



FY27 Tuition Consultation
Student Fee Management Committee
March 18, 2026

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Up Front

- Tuition increase for FY27
- FY27 University General Fund budget deficit reduction of \$3M
- Budget reductions have been determined
- No program closures or layoffs of existing personnel



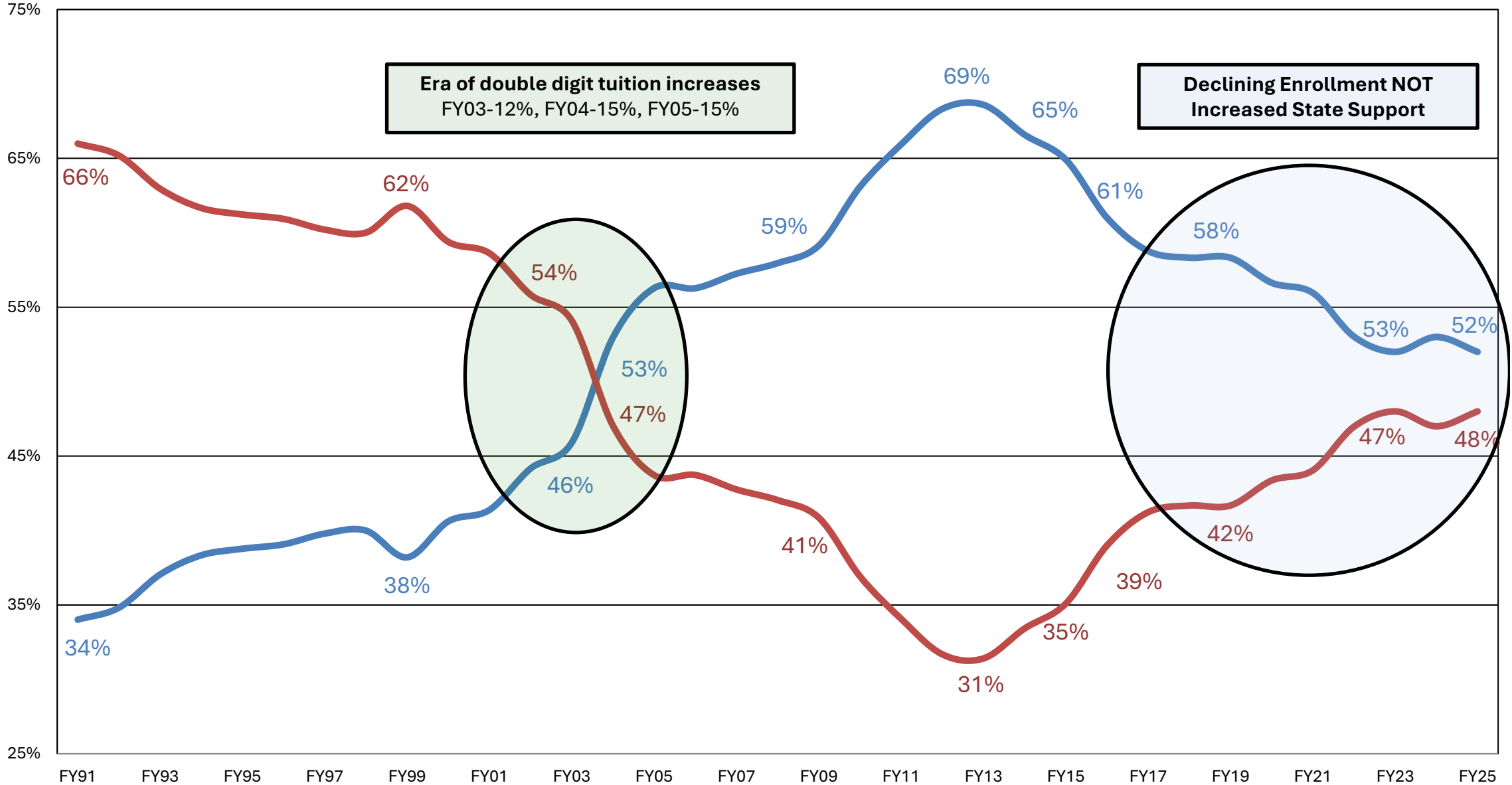
General Fund Summary

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- \$112M Total Budget
 - \$47M Tuition
 - \$43M State Appropriation
 - \$17M Other (Differential/Course Fees/Laptop)
 - \$5M Fund Balance
