

STANDING COMMITTEES**Academic and Student Affairs Committee****Approve Student Services and Activities Fees Increase for the Tacoma Campus, 2025-26****RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents approve for the University of Washington Tacoma campus:

- Increasing the current Services & Activities (S&A) fee level to \$167 per full-time student, per quarter for 2025-26;
- Maintaining the current Tacoma Y fee level at \$180 per quarter for 2025-26; this fee is prorated based on student full-time and part-time status;
- Allocating \$2,315,175 for 2025-26 program operations;
- Allocating \$69,175 from the Short-Term Contingency Fund to the Long-Term Fund; and
- Allocating \$0 from the Long-Term Contingency Fund to the Short-Term Fund.

BACKGROUND

According to action taken by the 2018 Washington state legislature, the Board of Regents is authorized to annually increase the Services and Activities Fee, under RCW 28B.15.069, “by amounts that shall not exceed four percent per year, judged reasonable and necessary by the services and activities fee committee and the governing board.” As provided under RCW 28B.15.045, a student committee recommends the annual allocations to the Board of Regents for approval.

Each year, on the basis of recommendations by the administration and the S&A Fee Committee, the Board of Regents approves annual S&A Fee allocations for the Tacoma campus. Additional allocations may be approved during a given year.

S&A Fees at the UW Bothell and Tacoma campuses are collected separately from the Services and Activities Fees at the Seattle campus, but the process is handled in a similar manner. The Board of Regents, at the September 27, 1991, meeting, approved the initial Guidelines that established the S&A Fee Committee for the Tacoma campus and its operating procedures.

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The Tacoma S&A Fee Committee reviews and approves the S&A and the UWT-Y Fees on an annual basis. The UWT SAF will be increased to \$167 for 2025-26. The UWT Y Fee has been prorated for students who are enrolled at less than 10 credits. Part-time students have the same level of access to the UWT Y as students who pay the full fee amount of \$180 per quarter.

Additionally, the committee does not expect to have to cover any bond payments on the Y building. Moving forward we hope to see greater efforts to connect with campus partners, such as the YMCA, to promote and engage with emergency preparedness action, which may correspond to future bond payments

A. Recommended Services & Activities Fee Rates for 2025-26:

The quarterly S&A Fee rate history at UW Tacoma for the past few biennia is as follows, along with this year's recommendation:

Academic Year	Quarterly Fee Rate
2016-17	\$159
2017-18	\$159
2018-19	\$158
2019-20	\$158
2020-21	\$158
2021-22	\$158
2022-23	\$158
2023-24	\$164
2024-25	\$164
2025-26	\$167

The 2025-26 recommendation grew out of S&A Fee Committee discussions over the course of the current academic year—discussions that included, at several different times, representatives of the units supported by S&A Fee income.

B. Recommended Services & Activities Fee Budget for 2025-26:

Based on 2023-24 and 2024-25 S&A Fee revenue collections and current year enrollment information, the S&A Fee Committee estimates 2025-26 revenue at the \$167 fee level per quarter to be approximately [\$2,246,000.] Projected revenue figures are net of waivers and funds set aside for financial aid. Based on

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these projections, the Committee recommends allocating the full amount of [\$2,246,000] in addition to the [\$69,175] from the Short-Term Contingency Fund to fund the below allocations.

The Tacoma S&A Fee long term contingency is currently at a total of \$1.5 million and is typically used for capital and other projects not part of the annual allocation process. This is an estimate based on end of year projections.

C. Services & Activities Fee Allocations for 2025-26:

The 2025-26 budgets for each program are as follows:

Program	2026	Percent Change LY
Associated Students of UW Tacoma (ASUWT)	\$290,000	-16%
Career Development	\$35,000	-29%
Center for Equity and Inclusion (CEI)	\$160,000	-35%
Campus Event Fund (CEF) & Conference & Training Fund (CTF)	\$45,000	-55%
University Y Center for Student Involvement (CSI) and Dawg House	\$110,000	-23%
Giving Garden	\$78,000	-5%
Husky Sustainability Fund	\$93,000	-26%
Husky Volunteers	\$40,000	-37%
Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)	\$35,000	-30%
Student Activities Board (SAB)	\$100,000	-22%
Student Publications	\$100,000	-38%
Welcome Days	\$5,000	-62%
Childcare Assistance Program (CAP)	\$20,000	-75%
Disability Resources for Students (DRS)	\$20,000	-24%
First Gen Fellows	\$73,000	-22%
Global Ambassadors & Language Lessons	\$5,594	-59%
Husky Success Series	\$4,800	-5%
Pantry	\$100,000	New
SAFC Operations	\$10,400	0%
Student Advising Mentors (SAMs)	\$12,000	-43%
Student Health Services	\$218,801	2%

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Student Legal Services	\$15,000	49%
Student Life	\$652,380	-5%
TLC - Hospitality Fund	\$0	-100%
TLC - Peer Success Mentor Program	\$4,700	-47%
University Y Payment	\$0	0%
Veteran & Military Resource Center (VMRC)	\$87,500	-24%
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	\$2,315,175	-18%

Associated Students of University of Washington Tacoma (ASUWT)

The Associated Students of UW Tacoma represents and promotes student interests, needs, and welfare within the University community through committee representation and administrative-level interactions. It also provides for the expression of student opinion and interests to the community and assists the University in providing physical and social environments.

