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*Submitted by Sonal Virk, ASUW Vice President*

**BOARD BILL 3.169:** An Act to Approve the Student Technology Fee Increase for FY27

**WHEREAS:** The University of Washington Student Technology Fee (STF) is a student-run, student-funded initiative established to enhance student access to technology, support academic success, and fund critical campus resources;

**WHEREAS:** STF supports essential services and programs including UW Libraries, the Student Technology Loan Program, UW-IT, student publications, and technology-focused Registered Student Organizations, with over \$2.5 million allocated annually to ongoing “Block Awards”;

**WHEREAS:** The current STF rate for the 2025–2026 academic year is \$32 per quarter, following a phased reintroduction of the fee after a temporary reduction to \$0 in FY23 to responsibly draw down a surplus reserve balance;

**WHEREAS:** The proposed increase to \$38 per quarter for the 2026–2027 academic year represents the final step in a multi-year financial strategy to stabilize the fund while maintaining a sustainable reserve balance of approximately \$1.5 million;

**WHEREAS:** The University is currently facing broader financial constraints, including reductions in state and federal funding, increasing the importance of student-controlled funding sources like STF to meet growing technology needs;

**WHEREAS:** Demand for STF funding has increased significantly, with rising reliance on subscription-based technologies, specialized equipment, and recurring services that require consistent financial support;

**WHEREAS:** The proposed \$38 quarterly fee is projected to generate approximately \$5.3 million annually, enabling the allocation of over \$3 million toward new student-driven technology projects while maintaining existing commitments;

**WHEREAS:** The STF Committee, composed of student representatives appointed by ASUW, has reviewed financial projections and determined that this increase is necessary to ensure long-term sustainability, innovation, and equitable access to technology resources;

**WHEREAS:** Failure to approve this increase would risk underfunding essential services, limiting opportunities for student organizations, and reducing access to critical academic and technological resources across campus;

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**THAT:** The ASUW Board of Directors formally approves the proposed increase of the Student Technology Fee from \$32 to \$38 per quarter for the 2026–2027 academic year;

**THAT:** A copy of this bill be forwarded to Nandana Jaideep, ASUW President, Nick Oh, Student Technology Fee Chair, Khushi Loomba, ASUW Finance & Budget Director; Carrie Moore, Executive Director of the Husky Union Building; and Marshall Traverse, Associate Director for Student Activities; Trevor Hunt, Associate Director for Finance and Business Operations.

**End**

**References**

[UW FY27 STF Narrative Report 2.docx](#)

[Item XX - \(04.26\) Amended FY 27 - STF Budget.xlsx](#)

[FY26 Regents Items.xlsx](#)