going down; however, I live at the village and would rather not have an increase in rates. |
| I understand that the rates of the rooms have to go up to balance out the tuition being decrease I guess. But is it really fair to do that? I thought the whole idea was to make cost and expenses lower altogether not raise other prices while there is a tuition decrease. Really we would not be getting a break at all money wise because of the rise in housing cost. |
| I understand the rising utility and upkeep costs, but 3.2% seems a little high. |
| I understand why the price for rooming is going up but it is still slightly frustrating having to pay more in other areas. |
| I was told by many trusted employees that the prices wouldn't go up on anything else when the Nc promise is in act. I was worried the school would up the prices in everything else to compensate for the tuition dropping. 3.2% may not sound like a lot but it is to college students and parents who work like dogs to support their children. |
| I will be living off campus next year so the proposed prices will not apply to me. |
| I would like for them not to increase, however I do understand that they may need to. |
| I would say to not increase it because it will make it harder from the students now to stay on campus if they want to |
| If prices are going to keep increasing than I do not support this plan. Tuition before the change is expensive enough. I think that the 500 dollar tuition fee is a joke if prices of everything else are just going to keep going up. WCU will become way more expensive than it was before the tuition change. |
| If the Tuition is going down I expect for other things to increase. |
| If these cost increases are necessary, then so be it. Combined with NC Promise, I suppose it offsets those costs. |
| If these new rates are to balance the tuition decrease some then I am supportive. |
| If this increases then we will be paying roughly the same amount of money each semester or year. |
| If tuition goes down but residential rates go up, where is the savings? I agree that the tuition plan to lower those rates will help, but overall with the residential rates and food cost rates going up, it should be about the same. |
| If tuition is going to get lowered then do just that lower it, don't raise the payments some where else |
| If you cut tuition, but raise everything else then there is no real benefit to students and parents. |
| I'm fine with the increase sort of if we are able to benefit from it. If we don't get anything out of it I don't like it at all. |
| I'm poor |
| Increased cost of housing defeats the decreased cost in tuition |
| Increases do not reflect the quality of the dorms |
| Increasing these makes it harder for me to stay on campus. When they are cheaper it makes my life so much easier and helps me get the degree of my dreams in a place that I love that harbors my education. |
| Isn't there some way to not raise prices? It's not like we or our families are experiencing a growth in income. |
| It is too expensive as it is this year. I cannot afford to make it more. |
| It makes sense to increase the living on campus price in order to reduce the tuition itself |
| It seems that the university might be trying to offset NC promise with these increased rates. I would like to see the increased utility and maintenance cost on paper not just in a statement form. |
| It should be lower |

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| It would increase in cost and again I am a first generation college freshman paying my own way through college. However, if the building expenses are going up you have no choice but to raise the price of the dorms. |
| It's absurd to increase housing when no renovations or improvements are being made to the older buildings. |
| It's ridiculous that it has to increase. I have to stay there and by making the increase happen, isn't helping anything. You're making it harder to stay. |
| It's not fair that they are raising the prices since it wasn't our choice to lower tuition |
| Its not much higher than it is now wont make that much of a difference. |
| It's whatever I guess. |
| Just makes up for what tuition is losing |
| Keep dorm cheap |
| Living on campus is already expensive when calculating meal plan in as well. |
| Lowering the tuition but raising the room and board fees do not help in-state students living on campus. I would still turn out to be the same price to attend school here. |
| Lowering tuition is just an excuse for Western University to raise other costs of living. I will be forced to live off of campus next year if these are the costs for the 2018-2019 dorms. |
| Makes sense |
| Most of these buildings don't even have air conditioning, please try again. |
| No air conditioning in certain rooms, elevators break and overall dorms are older. Apartments are much cheaper and nicer. |
| Not as large of an increase as I thought would happen |
| Not terrible but don't understand why. I'm moving off campus because it is cheaper. |
| People can't afford this and there isn't enough off campus housing. Stop allowing so many people in if you can't house them reasonably |
| Please do not do this, I don't have enough money and will not have a place to live. |
| prices are fair to the residential living room's location and amenities. |
| Processes and management tools should be put in place to help minimize costs around utilities especially. |
| Right now the prices are doing able, but the new budget could make my educational reach a higher possibility. Please reduce the price, it would help most students tremendously. |
| Room prices were just increased they should not continue to increase yearly. |
| Seems like a big increase. Are we sure this increase is not padding a loss of tuition? Will there be a public display of a budget breakdown to prove the need for an increase. Not a projected estimate - definite proof. |
| So you lower tuition just to jack up residence hall prices. |
| Some the state is paying for the nc promise, there should be no need for the school to increase third housing or food costs. |
| Students pay way too much for sub-par and dated living conditions already |
| That is ridiculously expensive to have college students pay almost \$7,000 or more a year for housing on campus. Off campus housing is a lot cheaper and most often times cleaner and better suited to living needs. |
| That's still really expensive especially when you add in how much other fees will be |
| The cost of living in a residential hall is high enough and the price does not need to increase. I understand that this fee includes our power, water, wifi; but for the size of the room and a roommate to boot the fee charged is sufficient without an increase. |
| The increase in room rates is going to largely prohibit students being able to afford students to live on campus. |
| The increase in the dorms are not justified, there is no reason that the dorms should increase that much, we should not have to pay for other dorms that we do not and will not live in. |
| The old dorms need to be replaced!! |

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| The people who use that housing are poor college students. It seems to me that the real reason for the increases is really to cover the shortfall for the \$500/semester rate coming late 2018. |
| The room that I'm in currently a small for the price I'm paying now. Why would I pay more for a room the same size at the same quality? |
| There is no point in lowering tuition if all other prices increase. It's not saving anyone money that way. |
| There is no reason to increase living costs. I would like to know what the money is being used for and why it needs to increase so much when there have been no proposed improvements. |
| There isn't that much of a change for some, I don't really plan to stay on campus next year anyway. |
| They seem expensive enough to me. What would you be providing to create reason for such an increase? |
| They're the size of closets why the hell are you trying to gouge so much out of your students? A single room in Blue Ridge has increased by a grand per semester. It honestly seems you're trying to out price the poor kids on campus, parking sucks enough as is. This is a bad move |
| this increase of money is ridiculous |
| this is ridiculous |
| This is very expensive, it will force more students like me to have to take out loans. |
| This offsets decreasing tuition. The point is to make school more affordable, and this change completely disputes that idea. It's like a decrease cost but increase in taxes. Personally I believe it is a sneaky way to keep costs exactly the same for students. |
| This will put a greater burden on families struggling to pay for college. |
| Those prices are ridiculous it's already expensive enough to live on campus |
| Though it does not apply to me, I support all efforts to make school more affordable and therefore cannot support any increase in the price of any individual component of higher education. |
| Tuition price should not effect housing and meal plan prices, they are separate entities that students need pay for. This tuition drop does not give the university an excuse to raise prices everywhere to take thousands of dollars from students each year. |
| Unless the dorms are being renovated, they are not worth the increase. |
| Unnecessary rises. Residential living standards should improve for there to be a reason to raise pricing. At the moment, WCU has some of the worst dorm living in the state. Lower pricing would make more sense. |
| Way too high. |
| We already pay too much to live there for 6 months of the year |
| We are already so in debt from being here and the fees for housing are high and the wifi sucks I don't want to pay more like this year just too only get less quality housing |
| Western has the highest fees of any University and its absurd |
| What I don't understand is why we have to pay so much for the small spaces we live in. My bedroom back home is so much bigger than what I'm living in currently and the morgage on our 3-bedroom, 2-bath home is much less than my tuition. |
| What is the point of lowering tuition if we are just going to have to pay it in another way? |
| What you drop tuition and increase housing?? |
| While I understand the increase to on-campus housing must go up over time to support the growing number of students attending the college (at a rate which is unsustainable to the campus) I do not support the increase because it undercuts not only the ability to live on campus, but also the ability to pay for a college education in general. If more prices increase it will be nearly impossible for finiacial aid to cover the lose expenses (which is the problem I'm facing at the moment). |
| While it is an increase, it is not a truly significant increase. |
| Why decrease tuition only to increase residential living? |
| why increase something and not give me anything more this will turn away students to live on campus leading to western losing money |
| Why increase the prices? Especially on Scott. |
| Why should a dorm room be more expensive than the monthly rent for an apartment? |
| with tuition lower these increases won't be as bad |

You're hanging extra money for students to live in dorms such as Scott that have little room, blood stains on almost every floor, carpet and paint from the 70's that's covered in Stains, etc.

Don't charge the students living in trashy dorms for the remodeling of those dorms that they won't be in later. Remodel them first and then charge the students living in the meet remodeled dorms extra to recoup the price.

Comments on proposed meal plans:

The food has done nothing but decline since I've arrived. I don't want to pay more for food unless this problem can be fixed.

We have to because of losing money from tuition so

Again I understand that these prices have to go up because of the prices of food increases. But this is still completely contradicting the whole idea of cutting tuition and trying to make it more affordable if other prices are going to rise in relation to the decrease in tuition.

AGAIN LOWERING THE TUITION MEANS THAT ALLLLLLLLLLL PRICES WILL BE RAISED!!!! THIS IS NOT FAIR! IT'S A SCAM!

Again the school is trying to compensate for the Nc promise which is not fair the purpose of the promise was to lower costs of the school and not touch any other prices.

Again, the system makes enough in fees collected from students. Paying even more for food is ridiculous.

although still don't support

An increase implies that with more money being funded to the program, the program should also increase in quality. If the quality and variety of food will not also increase (better) then an increase is not needed.

Aramark is SHIT! There's such a low number of students that are working for them right now because management is shit, the food is shit, the prices are shit, we're literally being given shit. The fact that combos are not an option of campus is fucking robbery! The fact that the only place open to get food after 8 is the greasiest, nastiest, most inaccurate Steak & Shake ever disgusts me! You're going to raise meal plan rates based on a company that is in negligence of their contract? Don't do it or other public and private agencies could get involved...

as it increases so does the quality of campus food so I am for it.

As long as there isn't some random university policy that restricts me from selecting the meal plan that I deem best for my financial situation. I think it should be fine

As stated previously, I cannot afford to pay any additional expenses for college.

Bitch I am already paying a lot of money, food should be cheap

Campus dining is awful and will never be worthy of a price increase.

Commuter plans are too expensive already. It is exponentially cheaper for me to buy my meals individually than to purchase a meal plan. Most commuters only eat one meal a day and only 3-4 days a week so the cost of the commuter plans do not make financial sense for most.

