Western Michigan University Agenda Item No. 13
BOARD OF TRUSTEES *June 25, 2026*

PROPOSAL: Fall 2026 Tuition and Required Fee Rates

Background

To continue providing a high-quality education and support students' academic success, Western Michigan University remains focused on allocating financial resources to strategically serve students and to advance the University as a premier destination for a holistic, experience-driven education. Tuition is the major revenue source for the general fund, accounting for approximately 68% of the total budgeted revenue. It comprises approximately 55% of all University revenue.

We are recommending a 4% increase in tuition and required fees for resident undergraduate students. Based on what we know today, this adjustment would place Western's resident undergraduate tuition in the bottom half, ranking 8th among the 15 public universities in our state. Under the proposal, a newly admitted, full-time Michigan resident freshman will pay $16,592 in tuition and required fees to attend WMU for the 2026-27 academic year, which is an increase of $638 for the academic year. A comparable rate increase is proposed for resident graduate students and students enrolled in fully online programs. For nonresident students, a 6% increase is proposed.

The proposed tuition and required fees increase will be matched with a similar increase to financial aid in the general fund budget. WMU is committed to balancing access to college with the resources needed to provide a high-quality education for our students.

The proposed increase to tuition and required fees is within the State tuition restraint. A tuition increase that exceeds the constraint may result in financial penalties to the university. The State also specifies the formula for calculating a school's tuition change.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that effective with the Fall 2026 semester, the Board of Trustees approves the Schedule of Tuition and Required Fee Rates as attached.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Tuition and Required Fees
Effective with Fall Semester 2026

UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES

Resident

Undergraduate - Lower

- $8,226.00 Flat Rate for 12 - 15 credits
- $685.50 per credit hour for 1 - 11 credits
- $8,226.00 plus $685.50 per credit hour over 15

Undergraduate - Upper

- $9,024.50 Flat Rate for 12 - 15 credits
- $752.04 per credit hour for 1 - 11 credits
- $9,024.50 plus $752.04 per credit hour over 15

Non-Resident

Undergraduate - Lower

- $10,477.00 Flat Rate for 12 - 15 credits
- $873.08 per credit hour for 1 - 11 credits
- $10,477.00 plus $873.08 per credit hour over 15

Undergraduate - Upper

- $11,494.00 Flat Rate for 12 - 15 credits
- $957.83 per credit hour for 1 - 11 credits
- $11,494.00 plus $957.83 per credit hour over 15

Required Fees

Assessed to all undergraduate Students except those enrolled exclusively in fully on-line program(s)

Student Assessment Fee	$62.00
Sustainability Fee	$8.00
	$70.00

Students enrolled exclusively in fully on-line program(s)

- $685.50 per credit hour

GRADUATE TUITION RATES

Resident

- $868.04 per credit hour

Non-Resident

- $1,326.71 per credit hour

Required Fees - Assessed to students enrolled in any main campus program

	Semester		Session	
	Full-Time 5 Cr. Hrs. & Up	**Part-Time** 1 - 4 Cr. Hrs.	**Full-Time** 4 Cr. Hrs. & Up	**Part-Time** 1 - 3 Cr. Hrs.
Enrollment*	$411.50	$208.50	$206.25	$104.35
Student Assessment Fee	$62.00	$62.00	$31.00	$31.00
Sustainability Fee	$8.00	$8.00	$4.00	$4.00
Total	$481.50	$278.50	$241.25	$139.35

* The Enrollment Fee is a single per capita assessment which covers: Health Center Operations Fee; Technology Fee - covering information systems services for students; Facility Fee - for auxiliary building debt requirements; Recreation Fee - for recreation building debt service and building operations; Infrastructure Fee - for deferred maintenance projects; and on-campus and aviation bus transportation fee.

Students enrolled exclusively in fully on-line program(s)

- $686.04 per credit hour