

## **FUTURE ACTION ITEM #3**

### **Establishing the WSU Pullman Cougs Against Hunger Student Food Pantry Fee (Leslie Brunelli/Romando Nash)**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** Establishing the Cougs Against Hunger Student Food Pantry Fee at WSU Pullman

**PROPOSED:** That the WSU Board of Regents approve the establishment of a new mandatory fee of \$5 per semester (fall & spring) for full-time Pullman graduate and professional students, beginning in the fall of 2024

**SUBMITTED BY:** Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:** The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Cougar Food Pantry Funding Referendum enacted by the GPSA Senate states the desire to create a sustainable solution to the challenge of food insecurity on the WSU Pullman campus.

The referendum called for a vote of the Pullman graduate student body which occurred on March 4<sup>th</sup> - March 8<sup>th</sup>. A total of 354 ballots were cast out of 2232 eligible voters. 80.5% of votes cast were in favor of the referendum.

RCW 28B.15.610 (Voluntary fees of students) grants authority for students to create or increase voluntary student fees for each academic year when passed by a majority vote of the student government or its equivalent, or referendum presented to the student body or such other process that has been adopted under RCW 28B.15.610.

Revenue generated by this fee will be used solely for the purpose of supporting the food bank located on the WSU Pullman Campus. The fee will be used to provide an operating budget for the food pantry to hire permanent staff and maintain sustainable levels of food for distribution.

**ATTACHMENT:** Cougs Against Hunger Student Food Pantry Fee Supporting Documents