Contractually obligated? By whose orders? Who is legally forcing you to increase your price?

Do not support this at all!

Everything on campus, especially food related, is overpriced. If you go to WalMart you will pay \$2.50 for something that cost \$4.99 on campus. I think this is unfair. There are students who cannot afford to go off campus to buy food, so they are forced to pay these prices.

Food already sucks and costs too much for what it is. Sometimes there isn't even any food left upstairs because workers are too lazy to bring out more for the remaining hours. It sucks.

Food cost is what it is-understandable

Food is not good enough raise the price.

For the amount of money, I pay towards a meal plan is hard. There aren't a lot of good choices to choose from food wise here, its disappointing to pay so much when there isn't even a McAlisters.

Higher than inflation rate.

I already cant eat at any dining hall and barely at any of the retail locations.

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| I already pay for a meal plan I don't even utilize that much. The quality of the food on campus does not match the prices. |
| I believe the meal plans are expensive as it is and should decrease if at all possible. |
| I believe this would happen regardless of tuition and the room and board increase. |
| I cannot support any increase in the price of any individual component of higher education. |
| I didn't use all of y meal plan for this semester. |
| I do not thinking increasing it would help but then again everyone loves food |
| I don't believe that the cost of meal plans should increase that much. There can be no way that it's become that much more expensive, to where each meal plan has to be raised 3.5%. There is so much food that is waisted in the cafeteria. We would save money if we kept the cost the same, and was more careful about what food was being distributed and the right quantities. |
| i don't like that i am going to have to pay more for food, but i know that its because western is having to pay more for the ingredients. |
| I don't support and increase in food costs if the quality of the food or food options does not increase as well. |
| I feel as though it is normal to have to pay for the food and however much it costs, but the increase of the meal plan I think is more correlated with the tuition decrease and not actual food costs. |
| I feel like there need to be more open options for freshman to be able to have less block meals and more DB. |
| I found that the food on campus is sub par to being with for the value before any proposed rate increases. |
| I get raising the cost for the swipes, but for commuter DB plans, it seems stupid. Please offer a cheaper plan, say 4-500 and I would consider that, but i do not need more than that in DB when i live off campus. |
| I hate to eat. The food is not good. If the fees increase the food needs to get increasingly better. |
| I mean, if they have to increase then that's fine, but it's still no fun for paying students |
| I pay \$2055 per semester for meals. An increase of \$71 is acceptable. |
| I should not be paying more for low quality food. increase the quality variety of HEALTHY food and I would be supportive. |
| I shouldn't have to pay more for food that isn't the quality of the food that I pay for to begin with. The fact that upper caf in the dining hall is never consistent, meaning the food is always either undercooked, burnt, or they always run out. I shouldn't have to pay more for Aramark or the dining hall services to not resolve the problem. |
| I suppose this is fine as for someone like me who is using loans to pay for school but this has to be frustrating for anyone paying out of pocket. |
| I think that it is wierd that the food price has been the same the past two years but now we have a tuition drop so it's expected to raise |
| I think they are already extremely expensive.. |
| I understand that an increase on food prices is sometimes inevitable. |
| I understand that prices increase but 3.5% seems to be too high of an increase |
| I understand the rising food costs, but a 3.5% increase seems a bit high. |
| I understand why you would increase that. |
| I will only support if the food gets better |
| I would like more variety in the options we are given to choose from. |
| If it's gonna be more expensive it better be higher quality. |
| If meal plans are increasing we need better options as well as better meal plan deals. What Western Offers is not enough for the meal plan to go up. |
| If the food on campus was good it would be worth it but if it's going to stay subpar an increase is a bad idea. |
| If the food was better it'd be more understandable |
| if the meal plan rates go up, so should the quality and stocking of food increase. |
| If you are going to make meal plans even MORE expensive. They should NOT be required. Some students can not afford such an expensive service, and they would rather be on their own. |

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| If you do this I would try to create more plans that are offered to students. |
| Im frustrated that we got rid of mcalisters only good food on campus |
| I'm not thrilled but I understand it. |
| I'm poor |
| In favor, but only if the tuition prices drop |
| Inflation rate is less than 2% an increase of 3.5% is more than necessary. |
| It is too expensive. |
| It make since that food prices change each year buy I don't like that they are obligated to increase each year |
| It should be lower, it seems like everything is getting increased and the students have to pay for it all. I don't have the money for all this, I pay for school. My parents don't support me in school |
| It wouldn't be an issue if good quality food was offered from Aramark. If given the option, I wouldn't get one. I would rather buy groceries and make my own food if given the option but since I live on campus, I have to have a meal plan. |
| Itâ€™s going to cost more to get a meal plan then to buy your own food |
| It's not fair that they are raising the prices since it wasn't our choice to lower tuition |
| Its okay if the meal plan prices rise as long as they raise the quality of the food as well. |
| Like \$9.35 without a plan. You are forcing people to buy plans. I will find somewhere else to eat. |
| Make it better or lose business , your choice |
| Makes sense- Food cost will always increase and the last thing I would ever want is food quality to decrease |
| Meal plan costs are absolutely outrageous. |
| Meal plans are already ridiculously expensive. I do not have one because I cannot afford it. |
| Meal plans are already too expensive with not enough options. |
| Meal plans are already too expensive. |
| Meal plans are expensive as is. |
| Meal plans are not in need of a cost increase. |
| Meal plans should not be increased with out a pay increase for those working in food service. |
| Minimize the cost of the food as much as possible, but increases are necessary. |
| No student should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from. |
| Not worth it |
| Once again for reason mentioned above. |
| Once again, if things such as the meal plans are going to increase in price than what is the benefit of this change? |
| Once again, I'm not understanding how you make a big deal about a decrease in one area only to increase in all other areas. Are you really helping students? |
| Our food is already overpriced beyond belief. |
| People gotta eat good, clean, healthy food |
| Same applies |
| Same as above |
| Same comment as before. Where are the numbers comparing last years food cost compared to this years? |
| Same reasons.....I could eat less, I wish the meal plans had cheaper options. |
| see above |
| Shit food for too much money |
| Some people shouldn't have to worry about where there next meal is coming from due to the increase in meal plans |
| Some the state is paying for the nc promise, there should be no need for the school to increase third housing or food costs. |
| Stop increasing our meal plan |

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| Students should not have to purchase a meal plan if they live on campus. The food, especially in the Courtyard Dining Hall, is terrible. Meal plan rates are ridiculous considering that I never use all of my block meals. There should be a lower option meal plan besides the 60 block meals. |
| The food here was great at the beginning of the year and has nothing but declined in quality since I've been here. I don't want to see an increase in meal plans if this cycle is going to repeat itself in years to come. |
| the food is already disgusting it's not fair to make us pay more for it. |
| The food is awful and armark is corrupted. Ad managers and many instances of sexual assult that goes unfixed by managers it's absolutely disgusting |
| The food isn't good enough to increase prices |
| The food isn't even that good. If I have to pay more I want bettwe quality. |
| The food isn't very good in the caf but I understand why the prices would go up. |
| The food on campus is not the greatest to begin with. I do not want to pay more money for food that leaves much to be desired. In my opinion, we pay to much for what we already get. |
| The increased food cost along with the increased cost of housing really defeats the decreased cost in tution |
| The meal plan prices were just increased this year. The food is not worth the amount of money you have to spend. |
| The meal plans on campus are way too expensive and is a main contributor to why I decided to move off campus. Other schools offer the option to have, or not have a meal plan. WCU should take this into consideration. |
| The proposed percentage increase will lead to thousands of students choosing not to have meal plans. |
| there are a lot of foods that eventually throw away at the end. of course, it is impossible to produce zero waste but I don't find any reason why the school should buy the same amount of food. in my opinion, the school should be decreasing the amount of food they are buying. |
| There are almost no vegan options available! Few vegetarian options, and even pescatarians suffer because fish is the least served meat after duck. Why raise pricing if nothing is improving? |
| There are not enough meal options for it to be worth the money we are forced to pay when we live on campus |
| There is no point in lowering tuition if all other prices increase. It's not saving anyone money that way. |
| There should be a smaller and cheaper meal plan option for students living on campus. I am not supportive if on campus students will continue to be forced into the current meal plan options, the smallest one currently is to much food for one semester for my personal use and opinion. A smaller option shpjld be available for those who wish to choose it |
| These meal plans are, in my opinion, over priced already. |
| They are already outrageously high. |
| They are expensive enough as if, if prices so up the food give should also. |
| This should only apply if requirements for living wages are also increased by 3.5% each year. |
| understand the costs continue to go up |
| Unless the quality of the food increases I do not believe we ought to pay more for food that is sub par taste wise and below par nutrition wise. |
| Unless there are more options for different meal types avaiable, I am not supportive |
| We do not serve hardly any options with the funding we have provided. If we are increasing the meal plan based on the food cost index, why then has no change been implemented for healthier options for students? |

We need to change the place we get out food if we have to have an increase of cost. That or I would like to hear a better reason, more then just a vague idea why food cost our getting higher. This increase in everything except tuition is quite bothersome. We thought this would be great giving students with lower income a chance to thrive off our school and advance their careers and lives. But whats the point, if we are increasing the cost in everything!?! Though tuition is going down, we are suggesting an increase in everything so much that we will honestly may be paying more then we though we would. Parents and family think there getting a chance to a great school with a low tuition but little do they know, the more they look into it the more they see the cost has risen since of all the other cost.

We pay already way too much for the food

Who signs a contract to agree to pay more money?

Why do they have to increase every year?

Why must everything else increase if tuition and fees goes down? Half the students here can't afford college and have to take out loans. This doesn't help

Won't likely have a meal plan next year

Comments on the Parking Fee:

For the price I pay currently, I find it hard to find a single parking spot. Unless those new parking lots are going to be used for student parking I don't want to pay more money to park my car when I find it hard to locate a parking spot currently.

Again you're charging students extra for things they won't even have the privilege to use. Build them first and recoup the price from the students who actually get to use them.

Again, there wasn't enough room on campus, so I, as a commuter, have to pay more. Not to mention that commuters use the lots the least, so why am I paying the most considering I had no option

All these increases make me not want to return to Western whenever these changes take place.

An increase on parking passes will put a strain on the commuters who may also have to pay multiple times a day in order to drive to campus in the pay lots. I think that freshmen should not be allowed to bring cars and to use the lots that are for freshmen for the commuters and residential to fix the 'not enough space' issue while they are building the new lots.

As long as more parking can be provided.

as long as new parking is going up and not renovation of parking i don't mind, because parking right now is terrible.

