

Degree/Graduation Fee

The colleges currently handle the costs of diplomas and graduation differently. At PSC and CSC the student pays a Degree/Graduation fee, but purchase their own caps and gowns in order to attend the graduation ceremony. At WSC the student pays a Degree/Graduation fee that covers the full cost of attending the ceremony and the diploma costs. It was agreed by the colleges that the process used by WSC would be easier to manage and would eliminate problems with caps and gowns.

The FY22 Degree/Graduation Fees assessed by the colleges were as follows: CSC - Undergrad and Grad - \$20.00; PSC - Undergrad - \$50.00 and Grad - \$75.00; WSC - Undergrad - \$60.00 and Grad - \$85.00. As part of the fee restructuring and clean-up for FY23, it is proposed that the Degree/Graduation Fee is converted to a per credit hour fee that will cover the cost of diplomas and the full cost of the graduation ceremony, including the cost of caps and gowns. The per credit hour fee will be part of the Event Fee component of the College Support Fee. The FY21 college costs and the conversion calculations to a per credit hour fee are provided in the following table:

**Degree/Graduation Fee
FY21 Costs and Credit Hours**

Diploma and Graduation Costs	<u>CSC</u>	<u>PSC</u>	<u>WSC</u>
Estimated Cost of Caps and Gowns (1)	\$21,872	\$11,011	\$27,118
Cost of Diplomas	\$5,520	\$6,543	\$10,183
Other Costs	<u>\$26,860</u>	<u>\$25,404</u>	<u>\$23,765</u>
Total Estimated Cost	\$54,252	\$42,958	\$61,066
 Cost per Graduate	 \$113	 \$145	 \$82
 Credit Hours to be Assessed Fee			
FY21 Credit Hours Less Dual Enrollment Credits	54,249	38,538	94,892
Summer Hours to be Assessed			912
Extended Hours to be Assessed			2,784
 Event Fee Rate For Summer			\$13.50
Event Fee Rate for Extended Campus			\$0.50
Event Fee Increase to Cover Cost	\$1.00	\$1.11	\$0.50
 (1) Assuming 70% of students attend graduation for PSC and CSC.			

Board Approval

The Board is being asked to take the following actions related to these one-time fee for FY23:

- Approve an increase to the Technology Fee component of the College Support Fee to replace the Matriculation and Processing Fee as follows: CSC - \$0.25; PSC - \$0.50; and WSC - \$0.35.
- Approve an increase to the Event Fee component of the College Support Fee to replace the Degree/Graduation Fee as follows: CSC - \$1.00; PSC - \$1.10; WSC -

\$0.50.

These changes will be made to the FY23 fee schedule upon Board approval.

The System Office recommends approval of the Restructuring of Matriculation Fee and Degree/Graduation Fee.