Career Development and Education

Career Development and Education is a service to all current and alumni students in developing, evaluating, and implementing career and educational decisions. Their staff supports students' endeavors toward a rewarding college experience and successful professional growth beyond UW Tacoma.

Center for Equity and Inclusion

The Center for Equity and Inclusion (CEI) is a service to the students which strives to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that enables all members of the UW Tacoma community to learn through the exploration of human differences. CEI provides programs and support in three main areas: enhancing campus education, developing community partnerships, and building a diverse campus community.

Husky Volunteers

The Husky Volunteers provide leadership, personal and professional development for students through participation and reflection in community engagement opportunities. Consisting of Volunteer Services and Leadership Endorsement, Husky Volunteers provides a wide range of experiences for students, based on their passion and commitment, while enhancing their leadership skills and community engagement.

Center for Student Involvement Welcome Days

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Center for Student involvement (CSI) Welcome Days provides an opportunity for students to meet new people, learn about UW Tacoma, and get immersed into UW Tacoma and Husky culture at the beginning of Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters. Welcome Days activities and events are executed to ensure the growth of UW Tacoma campus and to make students feel welcomed to remain on campus for their entire education.

Childcare Assistance Program

The Childcare Assistance Program (CAP) allows students with children to receive supplemental funding for childcare, which then gives student-parents space and time to attend classes and/or take advantage of campus programs and services.

Conference & Event Fund

The Conference & Event Fund (CEF) allows students, faculty, and staff to submit requests to bring a broad spectrum of activities to our campus for the benefit of students; it provides opportunities for students to be involved in planning events for the campus. In addition, the CEF supports students' participation at conferences and training events, professional development—often affiliated with their academic program or student organization, skill enhancement and enrichment.

Department of Student Life

The Student Life faculty ensures that the students are provided with opportunities and programs that inspire campus connection, social responsibility and personal transformation. Student Life coordinates the majority of staffing and resources to administer and facilitate student involvement on-campus.

Disability Resources for Students

Disability Resources for Students (DRS) strives to provide services and support to students with disabilities and those who are advocates for accessibility and universal design. This program offers students with disabilities a voice to engage with UW Tacoma student and campus leadership, Associated Students of UW Tacoma (ASUWT), and DRS students.

First Generation Fellows

First Generation Fellows (FGF) serves as a resource for the students, faculty and staff by assisting with recruitment and retention activities and helps facilitate the experience of a broad spectrum of urban, veteran and military, first-generation, differently-abled, and other potentially at-risk students. FGF assists the campus in developing services and programs that aid in the success of these populations and

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connect students with relevant individuals, programs, and services, community agencies, on campus resources, and prospective employers.

Giving Garden

The Giving Garden at the University of Washington Tacoma strives to eliminate food insecurity among students by connecting them back to their food system through hands-on experience with fresh food, grown by students, for students. Through its partnership with The Pantry at UW Tacoma, the university's on-campus food bank, the garden delivers local produce directly to students in need. The Giving Garden makes space for the community through volunteer opportunities, events, and by connecting people to nature and agriculture in Tacoma's urban core. The Giving Garden is a hub for sustainability, research, and demonstration for the larger community.

Global Ambassadors

The Global Ambassadors Program assists new international students with their transition to life as UW Tacoma students and provides current domestic students with opportunities to connect with and learn from international students. International students have a difficult transition into the campus community and we value their input in UW Tacoma's campus.

Husky Success Series

The Husky Success Series was originally housed and facilitated under University Academic Advising but has since evolved to incorporate collaboration and participation from the larger UWT campus community. This program aims to provide the campus with programming that is innovative and culturally relevant in hopes of aiding in the success of each student. Each workshop also aids in the training of student leaders to engage in activities that would positively contribute to our campus community.

Husky Sustainability Fund

Husky Sustainability Fund aims to provide students with opportunities to engage their community in UW Tacoma by supporting the culture of sustainability. This program provides students with amenities designed to decrease waste and incentivize a sustainable community.

Peer Success Mentor Program

Housed in the Teaching and Learning Center, the Peer Success Mentor Program provides students with a stable and strong support system that extends beyond

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academic support. The Peer Success Mentors will provide students with skills and strategies for coping with university and academic struggles from strategic planning, self-evaluation, and other pro-social skills.

Registered Student Organizations

Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) are an integral part of student and campus life. This allocation ensures that students who want to engage on campus are able to do so. By providing these funds, students have access to resources that promote opportunities for student involvement, camaraderie, and leadership development. RSOs also provide students with an opportunity to build community with others who may share similar interests, cultures, and viewpoints.