As long as there is more parking under construction it will be okay, if not then there is barely enough parking as is. We will grow a lot next year and there will not be enough parking; so students will be having to pay a lot for not even being able to park on campus.

Build a parking deck if you want my money.

By 2019 for a sophomore, they will be paying the same as a freshman for parking. Anyway, this school does NOT have enough parking to be raising the cost.

College education is becoming cost prohibitive and fees seem predatory and unreasonable.

Commuter does not go up

Commuter parking already sucks, don't increase the costs on that and make it worse.

Commuter parking cost is ridiculous since I am a senior I should get senior price. It is why I didn't get a pass this year

Commuter parking is terrible while there are excessive amounts of parking for faculty that are most always never filled.

Commuter rate should not go up. We already have to pay an additional fee to park in our housing property.

Commuters are not offered enough parking within proximity to campus. We need more commuter spaces.

Commuters need more parking, besides freshman we pay the most for parking and have the least amount of space.

Commuters should not have the most expensive pass and the worst parking.

commuters should not have to pay an excessive amount of money for parking because they don't even live on campus. If parking is going to be this expensive, there should be enough parking for everyone. there currently is not.

Commuters should not have to pay as much as a sophomore or junior living on campus. Lots are limited and often full. Additionally, people living off campus are trying to save money. The majority of those living off campus are upperclassmen higher than sophomore level. This price should not be this high.

Cost for parking is high. Especially if all the residential parking is far for some dorms along with increase spaces for teachers and metered lots

Cost is too high, for the lack of availability usually. Freshmen shouldn't be allowed to drive

Current freshman would be paying the same amount for parking every year as they progress up the ranks. This is kind of unfair because currently, the prices go down as you move up the classes.

Currently I am paying over \$300 for a parking permit that I still am not able to fully utilize. Yes, there needs to be more parking and I am fully supportive of that. However, I do not want to continue paying for something that will most likely not be constructed until I graduate. I also believe that parking permits ought to cost less due to the wide inability to even park in lots that are under .7 miles away from central campus...

Even with new spaces coming there is still not enough for residents. Our fee should not be increase as much as is proposed.

freshman need more parking areas its ridiculous. You need to accommodate for such a huge class with all these extra people that will be coming in

Freshman shouldn't be able to have their car on campus. Parking is limited anyway so increasing the cost is absurd. The students aren't even getting what they paid for right now.

GET MORE PARKING SPACES!!!!!!

had a feeling the prices would increase but not entirely happy about it. only have no opinion cause i knew it was coming.

How can you increase fees for parking that is not there?

I already pay almost 300\$ for awful parking services a year and to see that their is going to be an increase in price, there better be better options all around for parking and transportation services. More lots different lot assignments, make the campus more accessible for students. Commuters, faculty and visitors.

I am a commuter, and I already didn't appreciate being sent to the outskirts of campus. Now you are proposing to charge more for the worst parking on campus.

I am a commuter, but will be a senior, it seems unfair that I will be paying almost double what residents pay when I am also paying for the gas to get there and the living expenses associated with being off campus

I am absolutely not supportive of this. Parking is terrible! It is so bad! And you should not be able to charge us more for a situation that should have been taken care of years ago, what have you done with all the parking fees for years, when you haven't added any parking? It's ridiculous and I am opposed to you upping this price!

I am hoping that the parking will be a lot better if the prices are going up. That means i will be paying the same price I paid in the last year so There should be better parking options or a new plan set in place.

I am in full support of the increase IF a parking garage is built. Parking for commuters on campus is extremely difficult. Administration keeps saying tha there is plenty of parking but that is only partially true. As a commuter I sometimes have to drive around for 15+ miunutes looking for a spot only to have availbility on the opposite side of campus from where my classes are. CatTran timing is not always conducive to getting to class on time either making the commute even more stressful. I leave an hour and a half before my class time just to still have to park in the baseball lot and walk across campus to my classes. I only live 45 minutes away so that means I spend another 45 minutes looking for parking and getting to class. That, to me, is lost study time which, as a non-traditional commuter student, is unacceptable. Not everyone has the option of living on campus, parking should not add more stress to a students day and life. For what wew pay for a parking pass there should be more parking and it should be more evenly distributed.

I am only supportive of this IF parking lots will actually be built. Paying that much just for the ability to compete for parking spots is a little ridiculous.

I am supportive of the new paring area being built, however i do not like the increase of the price in the 2019-2020 year.

I believe it is ridiculous for parking fees to increase. It is unfair to the students that have to pay these large fees to park extremely far away. I have to leave my apartment 45min early every day to make sure I am able to get a spot and get to class on. A suggestion to help with this that I always hear from parking services is to take the cat tran.... It's not that easy. Cat trans do not come by in a timely manner no matter what they say. You have to leave even earlier to catch a cat tran to class to insure you have enough time.

I believe that commuters should have lower fees, or at least decreasing fees as they progress. Commuters' cars are parked on campus for shorter amounts of time, yet commuters will pay \$36 more than a senior parking on campus.

I believe that the parking cost is very expensive as it is, but at the same time the cost of tuition going down would make the high prices of parking more reasonable.

I believe that the parking fee is to much if all we have are the options we have now. Especially as a Greek person, it is very difficult for me to go to things at the village when I have to hike a mile to get down there.

I believe the lower academic levels such as freshman should be paying more. This way they would be discouraged from bring cars to school and there would not be such a problem with parking.

I cannot support any increase in the price of any individual component of higher education.

I do not see an increase in commuter pricing. Even though I'm sure there will be. I support this, maybe with this funding you work on getting off campous trams again.

i don't have a car so it does not apply to me.

I don't understand why we sell more parking than there is available. Increasing the cost when students AND TEACHERS are not able to find a spot within their respective lots is ridiculous. I see that you'll be making more lots but we have heard that before and I doubt they will be usable by next year. I also don't see why commuter parking spots are so expensive. We leave, usually early on, every day. The only reason I can see that they are so much more expensive is because we are the only people that have to drive every day. Residence can leave their cars at home. I get that a school is a business but don't act like your "doing the best for us" when all we are are dollar signs to you.

I feel like parking tickets shouldnâ€™t increase. There already be no parking. We basically paying a lot of money for a parking space thatâ€™s not guaranteed

I have been a senior for a year, probably two years. I keep getting charged the Junior Residential rate, no matter what. The system is broken. I would rather pay to park in a metered lot daily than to keep paying \$252 for a parking pass that I cannot use. My classes are on the opposite side of campus than the parking lots. There simply is no parking for anyone who is in Liberal Arts. As an older student (I am 43), I do not have time to wait around and ride busses for extended periods of time. I need to get to my classes and get to my car. I have a life and the parking at WCU takes time that I do not have. Parking at WCU is a joke now, and paying an extra \$75 a year is a slap in the face when I get nothing for the \$252 I have been paying - nothing.

I have been at WCU for almost 4 1/2 years now. The price has never dropped for me. Always increased.

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| I have no vehicle. |
| I heard that parking was suppose to go down each year. To find out that I have to pay the same amount next year is disheartening. |
| I honestly think that freshman parking needs to decrease or be completely taken away. If it is not feasible to take away freshman parking I think it should seriously be considered to limit freshman parking to one lot and either make passes on a first come first serve basis or a lottery. We are running out of space for both commuters and residents, either a parking garage needs to be created (which was promised to us in 2014) or parking needs to decrease for underclassmen. This is our unfortunate reality. |
| I imagine future incoming freshman classes will only continue to grow, therefore, raising prices for parking permits will limit the amount of drivers as well as the amount of new parking lots we will have to make. |
| I like the addition of parking, but there's no reason why sophomores should have to pay the same price as freshmen (2019-2020) |
| I paid \$248 my freshman year but instead of seeing a decrease my Sophomore year, I saw an increase to \$288. That was ridiculous! Now you want to require me to pay the same amount my Junior and Senior years??? Where is the benefit of investing my time and MONEY in WCU when I am penalized by constant increases? |
| I pay hundreds of dollars already, for a parking spot that does not exist half the time. Do not charge me extra for parking I will never benefit from. Make the freshmen parking a lottery, and give commuters more parking. Several times a week, there are 0 student parking spaces right next to a half-filled faculty/staff lot. Parking is a nightmare each morning, and we do need more parking; however, you have to give us more parking NOW if you are going to charge US for it. PLEASE! |
| I personally feel freshman should not be allowed to have a car on campus. |
| I support as long as there is an increase in available parking. |
| I support the building of new parking lots, however I am not in favor of increasing the prices to this extent but it must be done if we need more parking which we do very badly. However, I don't support it because I more than likely will not be here or will not be able to use the new parking lots. |
| I support this if we are actually going to get more places to park. Because now it is a ridiculous. |
| I think parking is absolutely fine. People are just too lazy to walk. |
| I think this is by far the worst raise in costs. We already have nowhere to park but now are being charged extra for it. The police give out tickets like candy. Not all of us have enough money to be paying for a useless parking ticket when most of the time we have nowhere to park anyway. |
| I understand they are trying to increase parking but for a commuter to have to pay over 300\$ for a pass if they are technically a senior or graduate student is quite ridiculous. |
| I will be a senior next year, therefore I will not be able to use these benefits of the new parking arrangements. |
| I wish that parking fee was a little more lower like 288 and the decrease from there because it sometimes it is harder for people who want to have their car on campus with then even though they live about maybe 7 to 8 hours away,and they don't have the money to pay for parking pass |
| I wish there were more designated freshman parking lots. |
| I'm not supportive because I will have to be paying the same price all throughout my time at Western when the price is supposed to be going down. But I'm not too upset because it's not going up. |
| If more parking is put in place, then I am supportive of pay increases. |
| If this helps put a parking deck across from Judaculla, please take my money. |
| If we get better parking I might be willing to pay these prices but since I can't even find a spot and have to pay almost \$300 I think it's outrageous and you should limit who can get a parking pass |
| If we want to have cars we have to have a place to park them! |
| If you are going to give freshman such limited options in regards to parking, they should not have the most expensive parking expenses. They are students just like everyone else and they pay for living and tuition and fees as much as the upper-classmen do. |
| I'm a freshman this year and I will not be having a price decrease until I graduate. |

