

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Approve Student Services and Activities Fees Increase for the Tacoma Campus, 2026-27

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

The administration and the Services and Activities (S&A) Fee Committee recommend that the Board of Regents approve for the Tacoma campus:

- Increasing the 2026-27 S&A fee to **\$172** per full-time student per quarter.
- Keeping the Tacoma Y fee level at **\$180** per quarter for 2026-27. This fee is prorated for students enrolled in less than 10 credits.
- Allocating **\$2,457,164** for 2026-27 program operations, including **\$2,234,558** from projected 2026-27 fee revenue and **\$222,606** from the short-term contingency fund. Withdrawals from the short-term contingency fund consist of funds allocated for FY2025 but not used.

### BACKGROUND

In 2018, the Washington state legislature authorized the Board of Regents to increase the S&A fee annually, 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.” Per RCW 28B.15.045, a student committee recommends the annual allocations to the Board of Regents for approval.

Each year, based on recommendations from the administration and the S&A Fee Committee, the Board of Regents approves annual S&A fee allocations for the Tacoma campus.

S&A fees at the Bothell and Tacoma campuses are collected separately from the S&A fees at the Seattle campus, but the process is similar. The Board of Regents, at its September 27, 1991, meeting, approved the initial guidelines that established the Tacoma campus’ S&A Fee Committee and its operating procedures. The Tacoma S&A Fee Committee reviews and approves the S&A and UWT-Y fees annually.

A. Recommended Services & Activities Fee Rates for 2026-27:

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The quarterly S&A fee rate history at UW Tacoma since 2018 is shown here, along with this year's recommendation:

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Quarterly Fee Rate</b>
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
<b>2026-27</b>	<b>\$172</b>

The committee's 2026-27 recommendation is the result of discussions the committee held during the current academic year. Representatives of units supported by S&A fee income participated in several of the discussions.

#### B. Recommended Services & Activities Fee Budget for 2026-27

Based on 2024-25 and 2025-26 S&A fee revenue collections and current year enrollment information, the S&A Fee Committee estimates 2026-27 revenue at the \$172 per quarter fee level to be about *[\$2,234,558]*. Projected revenue is net of waivers and funds set aside for financial aid. Based on these projections, the Committee recommends allocating the full amount of *[\$2,234,558]* as well as *[\$222,606]* from the Short-Term Contingency Fund to the programs listed in Section C.

We project the Tacoma S&A Fee long term contingency fund to have \$1.7 million at year end. This fund is typically used for capital improvements and other projects that are not part of the annual allocation process. We aren't recommending any withdrawals from the long-term contingency fund in 2026-27.

Also, we expect that S&A fees won't be needed to cover bond payments on the Y building in 2026-27.

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C. Services & Activities Fee Allocations for 2026-27

The 2026-27 allocations for each program are as follows:

<b>Program</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>Percent Change LY</b>
Associated Students of UW Tacoma (ASUWT)	\$298,700	3.00%
Career Development	35,139	0.40%
Center for Equity and Inclusion (CEI)	164,800	3.00%
Campus Event Fund (CEF) & Conference & Training Fund (CTF)	46,350	3.00%
University Y Center for Student Involvement (CSI) and Dawg House	113,300	3.00%
CSI - Programs (formerly part of Student Life)	577,218	3.00%
Giving Garden	80,339	3.00%
Husky Sustainability Fund	95,790	3.00%
Husky Volunteers	41,200	3.00%
Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)	36,050	3.00%
Student Activities Board (SAB)	103,000	3.00%
Student Publications	103,000	3.00%
Welcome Days	5,150	3.00%
Childcare Assistance Program (CAP)	20,600	3.00%
Disability Resources for Students (DRS)	20,600	3.00%
First Gen Fellows	75,190	3.00%
Global Ambassadors & Language Lessons	5,693	1.77%
Husky Success Series	4,944	3.00%
Pantry	103,000	3.00%
SAFC Operations	10,712	3.00%
Student Advising Mentors (SAMs)	12,336	3.00%
Student Health Services	235,676	7.71%
Student Legal Services	15,600	4.00%
Student Life - Office (CSI - Programs removed)	118,498	27.56%
Office of Indigenous Engagement (OIE)	39,332	New
TLC - Peer Success Mentor Program	4,822	2.60%
Veteran & Military Resource Center (VMRC)	90,125	3.00%
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>\$2,457,164</b>	<b>2.04%</b>

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#### **Associated Students of University of Washington Tacoma (ASUWT)**

ASUWT represents students and promotes their 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 help all current students and alumni develop, evaluate, and implement career- and education-related decisions. The 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) serves students by striving 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**

The Center for Student involvement (CSI) Welcome Days gives an opportunity for students to meet new people, learn about UW Tacoma, and get immersed in 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.

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#### **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 staff ensures that the students are provided with opportunities and programs that inspire campus connection, social responsibility, and personal transformation. Student Life coordinates most staffing and resources to facilitate student involvement on campus.

#### **Disability Resources for Students**

Disability Resources for Students (DRS) provides 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, 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 students, as well as other potentially at-risk students. FGF assists the campus in developing services and programs that aid in the success of these populations and connect students with relevant individuals, programs, and services, community agencies, on campus resources, and prospective employers.

#### **Giving Garden**

The Giving Garden 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.

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##### **Global Ambassadors**

The Global Ambassadors Program helps new international students with their transition to life as UW Tacoma students and provides 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 provides the campus with programming that is innovative and culturally relevant in hopes of aiding in the success of each student. Each workshop also helps train student leaders to engage in activities that contribute to our campus community.

##### **Husky Sustainability Fund**

The Husky Sustainability Fund provides students with opportunities to support a 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 academic support. Mentors equip 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 can do so. These funds give students access to resources that promote opportunities for student involvement, camaraderie, and leadership development. RSOs also give students opportunities to build community with others who may share similar interests, cultures, and viewpoints.

##### **Services & Activities Fee Committee**

The S&A Fee wants to ensure that a student representative can continue to advocate for the student population during the 2026 summer quarter and begin planning how SAFC will work during the 2026-27 academic year.

##### **Student Activities Board**

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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 Mentors Program**

The Student Advising Mentors Program aids the University Academic Advising department by providing students with guidance on academic issues to better their Husky Experience.

#### **Student Publications**

Student Publications runs The Ledger and Tahoma West. These publications celebrate students' artistic and journalistic skills through the weekly Ledger and the annual 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. Most of this budget is allocated for student staffing. Resources and services offered range from video game check-in/out to event/meeting location reservations.

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#### **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.

#### *Attachment*

Letter of Concurrence from Chancellor Edwards Lange, dated April 22, 2026



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April 22, 2026

Mr. Colin Sica  
2025-2026 Services & Activities Fee Committee (SAFC) Chair  
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Dear Mr. Sica,

I received your document dated April 4, 2026, which outlines UW Tacoma 2025–2026 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 throughout this process. Your careful attention to the 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 commitment to developing a fiscally sustainable allocation while balancing diverse student priorities was admirable. I especially appreciate your service leading this effort as Chair.

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".

Sheila Edwards Lange, Ph.D.  
Chancellor