- State Appropriation is allocated to campuses from Mn State System Office Allocation Framework – Funds from Mn Legislature
- Tuition from Students via direct payments, scholarships, loans, etc
- Expenditures
 - 75% personnel - 800+ employees (Salaries and fringe benefits)
 - 25% operating (Student help, department operations, utilities, insurance, facility repairs, etc)

Winona State University
Percentage of General Fund Budget from State Appropriation and Tuition
Actual FY91-FY25
March 31, 2025

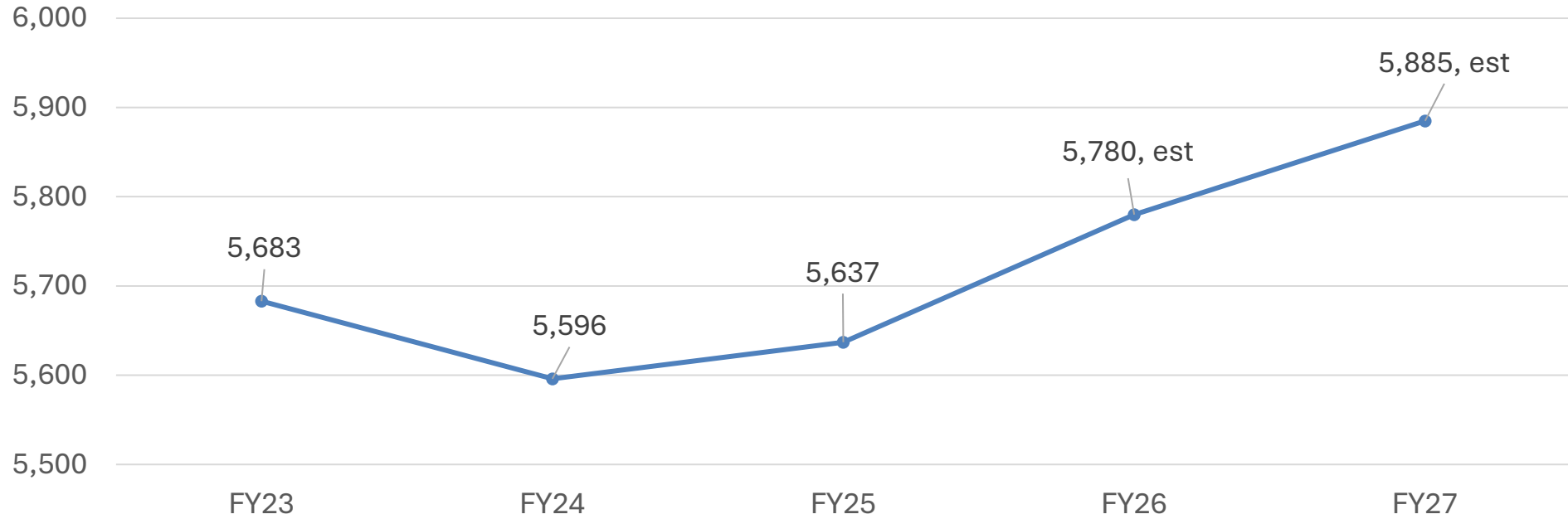




Enrollment

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Total FYE (Full Year Equivalent) Enrollment