Services & Activities Fee Committee

The Services and Activities Fee Committee would like to continue to ensure that there is a student representative that would be able to advocate on behalf of the student population during the 2025 summer quarter and begin planning the ways in which the SAFC will operate during the 2025-2026 academic year.

Student Activities Board

Student Activities Board (SAB) is a student-led organization responsible for planning, hosting, and sponsoring a wide variety of cultural, entertainment, and social issue events during the academic year. Their goal is to make each event educational, fun, and thought-provoking while encouraging communication and collaboration between students, staff, faculty and the local community. The events hosted by the SAB foster environments for students to engage in comfortable and inviting activities that enhance their overall campus experience.

Student Health Services

The Health Promotion Specialist works to raise awareness of health-related topics and to educate the UW Tacoma community about discrimination based on sex. This allocation also supports TimelyCare, a virtual health and well-being service that offers students 24/7 on-demand access to mental health and medical care, serving as an alternative to an on-campus health clinic.

Student Advising Mentor Program

The Student Advising Mentor Program aids the University Academic Advising department by providing advising and support to students during their academic careers. This program provides students with guidance through academic issues to better the Husky Experience.

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Student Publications

Student Publications runs The Ledger and Tahoma West. These publications celebrate students' artistic and journalistic skills through the weekly edition of The Ledger and the annual edition of the Tacoma West. Student Publications regularly develops materials that are substantive and relevant to the UWT student population.

Teaching and Learning Center

The UW Tacoma Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) invites faculty, staff, and students from all backgrounds to create a culture of learning. Consultants and tutors work collaboratively with students in writing, math, sciences and statistics, helping them to develop the skills, strategies, knowledge, and confidence necessary for academic success.

University Y Center for Student Involvement and Dawg House

The University Y and Dawg House services give access to all students to the multiple student spaces across campus, including the Center for Student Involvement (CSI), which is housed in the University Y. The majority of this budget is allocated for student staffing. Resources and services offered range from video game check-in/out to event/meeting location reservations.

Veterans and Military Resource Center

The VMRC is a vital resource on campus that focuses on supporting our military-connected student population. About 20% of our student population has some affiliation with the military. Whether they're a veteran or a partner, the VMRC offers resources that are specifically tailored to enhance their experience at UWT. With the help of internal and external campus stakeholders, the VMRC advances the academic, professional, and personal success of military-connected students.

Attachments

1. Letter of Concurrence of Chancellor Edwards Lange, dated April 23, 2025
2. Presenters' Biographical Information: Tacoma SAFC Chair and Vice Chair



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April 23, 2025

Mr. Samuel Pena-Rojas
2024-2025 Services & Activities Fee Committee (SAFC) Chair
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Dear Mr. Pena-Rojas,

I received your document dated April 22, 2025, which outlines UW Tacoma 2024-2025 SAFC's annual allocation decisions. As we all know this has been an unprecedented time for our students and student leaders and I wish to thank you and your committee for your commitment and diligence. Your attention to detail that was shown concerning issues most important to our students is quite evident. Please forward my appreciation to your fellow committee members for the thoughtful and passionate work they have accomplished on behalf of all UWT students. The committee's ability to keep on task and get this critical work done on behalf of your student colleagues was admirable. I especially appreciate your service leading this effort as Chair. I am looking forward to joining you for your presentation during the upcoming Board of Regents meeting on May 8, 2025.

I concur with the funding allocation requests as presented (attached) and will move the allocation recommendations forward to the UW Board of Regents for their discussion and approval. I congratulate your committee on a thoughtful conclusion to your deliberations and I am pleased with the overall results. Your recommendations also appear to be closely aligned with current student priorities on the UW Tacoma campus.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of UW Tacoma, thank you again for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheila Edwards Lange". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sheila Edwards Lange, Ph.D.
Chancellor

Presenters' Biographical Information



Samuel Pena-Rojas (He/Him)

Services and Activities Fee Committee Chair

Sam is a junior currently studying business finance at the Milgard School of Business and has been actively increasing his involvement throughout his first year at UW Tacoma.

Sam has three years of experience in student leadership, working as an RSO Coordinator, several campus and tri-campus committees, and serving as a Student Government President at Pierce College Puyallup. Sam represents students, advocates for students, and places a strong emphasis on developing partnerships for furthering student success.

Sam aspires to become a financial analyst and continues to build and apply his experiences through internships, student positions, and professional development opportunities.



Norah Duncan (She/Her)

Services and Activities Fee Committee Vice-Chair

Norah is a senior at the University of Washington Tacoma, double majoring in Psychology and Business Administration.

Driven by a passion for student leadership and advocacy, she serves as the Director of Internal Affairs for the Associated Students of UW Tacoma (ASUWT) and as President of Pride Pack, a registered student organization dedicated to building community among LGBTQIA+ students and allies.

In addition, Norah works as a student administrative assistant in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.