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| I'm not supportive if I don't get use use and take advantage of the extra parking... there should be no increase in fees until the new parking is finished and made available. |
| I'm not thrilled about an increase, but if it means more parking then I'm all for it. |
| I'm paying the same amount as this year as next year so it doesn't really affect me. |
| I'm poor |
| It is not that much |
| It is too expensive. |
| It was always a privilege to go up each year in standing and have the price of a parking ticket go down. Now itâ€™s gone and itâ€™s seems very unfair to the upperclassmen who worked to go up a year and were expecting the proven to go down. Itâ€™s ridiculous that there is an increase and Iâ€™ll have to pay the same amount of money each year for parking until I graduate. Ridiculous. |
| Itâ€™s already too high and I had to opt out of health care to get a parking pass this year |
| It's already a rip-off for the worlds shittiest parking... Why the fuck would anyone think charging more is the course of action to take? Find the money somewhere else. |
| ItS ALREADY EXPENSIVE ENOUGH THIS IS RIDICULOUS |
| Its not fair or logical to make commuters pay same as juniors. Commuters parking options are pretty crappy. They also have to worry about rent and other necessities they dont need to be extremely worried about a parking pass. Some people are off campus for medical reasons so its not their fault they can not live on campus. |
| More commuter parking is needed. |
| More parking would be beneficial |
| Most of the time I don't have parking where I need it, so I don't wanna pay the same amount i did this year for next year. |
| My sister and I will have one vehicle on campus to share. |
| Never excited to pay more & it will cost me more to park than my academic standing on campus will charge. |
| Next year I will be a senior and I will still be a commuter, so the price won't change for me. I will not be here in 2019-2020, so the increase will not affect me. |
| NO PARKING INCREASES WITH OUT A PARKING DECK ON THE RADAR. |
| Not enough parking |
| Not enough parking spaces for the amount of money that you pay |
| Not super supportive or unsupportive. I would be supportive if they were going to parking projects more central to lower campus. Not as far out at Norton. |
| Once again |
| Parking blows and just keeps getting shittier, I'd fire the guy in charge honestly. |
| Parking fee is only supposed to be a once a year fee not two and we should have commuter rates for the different classes like they have the different residential classes. |
| Parking fees are already out the ass and itâ€™s evident there is lack of parking. So the university either needs to build a parking garage or stop selling more parking passes then there is spots. |
| Parking fees are high considering that I can rarely find a spot close to my dorm. |
| Parking fees are ridiculous considering you do not have another option than to park on campus |
| Parking fees are ridiculously high and we donâ€™t even have enough parking. Why are we paying so much for no parking spots? |
| PARKING GARAGE |
| Parking is a hassle every single day of every single year. There are different ways to make it better but it never seems to go in that direction. Why do the students have to suffer for what parking services choses to Do? Raising the cost of parking passes helps nobody. |
| Parking is already an issue for many people, and charging more before the problems are properly addressed is a poor solution. The cat tran is not a solution, let it go. |
| Parking is already expensive. |

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| Parking is already ridiculous |
| Parking is already ridiculously expensive and there isn't enough spaces anyway for Freshman, also why would anyone pay \$400 a year for the worst parking available. That's ridiculous. |
| Parking is awful here on campus. I do not believe we should pay more when we cannot find places to park currently. As said before, money for projects like this could be coming from state/federal funds. We are a UNC system university. We generate large amounts of revenue from sporting events as well that could be used to help to fund parking needs. As students, we can not afford much of a price increase. especially those of us who rely on financial aid to attend because if cost of attendance outweighs our award amount, it could prevent us from attending. |
| Parking is constrained already. Who should we pay more if spaces are not available and convenient to the resident dorm? If this is a way to punish drivers and try to stop cars for students, then make that the policy - and you won't have any students of course. Otherwise, provide more parking if you are increasing costs use the funds to build multi-level garages - up not out. |
| Parking is not guaranteed, and I feel as though it is wrong to increase prices when we are not guaranteed parking. |
| Parking is scarce. Freshmen should not be able to drive. |
| Parking is so terrible I am not willing to pay more for something I am not even promised that I will have a spot or have to spend 30 min looking for one. |
| Parking is TERRIBLE on campus. THIS OF ALL THINGS SHOULD NOT BE RAISED! I know that they are adding parking, HOWEVER, they will ALSO take away residential parking just like they did this past year. |
| Parking isn't good at all so I honestly don't support this unless we are getting more parking! |
| parking on campus as a commuter is hard enough why raise the prices for a decal when you can reduce the amount of freshman parking. as a commtuer freshman should not be able to have cars in college |
| Parking should NOT be that expensive |
| Parking spots need to be increased. Freshman parking is way over priced especially when many times the lots are full and have to park a mile off main campus. There are so many more spots on campus that are not utilized. |
| Parking was a big debate before I decided to buy a parking pass. It's expensive |
| PARKINGS ALREADY FUCKED FUCK OFF |
| Paying that much for parking when there is barely enough reasonable spots is ridiculous. |
| People are going to be drawn to Western because of its affordability. Parking passes do not need to rise to 400 for a freshman, not should a sophomore pay the same amount as a freshman for parking. |
| Please make parking fee cheaper |
| Really? Come on! |
| Some groups seem to be getting larger increases than others... I'm not sure about the logic behind the pricing. |
| Some students have to pay everything for college. If it's going to be more expensive, waivers should be given to students who can prove that they are paying for everything and pay less than the normal price or they may not even bring their car to campus at all because of the increases. |
| Soon to be a commuter next year, I will be a senior and I think there should also be a fee for senior commuters about around the price as the senior residents. |
| Sophomore should not have to pay high prices when there isn't much parking on campus now as freshmen |
| Stop letting freshmen bring cars, it's a privilege and unfortunately we don't have enough parking. |
| STOP OVERSELLING PARKING I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY TO NOT GET A SPOT. |
| Stop raising the prices for us to park when there isn't even parking spots available half of the time |
| Students shouldn't have to pay for parking construction before it occurs. Raised parking rates do not reflect the rural property values in Cullowhee. |

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| Support only if people like me who are graduating in December get the option to pay per semester. To me, this is about 2 week pay check total at my job at home and doesn't leave me any money for car gas or bills. |
| Thank you for the comparison! regardless, parking is already way too expensive. I understand the need for more lots but \$324 is an adequate cost in my opinion. Also we wouldn't need more parking lots if freshman weren't allowed to have a car on campus. We are a walking campus!!!! |
| That is outrageous |
| thats completly unfair |
| That's great that they are planning for more parking but I feel it still will not be enough. It's ridiculous how much we have to pay to park and I'm still having to use and pay for parking at the parking meters just to get a decent parking spot. |
| The \$324 fee to park is ridiculous already. It does NOT need to increase |
| The additional parking that is being built is going to be fantastic! Still not understanding the increase if we are cutting tution and trying to make everything affordable. |
| The parking at Western is already absurd as it is and the changes are not worthy of that large of a price increase. |
| The parking fee is actually a car storage fee as the parking space I paid \$324 for is so far away I can not utilize my car. I have purchase a bike and then had to pay a fee for the use of my bike. For those that do not live close to the college we have to have a vehicle on campus somewhere so that we can travel home. It would be nice to have a less expensive parking fee for a remote lot. Then have a more expensive fee for cars that are parked closer to the campus or to the dorms. |
| The parking fee is already very high, and with the lack of parking availability, it is a struggle to find parking on campus at any time. As a resident, I would expand resident parking before increasing prices so that there is a greater incentive to purchase parking. |
| The parking fee is very high, especially considering the lack of parking - if you have to park past the stadium, a cat tran should run more frequently from that location. This is especially frustrating for myself, as a commuter. I try to get to campus early to find a place to park, but if I ever run late, I have to park more than half a mile from my class. PARKING GARAGE! Visit the one at ABTech, it's amazing and incredibly effective. |
| The parking lots wont even be done when im here so i dont feel i should pay for something i wont get to use |
| The parking on campus is absolutely ridiculous. It's insane that we have to pay so much money and end up walking a mile to our spot. It is completely absurd to think that price is increasing further. Ridiculous doesn't even begin to describe the increaeases. Tuition goes down and everything else goes up. |
| The parking pass fee is RIDICULOUS. We pay 19,000 some odd dollars a year to attend this wonderful school but \$400 for a parking pass is nothing short of insane. |
| The parking services on campus are not worth this increase in parking passes. |
| The parking situation is outrageous, we currently have no parking and you want me to pay you more money to make more faculty parking spots when you can't even keep enough parking spots for the parking passes you already give out! Why not make the chancellor and most of the upper level employees take pay cuts each year to make more parking rather then giving them bonuses! I believe if you redistribute funds from the over payed elite members of the staff that you not only would have more parking spots but you might also stop building new buildings and start renovating the old ones. This school already gets 75% of my paycheck, I can barely feed myself let alone pay for gas to get to school so maybe we should try and disperse the funds from the school correctly and we might actually be an amazing school that students want to attend. |
| The prices continue to seem reasonable to me |
| There are not enough parking spaces for the amount of parking passes the schools sell. Stop stealing our money. |
| There are not enough parking to start with, I want to know how my money is being spent to help to park. |

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| There are other methods to increase parking availability on campus without raising fees, it reflects badly on Western that those methods were not considered before turning to a method which takes money away from not only students, but also faculty. |
| There have been way too many issues with parking in the past and youâ€™re NOT guaranteed a spot AT YOUR OWN DORM. |
| There is no point in lowering tuition if all other prices increase. It's not saving anyone money that way. |
| There isn't enough parking now and increasing the price will only irritate a large portion of students. |
| Thereâ€™s already not enough parking and students have to spend so much time finding it. I find it absolutely ridiculous that the price is going up for crappy parking. |
| There's no need for parking to be this expensive. |
| These parking fees are ridiculous |
| They is so little parking, increasing the price of a parking pass is unless is the parking is not going to increase its self |
| This depends on how much quality of parking increases next year, keeping in mind the increase of new students. If parking stays the same for upperclassmen who don't live in Norton or the village, and commuter parking stays the same (having to pay a parking fee if you come to campus late, even after already paying for a parking pass), then I do not support it. |
| This increase is absolutely absurd since those who are going next years parking prices will not decrease |
| This is absolutely ridiculous. |
| This is another "fee" that students are required to put out which is outrageous. Students should not have to pay an additional amount just to park on campus. |
| To be honest I am supportive of this, the reason why is we do need more parking and how much complaints that have been happening its about time. Though cost may and rising every where around campus I feel this is one I could agree on. |
| Too expensive we pay to much to get ticketed by bully officers and crappy far lots |
| Unless there are more spots opened up to students, both residential and commuter, keep parking costs the same. |
| Until the cat tran runs to Ingles and Walmart, we need to ensure that even those who live on campus have cars to get to the grocery store... Parking has been a problem for years and though we have seen structural improvements to WCU (Noble), there has not a reflective construction of parking structures on campus. As long as there is no public transportation and campus is hard to get healthy fresh groceries at, parking structures should be a *priority*, not an afterthought. |
| We can't even park within miles of our building this is ridiculous |
| We desperately need better parking and I understand it cannot be improved without financial support |
| We need more and better facilities if these rates are increasing, Parking should be less of an issue if we are going to pay more. |
| WE NEED MORE PARKING FOR STUDENTS!!!! I am tired of petty traffic tickets because there are 30 spots at Reynolds for 1000+ kids. The entire upper campus road needs SERIOUS construction! I am thinking about starting a petition to get this done. it's only a matter of time before those pot-holes cause damage to someone's vehicle. Nothing short of COMPLETE neglect for the upper campus and it's not fair to upper-classmen. Where does our parking pass money go? to keep the traffic "police" on the payroll? PLEASE start putting our money where it belongs. |
| We pay so much now and are lucky to find a parking |
| We were told when we enrolled in 2014 that parking would decrease each year we were enrolled. It has not happened one bit. It makes WCU seem like a bunch of liars. You are making us pay more, but taking away parking, especially for commuters. Give us more commuter parking and I'll be willing to pay more |
| When I go up in class status, I should not have to pay the exact same amount of money I did my previous year. Hell My sophomore parking currently costs more then last years freshmen parking. Find a better distribution method. |