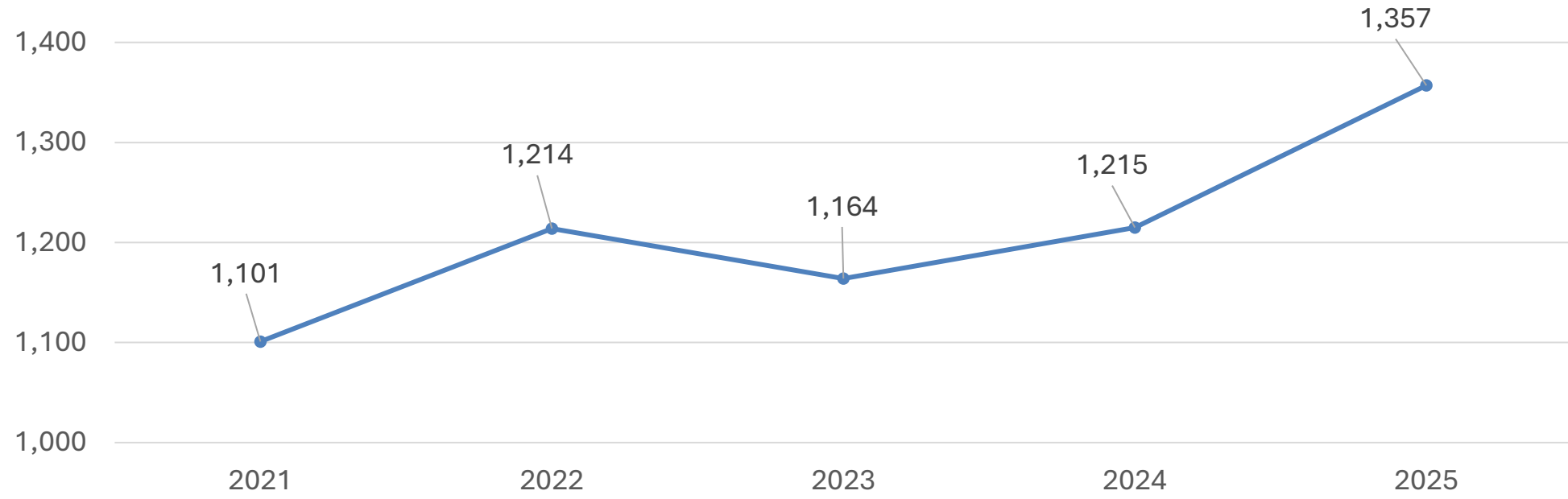


Enrollment Change

FY25 to FY26: +143 FYE or +2.5%

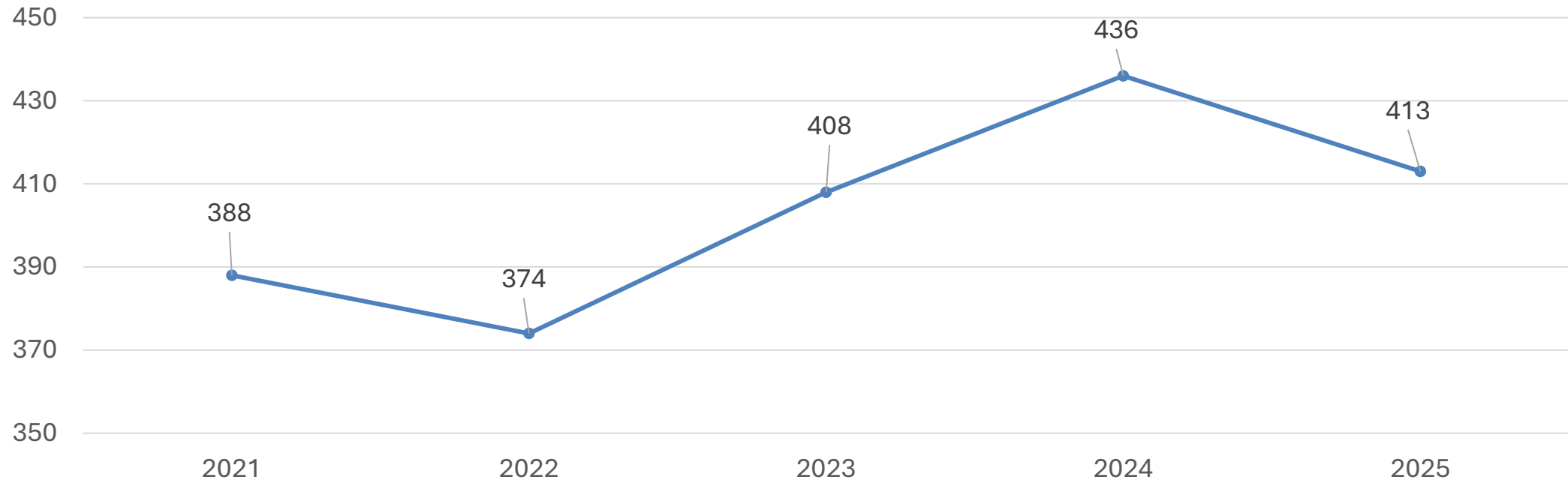
FY26 to FY27: +105 FYE or +1.8%

New Entering Freshman Enrollment



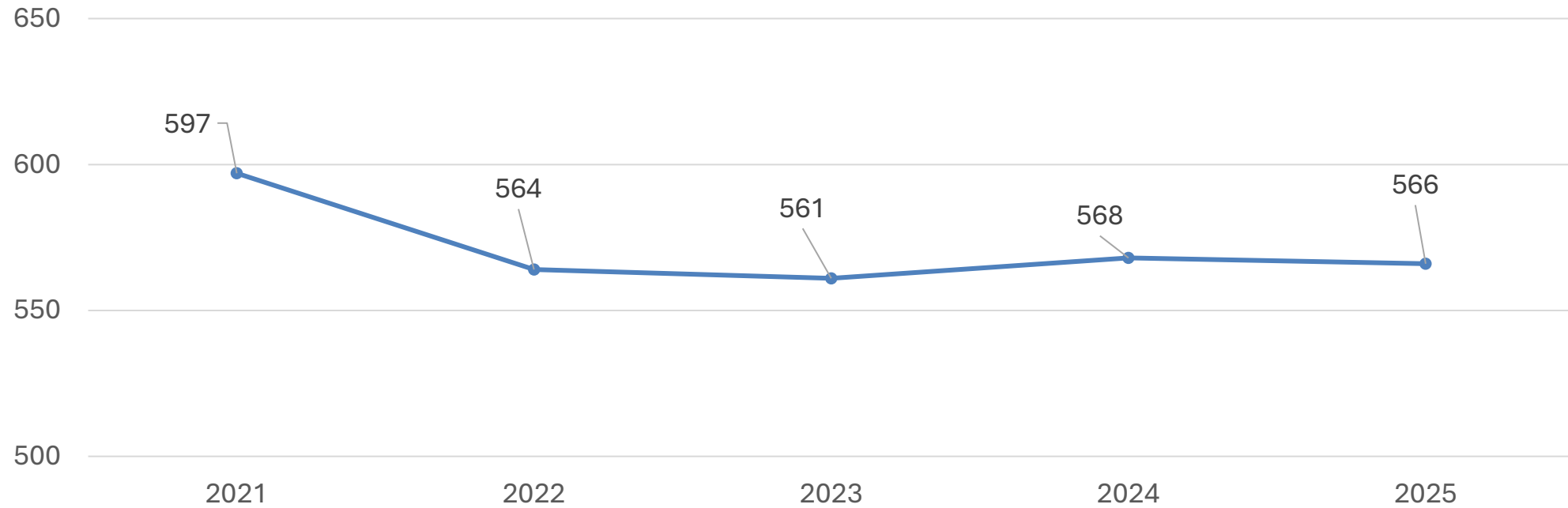
NEF Change
2024 to 2025: +142 or +11.6%

New Entering Transfer Enrollment



NET Change
2024 to 2025: -23 or -5.2%

Graduate Enrollment (FYE)



Graduate FYE Change
2024 to 2025: -2 or -0.3%

Enrollment – Mn State



Full Year Equivalent (FYE)	Spring 25 v Spring 26 %	Spring 25 v Spring 26 FYE
Bemidji State	-1.2%	-17.4
Metro State	4.5%	+99
MSU-Mankato	1.2%	+72
MSU-Moorhead	6.0%	+100
St Cloud State	-2.4%	-68
SW Minn State	1.7%	+26
Winona State	2.3%	+57
Rochester CTC	1.8%	+27
MNState College SE	0.0%	+1



