



Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Meeting Date: **June 11, 2026**

Agenda Item: **4.7**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Committee: **Fiscal, Facilities, & Audit Committee**

Action Item: **AY 2026-27 Fee Rates**

Board Policy 6501 - Student Fees, Charges and Fines, lays out the various types of fees that can be assessed and authorizes the colleges to assess charges and fines. The Board approves all mandatory student fees as part of the annual fee approval process. The mandatory fees include per credit hour fees that are driven by student course enrollment, course fees, and one-time fees.

The same fees are assessed for the summer term as those assessed for fall and spring, unless otherwise indicated. Also, all on-campus and off-campus fees are assessed per credit hour unless otherwise noted in the schedules. The on-line tuition rates are all inclusive rates, meaning no additional fees are charged to the student per credit hour.

The System Office recommends approval of Academic Year Fee Rates.

Updated: June 9, 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fee Rate Justification AY2026-2027
- Course Fees AY2026-2027
- CSC Proposed Fee Table AY2026-2027
- PSC Proposed Fee Table AY2026-2027
- WSC Proposed Fee Table AY2026-2027

Proposed Course Fee Rates

The Course Fees are assessed on courses in high-cost disciplines to support the purchase of instructional equipment or materials, and to cover extraordinary operating costs related to offering the courses, all for the benefit of the students enrolled in the courses. Prior to this approval, the course fees were set by the colleges, which resulted in a wide range of fees for similar courses. The Council of Academic Officers has been reviewing the course fees over the past year and has come up with standardized course fees as well as a list of approved courses that will be assessed course fees. Additional fees may be added to the approved course fee amounts to cover third-party rental costs for course activities, to purchase special software or for the costs of licensure and certification assessments.

The list of recommended disciplines along with the approved Course Fee rates for academic year 2026-2027 is provided. There are no new discipline fees proposed for 2026-2027. The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs manages the actual list of courses.

Proposed Fee Rates

In determining the rates for the mandatory fees, the Colleges have looked at the current revenue streams from tuition and fees and the increased costs anticipated for the coming fiscal year. The System was fortunate to receive a 2.97% funding increase for FY27 from the Legislature. While this represents approximately 50% of our biennium budget request, the current revenue projections for the State coupled with the desire to reduce property taxes meant limited funds to be allocated across State agencies and higher education. A moderate increase to certain student fees is one way the Colleges are mitigating the funding shortfall.

A comparison of the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fee rates for each college is provided. The tables provide the components of the College Support Fee and the changes in the rates for each fee. When billed to the student, the College Support Fee is billed as one amount.

Fee Increases and Justification

The following information identifies the additional revenue generated from the proposed fee increases along with a justification on how the funds will be used.

CSC Fee Increases:

CSC is proposing the following fee increases:

- General Support Fee - \$1.45 per credit hour
- Technology Fee - \$0.55 per credit hour
- Health Fee - \$0.25 per credit hour

Justification:

- General Support Fee – Estimated new revenue is \$67,074. The professional staff wage and benefit increase supported by the general support fee for FY27 is \$14,788. In addition, biweekly game management and athletic support workers supported by the general support fee will see an estimated FY27 minimum wage increase of \$16,700. Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) officiating fees have also increased by \$36,000 over the last fiscal year and are expected to remain at that level for FY27. This increase was not communicated early enough last year to address through the fee increase process. The revenue will help offset these increased expenses.
- Technology Fee – The professional staff wage and benefit increase supported by the technology fee for FY27 is \$7,080. In addition, the estimated FY27 increase for shared programs including Canvas, Transact, NeSIS, Parchment, and Tandem Cyber is \$18,408. The increased revenue will help offset these increased expenses.

- Health Fee – The professional staff wage and benefit increase supported by the health fee for FY27 is \$6,100. In addition, the FY27 increase associated with the Chadron Medical Clinic Agreement is \$6,064, reflecting a 5% increase. The increased revenue will help offset these increased expenses.

PSC Fee Increases:

Peru State College initially considered bringing forward a recommendation to increase the Student Activity Fee by \$1.50 to support ongoing student programming and activities. However, following a review of the current Student Senate fund balance, it was determined that sufficient reserves exist to meet anticipated near-term needs. As a result, the recommendation to increase the Student Activity Fee is being deferred to allow existing revenues to be expended before seeking additional support from students. With the Chancellor's support, Peru State College anticipates advancing the proposed fee increase in either FY2028 or FY2029, depending upon the pace at which the current reserves are utilized and the future funding needs of student activities and programs.

WSC Fee Increases:

Wayne is not proposing any fee increases for 2026-2027.

Summary of Student Cost

Including the 3.75% tuition increase and the proposed fees, the annual tuition and fee cost increase for the Colleges follows:

Total Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fee Cost

	CSC	PSC	WSC	System Average
AY26	\$8,590.50	\$8,715.00	\$8,407.50	\$8,571.00
AY27	\$8,877.00	\$8,943.00	\$8,635.50	\$8,818.50
Percent Increase	3.3%	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%

AY2026-2027 Discipline Fees Assessed on Approved Courses

Discipline	CSC	PSC	WSC
Agriculture	\$20.00		
Agriculture - Equine	\$200.00		
Art	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Biology	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Chemistry	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Communication Arts	\$30.00		\$30.00
Computer Information Systems/Computer Science			\$35.00
Criminal Justice	\$30.00		\$30.00
Earth Science		\$30.00	\$30.00
Family & Consumer Sciences	\$50.00		\$50.00
GeoScience	\$30.00		
Health, Physical Education, & Recreation	\$50.00		
Industrial Technology			\$35.00
Music	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Natural Sciences			\$30.00
Nutrition	\$60.00		
Physical Education			\$50.00
Physics	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Theatre	\$40.00		

Note: Additional fees may be assessed for courses that include approved activity course rental costs, special software licensing and licensure/certification assessment.