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| Where has all the money been going previously?. Parking on campus is a nightmare due to more cars than there being spaces for. Are these going to be parking decks or parking lots? Parking decks are obviously needed more. |
| While I hope that parking is able to increase, some of these cost increases are overly high. |
| Why increase the price of parking? There is really no reason to. |
| Why is the commutor so much |
| Why should I have to pay that much to live and park on campus. I can't park even park near my classes and the meter lots is too expensive. I feel like a piggy bank and the big bad wolf is taking all my money for the theses renovations and the increased percentages. |
| Will the construction happen quickly? What guarentee of the lcompletion of the lots do we have? |
| with the current state of parking on campus, and the EXTREME difficult of finding adequate parking the rate should not be increased. Caps on parking passes issued should be given. |
| Wow! \$300 for a parking spot? I knew parking was bad but I didn't know it was that bad. |
| Y'all are charging too much . Unfair |
| You must make a lot of Parking fines! It is clear there is not enough parking |
| You need to figure out another way to get money for the school if you can't pay for parking lots to accommodate all the students you accept. You accept so many students then force us all to pick up the slack that you create with special projects like this. We aren't in control of how much money the university makes, you are. Figure it out without pulling shitty stunts like this! I'm sure you have someone filling a position whose job it is to figure out shit like this, stop forcing it on the students! |
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| Comments on the late Late Graduation Fee: |
| '-___- Just don't let them graduate for fucks sake! If someone can't meet the graduation deadline, which is a very important deadline for them, what makes you think they're ready for the workforce which is FULL of deadlines EVERY SINGLE DAY when they can't meet the most important deadline for their college degree? |
| Don't apply for graduation late! |
| Fee, fee, fee. "Let's hit them one last time before we get rid of them." |
| Get your stuff in on time and you don't have to worry about the late fee. If there is university based reason for being late, then have the late fee waived. |
| I agree with a Late Graduation Fee because applying after the deadline creates extra work for people involved in the process. I think \$60 is a bit high... maybe increase to \$60 over a few years. |
| I believe students should be held responsible when meeting deadlines, and if they do not, and have no valid reason, should be charged a fee. |
| I feel like this is a punishment to students who do not finish on time and this may not be appropriate based on the situations that can arise of someone graduating late. |
| I feel like we have to make money somehow and that is fine, but I would have an issue if the graduation deadline was extremely vague so more people have to pay it. |
| I hope to graduate on time. |
| I know regardless of what my answers are, this shit is still going to go through. I appreciate the thought but again, as a student I am insulted. I shouldn't even have to pay to graduate in the first place. I already spent all the money for tuition/food/housing. |
| I support as it prompts students to take initiative. |
| If someone misses a deadline that's their fault when it's made obvious ahead of time. |
| If students apply late, they should be penalized for the extra administrative work to allow them to graduate. |
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| If they are mature enough to graduate they are mature enough to keep up with their responsibilities. This will be an initiative also to turn in their information on time as well as creating less of a hectic and stress for the people working with graduation programs |
| If they cant remember to apply on time, I say go for it. |

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| If you are late there should be consequences. It is not like us seniors get enough notice from the beginning of the year |
| If you can't graduate on time that's your own problem. Keep up with your classes |
| If you're trying to graduate you should apply on time so I support this as it's a penalty for being late. |
| Is this charge only relevant if you miss the deadline not if you are graduating "late" (after the proposed four years)? If so then yes a fee for missing the application deadline is fine. |
| It seems like the university just wants to make more money here. Take it out of the chancellor's paycheck if you need more money. He has enough of it. |
| Kindly stop behaving like a for profit business trying to take every last penny you can get out of us for made up reasons. |
| Long as the money helps add to parking budget, I'm all for it. |
| Not following directions = fee! |
| Sometimes filing late is a financial decision. If you have to choose between paying the rent, electric, etc. or paying your graduation fee on time, the bill wins. Paying late is not always laziness, disorganization, or irresponsibility. Life happens and sometimes, especially as a student, you don't always have enough money to pay everything on time. |
| Sometimes it is not a student's fault that they are graduating late. Sometimes it is because a course is not offered in the time they can take it, and they have to add an extra semester. |
| Stop trying to suck money out of us. We do what we can. Not all of us have mom and dad to pay for our schooling, some of us are completely on our own and we don't need you making things harder than they have to be. |
| Students are paying for their education. THEY PAY WESTERN ENOUGH MONEY! Again, another scam. |
| That's not fair. They are trying to graduate. People get busy and things slip their mind. Just let them graduate and move on with their lives. |
| there are deadlines for reasons |
| This is ridiculous, students should not be punished for something they have no control over. Many students come in the first year without knowing what exactly they want to do. Once they figure out what they want to do a lot of times this sets them back and off track of graduating on time. This is not their fault, they already are paying an outrageous amount to WCU they should not be charged. |
| Too many fees/fines. Negative effect on students. |
| Understanding that the reason for the delay is the student's fault. If a student can't finish courses required for major due to them not being offered or enough instances of them being available then the fee should NOT apply. |
| What is the point? It is unnecessary. Where would the money go? |
| Why punish senior who have already paid so much to this institution? Graduating is stressful and penalizing seniors with a fee is insensitive. Most graduates are already stressed about finances already, why take more? |
| Why would you punish people for not graduating in a recommended window of time? Not even half of ever class ends up graduating in four years. That's shitty to make people pay a late fee for graduation. I hate going to school here already and you're making it worse. |
| Why, it's mostly the school's fault for these kinds of things happening! Again stop trying to make more money and just use the money you get wisely! You already make teachers pay for parking along with students, you've had pay cuts on the "lower level employees" that do 9,000 times more than our chancellor who gets paid to show up to events and look like him and his wife don't have marital problems when we all can tell! Once again maybe if you tried to disperse money correctly and maybe take money away from sports then our school could be absolutely amazing! people don't come to college to play sports we come to learn! Sports are just an added bonus NOT a necessity!!! |
| You're signing up late after I'm sure you've had enough time. I think a fee should apply. |
| Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Engineering Major Fee - \$75 |
| Bullcrap |

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| Does not apply to me |
| Fine with it |
| I don't know what they use or need. |
| I'm not a major |
| More fees because of tuition program. |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| NA |
| No comment |
| No increases |
| No opinion |
| No opinion |
| None |
| Not in it |
| not in support |
| Not informed enough about the major |
| Not supportive |
| Reasonable. Has remained the same each year. Provides a lot for students at a reasonable price. Especially since software and equipment can be really expensive. |
| seems fine |
| Should have more printing allowance out of this fee and a way to keep track of that allowance. |
| stayed the same |
| Stupid |
| That's fine with me. |
| This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEES! I should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, mea plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY! |
| Too much |
| What does this get used for? |
| WHY ARE THERE FEES FOR DEGREES AT ALL?????? I don't have to pay for either of my degrees? |
| Why is there a fee for this? Does it have to be so high? |
| Why should we pay for engineering if we aren't an engineering major |
| Yes |
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| Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Fine Arts Major Fee - \$125 |
| Absolutely Ridiculous, these students already pay huge amounts of money for music, arts supplies, accompanists, lesson books. Charging the students any more is a crime |
| Does not apply to me |
| Dumb as fuck |
| How is this used? |
| I don't really have a problem with this because i know it's necessary. |
| If it doesn't increase, it's fine. |
| If we are paying for this i shoulnt have to take 200\$ out of my own pocket for one class for supplies |
| If we pay more does that mean we can havemore practice rooms? |
| I'm not a major |
| More fees because of tuition program. |
| My issue is that we already have to pay for everything we bring, so why are we being charged? |
| N/A |
| N/A |
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| No comment |

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| No comment |
| NO increases |
| No opinion |
| none |
| Not in it |
| not in support |
| Not supportive |
| Overpriced |
| Same as above |
| Stayed the same |
| This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEES! should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, mea plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY! |
| To high |
| Why is there a fee for this? Does it have to be so high? |
| Why? |
| Yes |
| You need to charge a fee equal to the amount of supplies we should be expected to supply for ourselves for projects. I'm living on fucking cheese sandwiches because I can't afford to eat on campus because its too fucking expensive and I have already spent over \$600 on materials and running around trying to source materials that I don't have any money left to eat food. If you raise this and provide more for the students, at least then I can get financial aid to pay for it and it won't cut into my refund which is my only source of income for the semester for food! |
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| Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Initial Professional Ed Sequence Course Fee - \$72 |
| Does not apply to me |
| I don't really have a problem with this. |
| It's fine |
| More fees because of tuition program. |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| NA |
| No comment |
| No increases |
| No opinion |
| No opinion |
| none |
| not in support |
| Not in this course |
| Not supportive |
| Same as above |
| Stayed the same |
| Terrible |
| This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEES! should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, mea plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY! |
| What is this used for? |
| Why is there a fee for this? Does it have to be so high? |
| Why? |