FY26/27 Budget Update

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State of Minnesota Budget

- FY26/27 State Budget Forecast shows a surplus of **\$3.73B** as of 2/26
 - Total State Biennial Budget is about \$67B
- FY28/29 State Budget Forecast shows a surplus of **\$0.38B** as of 2/26
- Big shift from December to February forecast
 - Improved by \$1.3B in 26/27 and \$2.2B in 28/29
 - Still much uncertainty as it pertains to Federal budget and the economy/inflation
- Mn House and Senate are closely divided
 - Difficult to pass bills

Mn State Supplemental Budget Request – FY27



- Due to State budget, prospects for supplemental budget funding are slim
- System will not submit a formal supplemental budget request
- System will advocate for the principles in the biennial budget request from last year
 - Total Biennial Budget Request \$465M (\$365M base and \$100M one time)
 - Student Affordability and System Operations \$285M (About a 5% increase annually)
 - Critical Infrastructure \$100M (one-time - \$50M HEAPR, \$25M Demo, \$25M Workday)
 - Student Support \$40M
 - Workforce-Focused Support \$40M
 - Silent on tuition

Where are we? – FY26 Budget



- Budget deficit in FY26 (\$4.4M) will have to be solved with fund balance and carryforward funds
 - “Hiring Chill” in effect starting Fall Semester 2025
 - Cabinet approves the filling of every position and will be cautious
 - Deficit is primarily caused by tuition rate increase being reduced by MnState Board of Trustees, higher than expected health insurance cost increases and changes in State Appropriation
- Fund balance is below the 20% Mn State threshold
 - Currently at around 10%
 - Mn State is watching and monitoring
 - **Once budget is balanced, will have to rebuild this fund balance above 20%**
- We need as much carryforward as possible
 - Carryforward comes from salary savings due to unfilled positions, unspent operating budgets, etc
 - Annually about \$2-3M is realized from carryforward

Hiring Chill

- Starting in the Fall, Cabinet limited hiring to essential positions
- More than 40 positions had been held vacant, or searches delayed for extended periods of time
- As budget reduction plans have been approved, positions were released for search
- Cabinet will continue to review and approve all positions for replacement

Potential Revenue Changes for FY26 and Beyond



- MnState is exploring a common tuition rate for the State Universities
 - WSU currently has the lowest tuition rate among the State U's – 7% from Bemidji
 - Phased in over 1-3 years?
 - Still in the discussion stages
 - More tuition revenue to WSU
- MnState have said they will adjust the allocation model
 - Alter shifting of funds between the 2-year and 4-year institutions
 - Short term(1-2 yrs) vs. long term(recalibration) solution
 - More State Appropriation revenue to WSU
- Enrollment is trending positive!
 - New Entering Freshman up this past Fall
 - New Residence Hall – Foundation Hall is on the way!
 - Diversification of enrollment - WSU 2035

FY27 Budget Scenarios (as of 11/13/25)



	(M = Millions)	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
A	Entering FY27 Budget Deficit	-\$4.4M	-\$4.4M	-\$4.4M
B	State Appropriation Change	\$0.00M (0%)	\$0.00M (0%)	\$0.00M (0%)
C	Tuition Rate Change (\$470k per 1%)	\$1.41M (3%)	\$2.35M (5%)	\$3.29M (7%)
D	Tuition Gain/Loss: FY27 Enrollment Change	\$0.64M (+80)	\$0.88M (+110)	\$1.60M (+200)
E	Total Revenue Change (B+C+D)	\$2,050,000	\$3,230,000	\$4,890,000
F	Salary/Fringe Settlements (incl Health Ins)	\$3.40M	\$3.40M	\$3.40M
G	Inflation/General Fund Scholarship Budget	\$0 (0%)	\$0 (0%)	\$0 (0%)
H	Total Expense Change (F+G)	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000
I	FY27 Budget Status (A+E-H)	-\$5,750,000	-\$4,570,000	-\$2,910,000

Why do we have a deficit? – FY27 Budget



- Declining State support via Mn State Allocation Model
 - \$45.4M in FY25 down to \$43.0M in FY26 and FY27
- FY26 tuition request lowered by 2.5% (9% to 6.5%)
- Higher employee salary increases than revenues 4%+
- Large increases to health insurance costs +17% 2026 and +10% 2027
 - Negotiated by State of Minnesota – Zero local control

