

Referendum 47-05
Referendum Concerning Consolidation of Student Athletic Fees

**Associated Students of
Washington State University
Forty-Seventh Senate**

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FORTY-SEVENTH SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED
STUDENTS OF WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

Section 1 Referendum

This vote will be asking students to decide on consolidating the Student Athletics Fee. Currently students pay two separate fees for athletics via Services and Activities allocation and the optional Sports Pass. This fee consolidation would create an annual fee paid directly to athletics. This annual fee would remove the current Service and Activities allocation and the optional Sports Pass. This consolidated fee would give every undergraduate student a Sports Pass and “ZZU CRU” pass, paid for in conjunction with their student fees.

The 2017-2018 S&A Fee allocated for Athletics toward student centered efforts is currently \$39.93 per year totaling \$754,112. For the 2017-2018 academic year Athletics sold 11,212 sports passes to 16,240 enrolled undergraduate students at \$239 each, totaling \$2,679,668. With the consolidation of the portion of S&A fees which goes to athletics, every undergraduate student would be allocated a sports pass with a reduced total cost of \$265 per year. The consolidation of the fee would increase financial aid eligibility that would enable tuition waivers as well as financial aid to cover the cost of this proposed consolidated fee.

Referendum Question:

1) Do you accept the consolidation of the Student Athletics Fee by eliminating the S&A and creating one mandatory athletics fee?

- No
- Yes

Section 2 Upon passage this referendum will go to the Undergraduate Student Body for a vote in the ASWSU Spring 2018 General Election. If approved by the qualified voters of this association the new fee will be presented to the Board of Regents of Washington State University for implementation beginning the 2018-2019 academic year.