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| WHY??? |
| Yes |
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| Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Cooperating Teachers Stipend Course Fee - \$150 |
| Does not apply to me |
| Idk what that is |
| More fees because of tuition program. |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| NA |
| No comment |
| No increases |
| No opinion |
| No opinion |
| none |
| not in support |
| Not in this course |
| Not supportive |
| Same as above |
| Stayed the same |
| This I feel is ridiculous Makes no since we teach for them and they get payed and this. And we have to supply most of our teaching supplies, work full time for free and then pay to teach. We barely have time to work to make money for all we need |
| This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEESI should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, mea plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY! |
| To high |
| What is this used for? |
| Why is there a fee for this? Does it have to be so high? |
| Why? |
| WHY???? Use the chancellors money not mine! |
| Yes |
| |
| Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Athletic Training Program Fee - \$200 |
| Does not apply to me |
| How is this used? |
| I barely go to any athletic events why the hell should I be charged for it. |
| it is what it is |
| It surprises me that one of the highest fee's a University has is in sports. This is not, and should not be a priority for students. Shouldn't the focus be toward education? I don't attend, watch, or participate in sports-so I don't see why I should be funding it. According to these numbers, it seems that we care four times more about Athletics than the Environment. |
| More fees because of tuition program. |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| NA |
| No |
| No comment |

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| NO increases |
| No opinion |
| No opinion |
| none |
| Not in it |
| not in support |
| Not in this program |
| Not supportive |
| Please keep it \$50 |
| Stayed the same |
| This is just getting ridiculous! |
| This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEESI should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, mea plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY! |
| To high |
| Too high. |
| Way too much |
| Why is there a fee for this? Does it have to be so high? |
| |
| Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Dietetics Program Fee - \$125 |
| Does not apply to me |
| I cant get vegetatian options so no |
| More fees because of tuition program. |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| NA |
| No increases |
| No comment |
| No opinion |
| No opinion |
| none |
| Not a fan |
| not in support |
| Not in this program |
| Not supportive |
| Stayed the same |
| Stupid AS FUCK |
| This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEESI should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, mea plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY! |
| To high |
| What is this used for? |
| Why is there a fee for this? Does it have to be so high? |
| Yes |
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| Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Recreational Therapy Program Fee - \$50 |
| ANNOYING ME RIGHT NOW |
| Does not apply to me |
| Eh |
| How is this used? |

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| More fees because of tuition program. |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| NA |
| No |
| No change from before. |
| No comment |
| No increases |
| No opinion |
| No opinion |
| none |
| not in support |
| Not in this program |
| Not supportive |
| not supportive, I am already giving so much to be able to partake in this school I should not have to pay more because I chose that career path. |
| Same as above |
| Stayed the same |
| That's fine |
| This is reasonable. |
| This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEES! should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, meal plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY! |
| Why is there a fee for this? Does it have to be so high? |
| Yes |
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| Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Emergency Medical Care Program Fee - \$350 |
| |
| Does not apply to me |
| More fees because of tuition program. |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| NA |
| No |
| No comment |
| No Increases |
| No opinion |
| No opinion |
| none |
| not in support |
| Not in this program |
| Not supportive |
| Shouldn't be that high |
| Stayed the same |
| That's a lot but okay |
| That's a lot of extra charges to learn how to save lives. |
| This is the highest program fee... where is this money going |
| This is too high for what students already pay. |

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To high

Understand

We have to pay that to learn how to save lives?

What is this used for?

Why is there a fee for this? Does it have to be so high?

WHY??? THEY LITERALLY SAVE LIVES AND GET SHITTY PAY

Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Environmental Health Program Fee - \$50

Does not apply to me

How is this used?

More fees because of tuition program.

N/A

N/A

N/A

NA

No comment

No Increases

No opinion

No opinion

none

Not in it

not in support

Not in this program

Not supportive

OMG IT'S ENVIORNMENTAL HEALTH!! WE LITERALLY JUST HAD MAJOR WILDFIRES LAST YEAR WE NEED ENVIORNMENTAL SCIENTISTS YOU BIGGOTED ASSHOLES

Stayed the same

Sure

This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEESI should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, mea plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY!

Understandable

Why is there a fee for this? Does it have to be so high?

Yes

Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Social Work Program Fee - \$175

Does not apply to me

How is this used?

I feel like every program on this should be at least \$100

More fees because of tuition program.

N/A

N/A

N/A

NA

No comment

No increases

No opinion

No opinion

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| none |
| Nope |
| Not in it |
| not in support |
| Not in this program |
| Not supportive |
| Stayed the same |
| THEY LITERALLY HELP PEOPLE IN SO MANY WAYS AND ARE UNDER APPRECIATED WHY NOT TACKLE THE BIGGER PROBLEMS HERE |
| This is absolutely ridiculous |
| This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEES! should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, mea plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY! |
| To high |
| Why is there a fee for this? Does it have to be so high? |
| Why??? |
| Yes |
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| Comments on undergraduate major, course, and program fees: - Honors College Program Fee - \$7.50 |
| does this really make a difference? |
| Fair |
| Good! Cheap! Keep it that way! |
| I am in this program so it is okay |
| I don't understand what the honors college is giving me from this fee. |
| I DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT THIS BECAUSE PEOPLE CAN AFFORD \$8 |
| I feel as if this should go up in price and the others should not. This is a huge honor to have and people should take it seriously. Raising its price could make it a little more worth while. |
| I get this because the honors college puts on events with this money. Still wish it was worth it to be in the honors college |
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| I have no problem with this |
| I should not have to pay an extra fee for being an honors student. |
| If I'm not in the honors college I shouldn't have a fee for it. |
| It's fine |
| Manageable |
| More fees because of tuition program. |
| N/A |
| No comment |
| No comment |
| No Increases |
| No opinion |
| Not bad. |
| Not in it |
| not in support |
| Not supportive |
| Should have no fee for my academic achievement |
| small enough that it won't impact student's choice to be in the program |
| Stayed the same. |
| supportive |
| This could increase and not be a big deal. |
| This is not bad. |
| This one I support |

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| This seems fine, I don't know what it covers, but it could be too low. |
| This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEES! should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, meal plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY! |
| What are we being charged for exactly? |
| What is this used for? |
| Why is there a fee for the honors college? |
| Why is there a fee for this? |
| Worthless, the way I see it, the Honors College is using my fee to pay for programs I don't participate in. |
| Yes |
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| Comments on mandatory fees: |
| "Debt service" should be made up for by the increased activity in the renovated buildings. I believe a parking deck would likely return more benefits to the students than a steak and shake. |
| A number of these mandatory fees should not apply to all students and we should have the option of opting out. |
| Again, students should not have to suffer another fee increase. |
| As an out-of-state student , THANK-YOU for not increasing items that do not have to be increased. |
| Athletic fee is the least important to me because if a student is not involved in athletics then they should not be required to pay that fee. |
| Athletic fees should not be mandatory for a football team that never earns in the green in funding |
| Athletic fees shouldn't be barged for people who are not athletes or people who require financial aid / loans. That's not fair. |
| Athletics fee is too high - I want to opt out of the fee. |
| Athletics should not be mandatory for students who don't watch, participate, or attend any athletic event. |
| Books and parking. Don't care about the rest. |
| Charge the athletes for the athletic fee. |
| Decrease these fees! |
| I attend the Biltmore Campus and think some of these fees should not be charged unless on the Cullowhee campus. |
| I can't eat at the dining hall or most locations on campus, so it's stupid I'm being given a fee for it. I do not support or take part in athletics, I'm here to learn, so I'm mad I have to pay for that. A lot of this stuff doesn't apply to me or most students so it's a rip off. |
| I do not believe there should be mandatory fees. I am struggling to pay for college as it is and would appreciate not having a fee to go to home sporting events I don't go to. |
| I don't feel supporting athletics should be a mandatory fee as most of the student body doesn't participate or care about it |
| I don't know what the documents fee is because we still have to pay for printing. Also I believe that the Bird building should file any charges with my insurance since I gave it to them. There is no reason to not file if you have the information. |
| I know some fees are necessary but not all have to increase. |

I rarely use the Medical Facilities. I would rather be charged on a per usage basis or have certain plans offered. These other fees are annoying as well since I do not use nor benefit or rarely benefit from these services (less than five times a year).
The book rental system is very useful, so I appreciate this service.

However, I am studying abroad, and I am very upset to face these mandatory fees for services I cannot in any way use because I AM NOT IN THE COUNTRY. As university services, I can understand paying them while I am on campus because if I choose not to use them, that is my own prerogative. However, there is no way I can use health services, or the cattran, or go to games, or rent books, or participate in any student activities because again, I am NOT in the country, I am very very very irked by this system.

I also wanted to earn credit by taking online classes at WCU while studying abroad, and I was shocked to find out that the same fees are charged for every class. This forced me to take out loans, simply because I wanted to further my education during summer break. For example, I registered for 3 classes, so I was forced to pay every single mandatory fee three times. Again, if I was in Cullowhee, I wouldn't mind paying for these services as I could benefit from them, yet I cannot use any of them so I am shocked that this institution I respected would gouge students this terribly who just want to learn. These fees and this system are basically a penalty for any distance or study abroad student wanting to further their education.

I shouldn't be paying for "athletic fees" if I'm not involved with them.

I shouldn't have to pay for renovations that dont effect me

I shouldn't have to pay for the athletics few. My money shouldn't be going to something that won't help my education in no way.

I think Athletics fee and Student Activity fee should be paid by those who are active in those two areas. Why force everyone to contribute to things they arne't involved in? It's like offering free parking for everyone and charging people who don't own cars an additional fee.

I understand the whole college experience argument, but I do feel some fees go outside the needs of an education. It irritates me that I've had to take out student loans to cover fees so there can be a carnival with rides for homecoming.

I wish I knew what all these meant and what they applied

If the cattran was more commuter friendly for those that live off campus and do not have a vehicle I would be less frustrated with paying for it. I donâ€™t use the cattran I walk or bike to campus everyday why should I have to pay for something I donâ€™t use.

Increase fees for better outdoor recreation spaces like fields

Is there no other way?

It is crazy that I have incurred an athletic fee. Do not participate in sports nor have I gone to any sporting events this year, but we had to pay the fee.....

It is understandable, but stuff is already too expensive

No issues with these fees

Not sure for some of these I feel that all are important to our environment

Our equipment in the graphic design lab is so old that we literally had a 20 minute break in class because the professor's computer took forever to render what she was doing during a demonstration. This is ridiculous. We're expected to learn and become master students so that when we go out looking for jobs we make the university look good based on what we can accomplish. Wasting time in class due to having crap to work with is pretty counterintuitive to that line of reasoning.

Please lower the cost, not increase.

