

2. Act on FY 2021 Housing and Food Service Rate Adjustment Proposals Submitted by State Universities

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Background

According to Board policy (Ch.II,D.1c.(i)(1), the state universities submit housing rates to the Board for first reading in November, with final action taken by the Board in December. Accordingly, all six universities submitted proposals which, if approved, will take effect for the academic year 2020-2021. Food service rate proposals are also provided in the same sequence, as a student cost that typically accompanies on-campus housing.

User fees must cover the cost of operating these auxiliary enterprises. The six universities have different housing and food service rate structures that account for different circumstances, such as the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness, occupancy rates, age of facilities, and economies of scale related to the capacity of the housing and food service operations.

To illustrate the rate increases for each university, the following tables compare the current and proposed annual (two semester) rate at each institution for a range of housing and dining options. The tables do not capture the entire array of options from which students have to choose but are somewhat illustrative of the cost variances.

Modest Double Occupancy Room and Limited Dining Option

	AY 2019-2020	Proposed AY 2020-2021	\$ Increase	% Increase	Projected Occupancy Rate*
ESU	\$9,020	\$9,156	\$136	1.5%	90.2%
FHSU	\$8,022	\$8,182	\$160	2.0%	90.0%
KSU	\$9,440	\$9,480	\$40	0.4%	76.8%
KU	\$9,768	\$9,700	-\$68	-0.7%	96.0%
PSU	\$7,354	\$7,538	\$184	2.5%	72.0%
WSU	\$11,110	\$11,110	\$0	0.0%	96.0%

- ESU – Towers/Trusler/Singular Double Room Rate plus 185 Block Meal Plan
- FHSU – McMIndes Hall Double Room Rate plus 10 Meals/Week Plan
- KSU – Goodnow Traditional Double Room plus Any 14 Meals/Week Plan
- KU – Traditional Style Double Room plus All-Access Declining Small Plan
- PSU – Double Room plus 160 Block Meal Plan (\$100 Dining Dollars)
- WSU – Shocker Hall 2 Private Bedroom Suite/1 Bath plus Unlimited Plan

**Occupancy rate is projected as of the Fall 20th Day student count, except for FHSU, which averages the Fall and Spring 20th day counts together. Several factors may affect occupancy rates – including availability of rooms and requirements that students live on the campus. With some exceptions, ESU, FHSU, PSU and WSU require some students to live on campus.*

Renovated/New Construction Room and Unlimited Dining Option

	AY 2018-2019	Proposed AY 2020-2021	\$ Increase	% Increase	Projected Occupancy Rate*
ESU	\$9,852	\$9,952	\$100	1.0%	90.2%
FHSU	\$8,524	\$8,694	\$170	2.0%	90.0%
KSU	\$12,040	\$12,450	\$410	3.4%	76.8%
KU	\$10,950	\$11,025	\$75	0.7%	96.0%
PSU	\$7,996	\$8,196	\$200	2.5%	72.0%
WSU	\$12,780	\$13,020	\$240	1.9%	96.0%

ESU – Schallenkamp Double Room Rate plus All Access Meal Plan

FHSU – Victor E/Tiger Village Room Rate plus Open Access Meal Plan

KSU – Wefald Traditional Private Double Room Rate Plus All Access Meal Plan

KU – Suite Style Room (Double/Shared) Rate plus All Access Unlimited Meal Plan

PSU – Double Room Rate plus 7 Day Unlimited Meal Plan

WSU – The Flats 2 Bedroom Apartment-Single Room Rate plus All Access Meal Plan

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Each university describes in the respective documentation the business case for the various proposed increases. Furthermore, each state university provides summary financial information for its housing system. Generally, the proposed increases are driven by anticipated inflationary costs and facility maintenance and enhancements. Each university indicates the proposed increases were reviewed by the appropriate campus groups with student representation.

The annual College Board “*Trends in College Pricing*” reports the prices charged by institutions in 2019-2020, how prices have changed over time, and how they vary within and across types of institutions. The report includes a calculation of average room and board charges weighted by the number of undergraduates living in college housing. The report can be found at <http://trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing>. A comparison of national rates for the current year compared to last year is displayed below.

**Average Published Charges Room and Board
for Full-Time Undergraduates
Weighted by Number of Undergraduates Living in College Housing**

Carnegie Classification	AY 2018-2019	AY 2019-2020	\$ Increase	% Increase
All Public Four-Year In-State	\$11,190	\$11,510	\$320	2.9%
Doctoral Granting Institutions	\$11,650	\$11,990	\$340	2.9%
Master’s Granting Institutions	\$10,290	\$10,580	\$290	2.8%