Where are we? – FY27 Budget



- President's Cabinet has decided to make base budget reductions of \$3M for the FY27 budget
- Budget reduction targets have been established
- Deadline for budget reductions was February 1st
- Presidents Cabinet is working on final plans
- Budget Forum on March 26th to discuss budget updates

Budget Reduction Targets – Summary Level



Organizational Unit (All #'s are rounded)	% of General Fund Budget	\$3M Budget Reduction
Academic Affairs	70.1%	\$2,102,000
Finance and Administration	11.6%	\$350,000
Enrollment Management	8.6%	\$256,000
Student Life	1.4%	\$43,000
University Advancement and Athletics	7.7%	\$231,000
President's Office	0.6%	\$18,000
GRAND TOTAL	100.0%	\$3,000,000

Student Implications of Budget Reductions



- Always try and keep student at front and center of budget reduction decisions
- Try to match faculty staffing levels with student demand to be able to offer students courses they need to matriculate
- **Cutting faculty = cutting courses available = longer time to graduate for students**
- **Longer time to graduate = more expense in college (Rent, food, loss of income, etc)**
- Academic Affairs did a good job this year of keeping faculty position reductions low
- Attempt to reduce items that do not impact classroom experience
 - Operating budgets, extra duty days, IT costs, facility lease expenses, et al
- No one likes to pay more



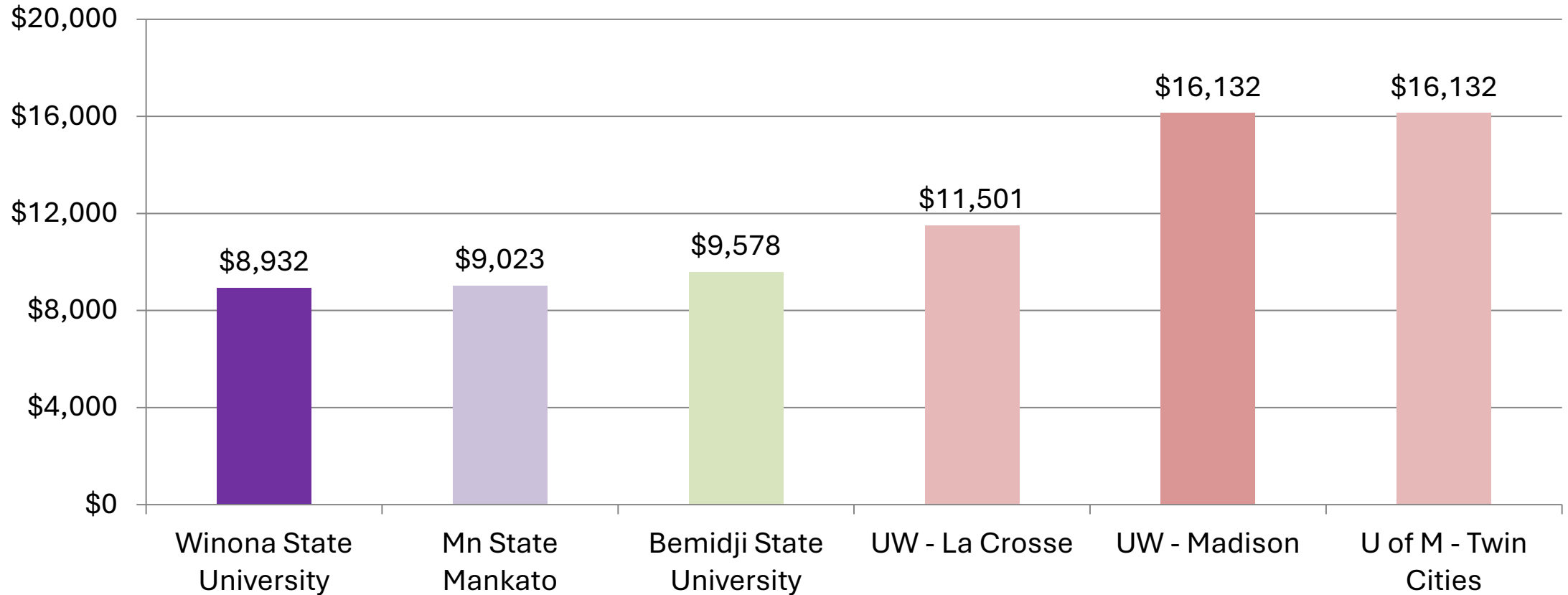
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Tuition Costs at Selected Institutions – FY26