Please no more unnecessary charges

Pretty fair.

Quality of health services needs to increase. I only ever go there for notes if I miss a test or big assignment, because what I can due at home it better than what they have done for me here.

Students should not have to pay athletic fees if they do not participate in them.

Subdividing costs into dozens of different fees is a devious and misleading practice. There should be one charge that covers everything except food and room & board. I feel like I was intentionally misled with the promise of "\$500/semester tuition".

The amount of money each student has to pay for Athletics is ridiculous, even more so than the parking fee. How about instead of putting all that money towards athletics, put some of that toward new parking?

The athletic fee is the largest fee if memory serves. For students who do not attend games the free to claim tickets are pointless and a waste of countless dollars. The team played a major school and made \$1,000,000 if memory serves. Is that not enough before mandatory fees on nearly 11,000 students?

The athletics fee should be optional due to students like myself typically do not go any Athletic events.

The book rental fee is the only one that I like and want and agree with.

This is where they fuck my pocketbook the hardest.

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Transportation around the main campus should be reduced. I don't need to pay for social sorority and fraternity members to be bused to and from the village, or for residents on upper campus to ride the bus instead of walking up the hill. Have a main campus hub, some parking hubs, and west campus hub.

Unnecessary fees.

We need to lower them to make College more affordable

We shouldn't have a health service fee if we don't even use the health insurance under WCU, but the one's who do are already paying over \$1,000 for the insurance so why does there need to be a fee? A student activity fee is ridiculous considering those are promoted as "free", the book rental fee I do appreciate purely because it actually helps something. All the rest of these things should be easily taken care of with the ridiculous amount of money each student gives you every semester to attend this school.

whats a debt service fee?

Why do I have to pay a fee for Athletics? I'm not an athlete. If I want to support Athletics, I will buy a ticket to a football game. I also don't rent books through the college.

Why should we have to pay an athletic fee if we are not involved in athletics? I think it should be mandatory for people involved in athletics but optional for people not involved in athletics.

Why the fuck do I have to pay almost a grand per year to fund a failing athletic program if it can't sustain itself then let it die to a level where it can. It's not important to my education so why am I forced to pay for it in my education it's borderline illegal

YOU GUYS ARE RIDICULOUS

General Comments on Tuition and Fees:

All four of those are pretty important for anyone living on campus so I think it's silly to rank them. I need to live somewhere, I need internet to do homework, I need to be able to park somewhere, and I definitely need to eat.

All of the residential, meal, and parking fees are high priority to me and I found it difficult to rank them.

All the fees aren't applicable to every student at Western and therefore should not be mandatory

At open house you bragged that this was the cheapest unc system school. How true is that with all these fees?

Decrease these fees!!

Do not raise any rates.

Everything is too expensive.

Fees are prohibitive to attendance, especially for non-traditional students. I do not feel like I should have to support the athletic program in particular.

Glad to see reduced rates

I am a commuter, therefore the parking fees and meal plan pricing affect me greatly.

I disagree with the idea of fees to the upcoming dorms and meal plans.

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| I do not approve of charging increased tuition fees for students who have too many credit hours. It's ridiculous that students who have paid for so many credit hours, would get penalized for that. If anything there should be a reduced rate for being such a valued customer. |
| I do not have issues with these rates and I wouldn't really rate them if I didn't have to |
| I don't feel like you should have to pay to park at the place where you live, where you're forced to live. And even then, there still isn't nearly enough parking to accommodate every student. |
| I feel that if we are going to have tech charge the wifi actually should work, I shouldn't have to leave my building to do Homework |
| I hope the low tuition fee doesn't bring down the quality of students that attends this school. Western has a great reputation and I want it to stay that way. Thank you for listening. |
| I really think that if you're going to increase the prices on things such as the residential technology, then the wifi needs to be better. Living in a building such as Scott was absolute torture. Also selling more parking passes than there are spots is also torture. As a student who also works late night shifts off-campus, it's virtually impossible for me to find a parking spot. And if I do, it's at the lot near the HHS and the Cat tran would take 40 minutes to get to me that late at night. It's ridiculous |
| I sadly do not think that any of these rates should have increased in relation to the decrease in tuition. I understand the point of increasing them, but do not think it was necessary at the rate that it was increased. |
| I think the Board needs to be more cognizant of the fees. If it doesn't apply to all students, it's not fair to ask them to pay it. College is already a financial struggle for my family with 3 going to college this year and next year 4. |
| I think you are going over board with the room rates. Students may even leave with this increase of percentages. |
| I want to see Room Rates stay the same, not increase as planned. |
| If there is a need to increase the tuition now in order to make it cheaper in the future, I would rather everything continues to be how it has been and there be another resolution figured out. While I would love for my tuition to be cheaper, an increase is something I could not currently afford |
| In total, it seems that the fees charges are much more than at our other State Universities. |
| its too high. |
| Just because tuition is going down does not mean that the fees should go up just because they are going down, nor does that mean that students should have to pay for things in which they do not use nor will they use. Just because a new dorm is being built does not mean that we should be burdened with building it. |
| Library fees are unreasonable and excessive as are most other fees. |
| Looking forward to getting a great education at a new awesome price. |
| Not sure my opinion matters much on 3 of these since I'm a commuter and don't eat meals on campus but once a week. |
| Parking sucks and shouldn't go up. Meal plans shouldn't go up because the food isn't good. The Wi-Fi sucks. |
| Please lower cost, not increase. |
| Please take into consideration the cost of some programs such as the ABSN program that has many costs in addition to tuition and typical fees. Also, consider that students at Biltmore Park are different than students on the main campus. |
| Please try to keep meal plan costs as low as possible. |
| Residential room rates and technology charge don't apply to me. |
| So so so so so expensive for what we receive in return |
| Some should go up others shouldn't, Freshmen shouldn't be allowed cars... that would free up a lot of parking and you wouldn't have to raise rates. |
| Stop raising the prices. You're not making it any more affordable. |
| Students already struggle to pay for college. It ultimately appears as if the drop in tuition will not likely impact students if all other fees increase at the proposed rates. While at the end of the day the University is a business, increasing the fiscal burden on the students is awful to say the least. |

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| Students are struggling as it is. So increasing everything will turn students away from continuing their education at WCU. |
| Students pay ENOUGH already. The UNC system should not need to increase any fees at all. (Considering WCU enrollment is at a supposed all time high) --- Conveniently at the same time all these "increases" are being proposed. |
| The prices are already high enough for me, if they become any higher I won't be able to afford it. It's really hard because i am paying for college by myself. |
| There are so many fees and not all of them apply to me |
| This university is scamming us. \$500 tuition is great, BUT NOT WHEN YOU RAISE EVERY PRICE AND ADD ADDITIONAL FEES! should just take online class so I won't have to pay to live on campus, mea plan, parking passes, and not choose a major that costs me EXTRA MONEY! |
| Tuition increase will only apply for a semester, so I'm not worried about it. Parking needs to be addressed before charging more for it, as it stands too many people are having issues to justify charging those same students for parking they might not have in their time at WCU. |
| We are all being ripped off. |
| We have a lot of students, please don't charge us this crazy amount of money! |
| Y'all really out here trying to rob us because the State is lowering the tuition and attempting to make education more affordable for everyone. Really trying to make us pay for Greek Life (frat parties and drunkenness) and athletics that most of the student population doesn't partake in. A college education is required in the world now days and y'all REALLY just couldn't let the tuition drop help people. Had to still make a little more money right? So crooked and I'm honestly no surprised by this school anymore. |
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| Is there an additional service the university doesn't currently provide through these fees that you feel should be provided or a fee should be established for? |
| A financial aid edcation fee in order to help students understand their aid |
| Adjustable air condition and heating for all , and more parking (like an accessible garage like most other division 1 institutions have) |
| Build a new athletic field complex for club sports and intramurals |
| finish the chick fil a !!! |
| Free printing |
| I am at my maximum capacity for fees. |
| I can't really think of something that needs to be added but I wish the student body could have the option to opt out of the fee that reduces the cost of tickets to sports events as I never go to any of them. |
| I don't believe the "parking services" fee is reflective of parking availability |
| I feel like there should be a fund for kids that need expensive things for their class. |
| I feel that the Cat Tran should make pick ups and drop offs at all the surrounding apartment complexes. That would make a significant difference in the parking problem on campus. |
| I feel that the fees should be cut back. |
| I think printing should be included with the fees I am already paying |
| I think that if Iâ€™m paying a documents fee and a technology fee, printing should be free up to a certain dollar amount. Like start it at \$10 of free printing and everything after that charge. Some students have to print lots of things for lab and it gets really expensive very fast. |
| I think the university should provide mental health testing services for free. Counseling is free and beneficial, but I feel people would benefit from being tested for multiple disorders rather than just seeing a counselor. I wanted to get tested for ADHD, which is a disorder that will affect my school work that I'm positive I have. The test is \$300. I don't have that kind of money to get tested for something I might not have. Having a definite answer from a professional would have helped me this semester. |
| I WANT MY TEXTBOOKS TO BE INCLUDED IN MY TUITION! |

If students spend the money to get their meal swipes for the courtyard dining hall, the courtyard dining hall shouldn't close at 8 on weekends. I realize it's the weekend and everyone needs a break but it's a restaurant and 8 is way too early for a restaurant to close, especially on a weekend. If it's 8 or later right now you're forced to use a meal exchange or DB, when you should probably be able to go to the courtyard dining hall at least as late as weekdays.

Just focus on increasing the quality of your services.

Maybe we should charge a fee for having a fee, that way we can pay a fee for being charged a fee.

More good (edible) food

No

No

No

No

NO MORE FEES PLEASE I'M POOR ALREADY!!!!

Odd campus tram. There are nearly 2000 students off of ledbetter. A tram would be great.

Parking

Perhaps a vegan chain restaurant be brought to campus? Or a farmers market? Our meal plans could take a hit to have better options for the diverse student body.

Please don't add more fees. Making ends meet is hard enough. We already pay enough. When the tuition drops if you just raise the fees to make us pay the same amount we are now, then I will no longer have any respect for this school. You say you care about us and you want the best for us, even in this survey you act like this is for our benefit, but it isn't. If you really cared you'd stop paying the higher ups so much and use some of that money for the school so you don't have to keep bleeding us dry. Again I know this is a business, but if that's what this is then stop pretending like you care.

PRINTING with all those fees printing should be free

Printing!!