Chadron State College
Proposed Fees
Academic Year 2026-27

	Actual 2025-26 Rate	Proposed 2026-27 Rate
On-Campus Fees: (per credit hour)	\$84.15	\$86.40
College Support Fee	\$70.30	\$72.30
Components:		
Capital Improvement Fee	\$12.00	\$12.00
General Support Fee	\$20.90	\$22.35
Facilities Fee - Revenue Bond	\$16.75	\$16.75
Facilities Fee - Cash	\$6.05	\$6.05
Technology Fee	\$14.60	\$15.15
Health Fee	\$6.85	\$7.10
Student Activity Fee	\$7.00	\$7.00
Off-Campus Fees: (per credit hour)		
Extended Campus Fee	\$70.30	\$72.30
Components:		
Capital Improvement Fee	\$12.00	\$12.00
General Support Fee	\$20.90	\$22.35
Facilities Fee - Revolving	\$16.75	\$16.75
Facilities Fee - Cash	\$6.05	\$6.05
Technology Fee	\$14.60	\$15.15
Other Fees:		
Orientation Fee		
3 Family Members	\$100.00	\$100.00
Additional Family Members	\$50.00	\$50.00
International Student Fee (One-Time)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Transcript Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00
Late Payment Fee (2% of outstanding balance up to \$100)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Reinstatement Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
Student Parking		
Annual - First Vehicle Free, Each Additional Auto or Motorcycle	\$20.00	\$20.00
Employee Parking		
Annual - Auto or Motorcycle	\$20.00	\$20.00
Annual - Each Additional Auto or Motorcycle	\$20.00	\$20.00

NOTES:

All revenues are deposited into cash funds with the following exceptions:
Capital Improvement Fees are Revolving Funds.
Student Activity Fee is a Trust Fund.
Facilities Fees as noted.

Peru State College
Proposed Fees
Academic Year 2026-27

	Actual 2025-26 Rate	Proposed 2026-27 Rate
On-Campus Fees: (per credit hour)	\$88.60	\$88.60
College Support Fee	\$75.35	\$75.35
Components:		
Capital Improvement Fee	\$12.00	\$12.00
General Support Fee	\$10.85	\$10.85
Facilities Fee - Revenue Bond	\$37.00	\$37.00
Facilities Fee - Cash	\$2.00	\$2.00
Technology Fee	\$13.50	\$13.50
Health Fee	\$6.25	\$6.25
Student Activity Fee	\$7.00	\$7.00
Other Fees:		
Orientation Fee	\$125.00	\$125.00
International Student Fee (One-Time)	\$150.00	\$150.00
Transcript Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00
Late Payment Fee (2% of outstanding balance up to \$100)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Reinstatement Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
Employee Parking		
Annual - Auto or Motorcycle	\$25.00	\$25.00

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Student Activity Fee is a Trust Fund.
Facilities Fees as noted.

Wayne State College
Proposed Fee Rates
Academic Year 2026-27

	Actual 2025-26 Rate	Proposed 2026-27 Rate
On-Campus Fees: (per credit hour)	\$78.35	\$78.35
College Support Fee	\$65.80	\$65.80
Components:		
Capital Improvement Fee	\$12.00	\$12.00
General Support Fee	\$16.47	\$16.47
Facilities Fee - Revolving	\$20.37	\$20.37
Facilities Fee - Cash	\$3.98	\$3.98
Technology Fee	\$12.98	\$12.98
Health Fee	\$6.30	\$6.30
Student Activity Fee	\$6.25	\$6.25

Off-Campus Fees: (per credit hour)		
Extended Campus Fee	\$78.35	\$78.35
Components:		
General Support Fee	\$36.62	\$36.62
Facilities Fee - Revolving	\$1.34	\$1.34
Facilities Fee - Cash	\$15.41	\$15.41
Capital Improvement Fee	\$12.00	\$12.00
Technology Fee	\$12.98	\$12.98

Other Fees:		
Orientation Fee	\$125.00	\$125.00
International Student Enrollment Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
Transcript Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00
Late Payment Fee (2% of outstanding balance up to \$100)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Reinstatement Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
Employee Parking (2)		
Annual - Vehicle	\$50.00	\$50.00
Annual - Reserved Parking for Executive Administrators	\$200.00	\$200.00
Annual Motorcycle	\$20.00	\$20.00
Spring/Summer Only	\$30.00	\$30.00
Summer Only	\$20.00	\$20.00

NOTES

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Capital Improvement Fees are Revolving Funds.

Student Activity Fee is a Trust Fund

Facilities Fees as noted.

Employee Parking is split 20% to cash and 80% to revolving