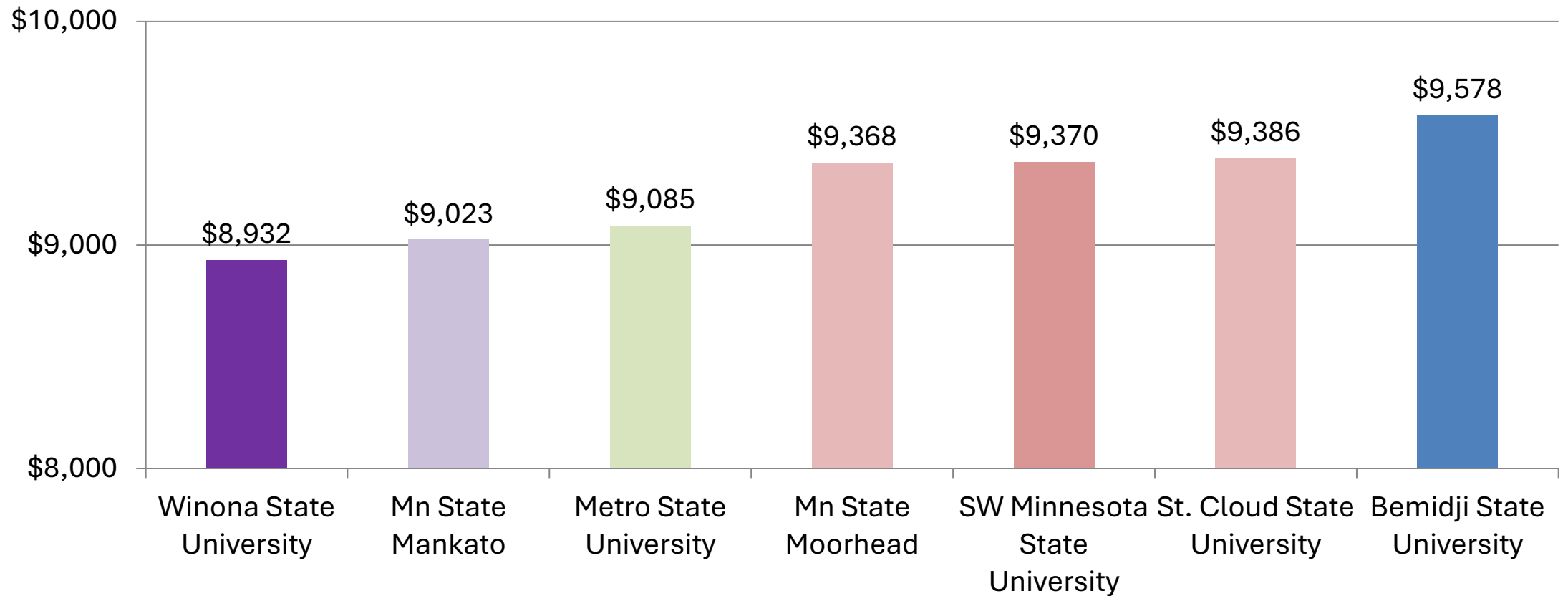
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Tuition Costs at Mn State Universities – FY26