Quality. The university holds so many events and stuff and what actual percentage of the student population attend? I understand these types of things and programs might LOOK GOOD to the state so that it looks like you're doing all these great things for students, when in fact you're just raping our wallets to look good and students aren't benefitting from it. I would love to see all the numbers for how much is spent on every activity or program offered on campus AND the participation breakdown.

Really? The tuition goes down, so you are looking for additional fees?

The off campus cattran to: the university suites and villas, river walk, and the maples. Ledbetter is an incredibly dangerous road to walk and bike on and for those that cannot afford to live on campus and purchase a car it is the only option. Imagine having to risk your life just to get a more affordable education.

Transportation from apartment complexes considering the lack of on campus parking

WCU should have a men's soccer team.

We need updated and improved Intramural fields with new lights, a sound system, and BATHROOMS!!!

Bus service to off-campus apartments!

With all the crime that has happened this semester, I would opt for better security.

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| Comments on in-state graduate tuition: |
| Affordable |
| Could be more affordable |
| I am satisfied with my tuition rates. |
| I feel like the graduate in-state tuition rate is very competitive, but as WCU begins to consider more and more online learning opportunities, tuition should be adjusted accordingly. If Western begins to trend more towards online learning environments (which in my opinion do not provide the same quality of learning as on-campus environments), tuition should be adjusted. |
| I feel that this is a fair price overall, but would love for it to decrease. |
| Needs to be lower |
| No comment if not increasing |
| reasonable |
| This is a high value for the graduate education that we receive at WCU. I would venture to say, one of the most competitive rates among all of the UNC System. |
| very reasonable |
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| Comments on out-of-state graduate tuition: |
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| Comments on the proposed Residential Living room rates: |
| As a student that is dominantly on student loans any increase will be a hard ship upon graduation. |
| Because the increases are not affecting me, I feel fine about the increase in residential living rates. |
| N/A |
| rent too high |
| WCU has remained among the lowest in cost within the UNC system for years. Due to aging infrastructure and increasing cost of materials for renovations and repairs and new proposals for newer more modern residential facilities, the increase is needed and is still within an affordable range that keeps Western competitive |
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| Comments on proposed meal plans: |
| As a student that is dominantly on student loans any increase will be a hard ship upon graduation. |
| I am not sure how to word my opinion here - but I hope there are programs available to any off-campus students who may be having trouble affording food due to rising tuition and/or rental costs. |
| If food quality increased, I would be more apt to be supportive. The main dining hall is not the greatest and options on campus for dining are very limited in general. On this area, we are not competitive with other institutions within the system. |
| N/A |
| The food is terrible as it is, and prices are already above the quality. Now you want to raise it? Get better food and then you can raise prices. |
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| Comments on the Parking Fee: |
| As a student that leaves over 5 hours away and is dominantly on student loans any increase will be a hard ship . |
| Charging people for parking is insane when you don't have enough spaces to hold them. Has the university thought about not giving out more passes than they have parking spots? Let's start there, it is common sense. Like selling 1500 tickets for a flight when the plane only hold 100 people. |
| I don't think that I, as a graduate student who commutes, should have to pay such a large amount when there is minimal parking on campus that I can actually utilize. I park at the health sciences building every day and believe that my permit should be reduced because of this. Why should graduate commuters pay more than graduate residential students who have MORE parking options? I definitely disagree with an increase. |
| N/A |
| Parking is not a easy conversation on this campus, but, it is still better by far than many other campuses around the country. The needed additions can not happen without funding and that does mean an increase in fees. |
| Parking is ridiculously expensive. I go one day at week and even then itâ€™s at the HHSB and parking is still rough. |
| So much in fees and no spaces available!?!?!?!?! Make a garage!!!!!! |
| The parking passes are already extraneous. To raise them is irresponsible and unaffordable in addition to other fees. |
| There needs to be more commuter parking spaces. |

Western Carolina has one of the highest parking fees for commuters for a smaller number of students and therefore spaces. I understand supply and demand and having to raise funds to build more parking, but a \$38 dollar increase per year seems a bit substantial for the number of commuting students at the university. It also seems a bit questionable that the commuter parking price is as high as a residential parking price, when the residential parking is used 24/7 and therefore would experience more wear and require more maintenance, and more monitoring by parking officials. I understand the incentive of a decreased cost of a parking pass in order to encourage more student to live on campus during upperclassmen years, but it logically makes no sense that a residential parking pass should ever be the same or even cheaper as a commuter pass.

Comments on the late Late Graduation Fee:

Graduation should be encouraged at all times. I understand deadlines for applying for graduation, but as a student already having graduated from another institution in the state, you have to understand that often students do not know that they are eligible for graduation or even to apply for graduation of no fault of their own. It is a very stressful time for all involved, and this fee seems like a slap in the face for somebody trying to get their life together in order to enter the professional world. I feel that it in a way would discourage individuals from applying for graduation, and discourage them from attending commencement ceremonies.

I do not support this proposed fee due to any personal incidents that could occur in a student's life during their senior year/semester that leaves them in a bind financially and academically. Life is always throwing curve balls and even educators are not immune to this. Students should not be punished with an extra fee if something were to occur to slow their process of applying/getting approved for graduation.

If there is proper notice given, I do not oppose a late graduation fee for those who apply after the deadline.

If you can truly justify a need for the late fee that directly covers added costs when a student is applying after the deadline, then go for it.

TOO HIGH

Very supportive! It will hopefully help keep students active in taking care of things on time. Late applications causes a lot of headache for other offices on campus who have to process the late documents

Why? Please elaborate. If I'm two days late on applying, why does this necessitate a \$60 fee. Is there \$60 more work involved? Not enough information here, so I say no. Where does the money go? Who benefits? Who loses?

WHY??

Comments on graduate differential tuition: - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Program - \$7,350.50/semester

Comments on graduate differential tuition: - Doctorate in Nursing Practices - \$7,350.50/semester

Comments on graduate differential tuition: - Doctorate in Physical Therapy - \$5,360.50/semester

Comments on graduate differential tuition: - M.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders - \$5,550.50/semester

Comments on graduate differential tuition: - Graduate Business - \$5,400.50/semester

Comments on graduate differential tuition: - Family Nurse Practitioners Masters - \$5,250.50/semester

Comments on graduate differential tuition: - Masters of Social Work - \$5,250.50/semester

As a social work graduate student, I have many questions about raising tuition. I also have ethical questions for the committee regarding why it would only be for certain programs- is this not a deterrent for students? Why charge extra? It feels like a penalty imposed to students of the field.

expensive but worth it.

Why the hike in tuition? Are you offering or providing more services or better quality services? If not, then how do you justify an increase.

Comments on mandatory fees:

Again a student that is dominantly on student loans any increase will be a hard ship upon graduation.

I don't feel it is the responsibility of students to pay for debts accrued by the institution regarding construction and additions to campus.

I shouldn't have to pay for athletics when I'm not an athlete nor do I attend games. I live an hour away and attend at Biltmore Park. Waive my fee, as well as my fee for books, or transportation.

I shouldn't have to pay for athletics.

I would be supportive of a bigger increase in health fees if it meant we gained additional providers on campus and expanded services with that acquisition of additional providers. Health services, especially considering the growth on campus with student numbers, needs to be 2-3x more providers. CaPS also desperately needs to be 2-3x the providers there as they currently have a waiting time of several weeks and this isn't fair to the providers or students/staff/faculty who need those vital services!

Since I am a graduate student attending the Biltmore Park campus, I feel that I should not be charged for fees regarding the Cullowhee campus. For example, the debt service fee, the sustainability fee, the transportation fee, the student activity fee. I am not utilizing these services. Why should I be charged for them?

Slightly Lowered

the fees are out of control.

Why charge these fees to older working adults taking night classes. Charged fees for services they will never use. Robbery!

General Comments on Tuition and Fees:

If mean plans are going up, then quality of food should also be considered as increasing.

Still as a student that is dominantly on student loans any increase will be a hard ship upon graduation.

take the money from parking fees and turn it into PARKING sufficient to accomodate the rising number of students!

Is there an additional service the university doesn't currently provide through these fees that you feel should be provided or a fee should be established for?

Farm to fork learning lab and campus food growing program

No

Yeah, less fees.

Yes, sufficient parking.

Comments on Undergraduate/Distance in-state tuition and fees:

Currently distance ed requires fees be paid for areas that have absolutely no benefit to a distance student. If the new fee represented here is accurate that will be beneficial.

Finally, we are truly prioritizing higher education without placing new grads in crippling debt.

I do not like this because it could mean that tuition is higher for a full-time distance student than a campus student

I don't understand what it means by 58.88/hour for "most programs", but it was my understanding that tuition would be changed to a rate of 500 a semester for undergraduate students. I hate questions that are written to confuse people and I think that any increase in fees or tuition would be a violation of our rights, as people have been promised, through legislation, a decrease in tuition. Be clear, don't "steal" from people, and don't make decisions without consulting the students involved. This includes most if not all of them. These are huge changes that affect people's lives, and if you can't get the answers that you want don't try and send out a survey to force them. I also hate how there are only three choices for this survey. Poorly executed and not very stand-up of the university. This creates confusion and a bad image

I rely on reasonable tuition prices to be able to pay for school as I do it out of pocket, with no loans or assistance.

Itâ€™s seems to be a trap to make WCU financially unable to succeed

One of the reason i chose WCU was the tuitioin fee's it was easier to support my self going to school and paying my bills, with a higher cost it will be harder to accomplish both.

The more affordable distance tuition is the better. It will help people who are restricted economically or unable to study on campus because of work/family reasons achieve an education that can help them advance or secure stable full time employment.

Comments on Undergraduate/Distance out-of-state tuition and fees:

Comments on Distance in-state tuition and fees for graduate students:

I believe it's great that you are proposing to reduce tuition for distance in-state graduate students. Most of these students are working adults that receive little to no financial assistance and can't afford to be tied down with student loans.

Comments on Distance out-of-state tuition and fees for graduate students:

Comments on the late Late Graduation Fee:

After all the student goes through to accomplish such a goal they set them selves why would it be ok to implement such a fee on them? Doesn't seem right.

I don't see how \$60 in a "late fee" is even considered ethical... to type someone's name in... does the worker who types that name in, has to stay over one day to do that get the \$60 per application?

Let's not penalize students for being late or forgetful when it comes to declaring graduation. Let's help them graduate instead. We should be supportive and not penalizing them.

The deadline should be later, not a higher fee.

We have paid so much to attend this great school but there is no support for those students. No thanks, just a bill. Western could at least thank us with a graduation ceremony. I understand paying for our own cap and gown but to apply for graduation, no.