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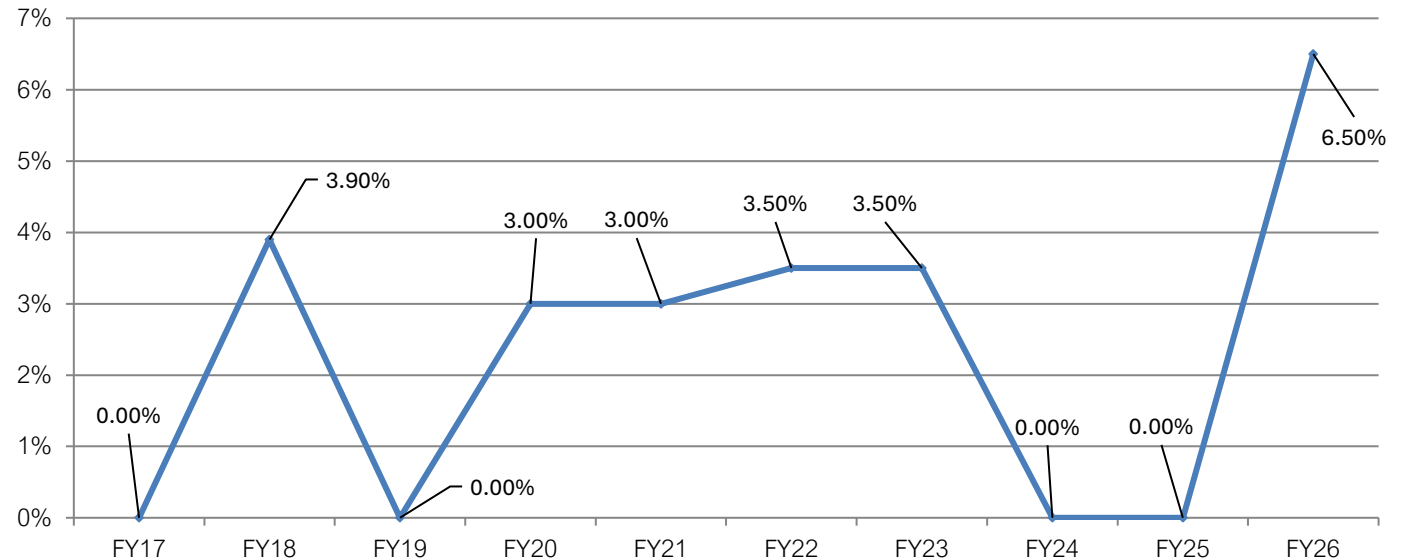
History – Tuition and Budget Reductions



•Tuition Increases

- FY17 – 0%
- FY18 – 3.9%
- FY19 – 0%
- FY20 – 3%
- FY21 – 3% (0% Fall)
- FY22 – 3.5%
- FY23 – 3.5%
- FY24 – 0%
- FY25 – 0%
- FY26 – 6.5%

- 5 Year Average (FY21-26) – 2.70%
- 10 Year Average (FY16-26) – 2.34%



Budget Reductions	
FY10	-\$1.8M
FY12	-\$2.5M
FY15	-\$1.5M
FY18	-\$4.0M
FY19	-\$5.9M
FY21	-\$6.0M
FY22	-\$5.3M
FY23	-\$4.5M
FY25	-\$7.0M
FY26	-\$3.0M

FY27 Tuition Proposal



Tuition increase of \$20 per credit Undergraduate and \$37 Graduate

MN Undergraduate	FY26 Board Approved	FY27 Amount of Increase	FY27 est. (Proposed)
Per Credit (7%)	\$295.43	\$20.68	\$316.11
Banded –Semester (7%)	\$4,466.34	\$312.64	\$4,778.98

MN Graduate	FY26 Board Approved	FY27 Amount of Increase	FY27 est. (Proposed)
Per Credit (7%)	\$529.74	\$37.08	\$566.82

- Tuition increase request amount could be lowered if there is different guidance from the system office and/or Legislature
- New Differential Tuition in College of Science and Engineering (Geoscience, Computer Science, Math/Stats, Physics) – Course fees may be eliminated

Next Steps / Timeline

- WSU Super Meet & Confer / Budget Forum – November 13, 2025
- Begin Student Tuition and Fee Consultation with SFMC/Student Senate – January 2026
- Present Tuition at Student Fee Management Committee – March 18th
- Present Tuition at Student Senate – March 25th
- Budget Forum to Update Campus on Budget – March 26th
- Student Consultation Letters are due – End of April 2026
- Board of Trustees Meetings to Approve Budget, Tuition and Fees – April/May 2026
- Legislative Session Ends – May 18, 2026
- Implement Budget Reductions – June 30, 2026



Thank You!

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