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1	Current student	I already barely afford tuition. Raise it for the freshman but if we have been enrolled we need to be grandfathered into the non raised tuition
2	Current student	Bruh
3	Current student	Cost of attendance continues to rise as the dollar's value continues to shrink. Ridiculous. Cut expenses.
4	Current student	You want to raise tuition but the music school still looks like that? you want to raise tuition but the only people benefiting are the athletes? How about professors who aren't getting paid a livable wage?? How about you pay your student employees more than 9 dollars an hour and then I will be fine with a tuition raise!!!! SCAMMERS
5	Current student	I believe that tuition shouldn't be increased in order to give students an opportunity to go to school & not having to worry about the extra tuition fees. In state is supposed to be a bit cheaper than out of state & I don't think it should be increased whatsoever
6	Current student	Do not raise tuition and fees I can barely afford to go to school now.
7	Current student	I believe this should be a poll from your students seeings as we would be the one dealing with this increase that benefits the school first.
8	Current student	as a student i hope for more parking lots. separating student ONLY LOTS from staff and administrators. administration take up a lot of the SOFTBALL LOT which the closest to student union and onestop. it's unfair to students administrators should have their own color designated lots.
9	Current student	Have you ever thought about how rising tuition leads to decreased enrollment? As a graduate student, it is more cost-effective for me to pursue my degree at another university than it is more me to go here. I believe whole-heartedly that this raise in tuition will continue to lead in a decline in enrollment for both undergraduate and graduate students alike, and I hope that you consider less of a financial burden when raising the cost of attendance, especially while in global economic recession.
10	Current student	Make up whatever reasons you want for tuition increase, if it makes you feel better. It's never gonna get any lower, is it? The barrier to entry for higher education grows ever larger. Even worse that the university proposes this during the current events of the government planning to screw over any student that's had student loans through COVID.
11	Current student	Not like we can stop you. Just don't waste it.

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12	Current student	Personally, I believe college is incredibly expensive as it is now. A lot of students pay out of pocket money to attend and I believe even the 100-300 dollar increase can cause them to drop out. I believe everyone should be able to get a good education at an amazing college like MTSU. Just a good thing to think about during the meeting. Thank you for everything you all do to make this school great. I enjoy going to college here!
13	Current student	I feel as if they need to keep it where it is at, I am a student that does not receive financial aid. I am making it with the payment now, but increasing the prices would make it to where I cannot finish college with a degree of my choice. Middle Tennessee is the most affordable University in Tennessee and I as a student feel as if it should stay where it is to keep families able to send their kids to college at an affordable rate.
14	Current student	Broooo if this increases I'm gonna consider dropping out
15	Current student	Fees should come down. Cut the cost at the top, no need for people making more than 200k at the school.
16	Current student	I do not agree with this proposal. Though to the university this may not seem like a big increase, for students like myself who struggle to get every penny to pay for school it is unacceptable. I do not have parents who help me pay for things, I am on my own, and with everything else such as my rent, bills, and expenses increasing my education should not be one of them. Schools should focus on making it more accessible for people to attend, not less. These promised scholarships and things being increased is pure greed, the campus does not lack anything at this moment and coming from someone with close to a 4.0 GPA and a member of an honor society who was still denied scholarships and further financial aid, I do not care to fund scholarships that seem nearly impossible to get no matter how well you're doing. It seems like you have to be an athlete or rich to attend college these days.
17	Current student	While I understand the desire for increasing available scholarships, the goal should not be to take from students to give to students. I do not want to pay for another student's education, nor do I think any student should pay for another's education. Even if the new scholarship(s) are available to all students, at that point, it's no different than a raffle. In addition, the Tennessee Higher Education Committee limits the annual tuition increase to a maximum of 3%. The proposed tuition increase is over 85% of the allowance. Are there publically available expenditure reports for MTSU through the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years? If the cost of running the institution has not increased by \$5,000,000 in the past year, I see no reason to increase tuition at a university that students attend *because* of the low cost.

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18	MTSU staff	It seems wrong to raise tuition and fees without first doing an internal audit of the university's spending. The evaluation/reevaluation of several policies/processes...and even the redistribution of some department's surplus employees... might better serve the University as a whole while making sure we are good stewards of the state's dollars while serving the student population well.
19	Current student	I can barely afford tuition as it is. My family makes enough money for me to no qualify for financial aid. And I don't qualify for a lot of scholarships. I understand that the school needs founding to function. But I am paying over 20 k a year already. Maybe instead of raising prices, you guys should take a deeper look at where all your money is going in the first place. Maybe you guys are paying for things you don't need.
20	Parent of a current student	A college education is becoming further out of reach for the middle class. Please stop increasing tuition and fees every year. It is already unaffordable for most middle class families, and trade schools are looking more attractive.
21	Current student	This tuition increase will seriously affect the amount of money I will be able to contribute to my education over the next few years. I can understand some of your points needing additional attention, such as expanding knowledge on growing fields, but I also believe that a failure to budget on the university's part does not constitute an emergency that will fall on the shoulders of students. The students of MTSU are already commuting, working, taking out loans, and trying to fund money for the current tuition. Working'as said by Deborah Sells herself at last year's student orientation'takes a student away from their studies and creates a larger burden on the students. These students do not all have the privilege of saying 'oh \$150 isn't that big of a deal, sure!' This \$150 increase could potentially mean the student will have to work more hours, devoting less time to their university studies, which I would hope MTSU agrees is not the goal. I fully support the expansion of the school, but it should not be at the expense of current students. There are a plethora of ways to raise money that do not involve increasing funds for every student. Fundraisers where students can contribute what they are able financially are practices that should be utilized more at this institution!!! At the end of the day it is not the burden of students to make their university services more accessible and up-to-date, the burden falls on the university. I do not support tuition increases.

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22	Current student	<p>Why are 10/41 dollars going towards the Murphy center when we have literal mold growing in the KOM? MTSU seems to care more about the athletics than the actual educational side of college. It is unfair to only focus on revamping the 'new and upcoming' majors (like psychology and concrete and construction) and the athletic departments like Murphy center and the 7.1 million dollar tennis complex. Majors that are also core gen eds have been discarded like Peck Hall and Kirskey Old Main. My point is not that we should continue to up the tuition and fees but rather that we should relocate where the current tuition and fees are going. Also instead of upping tuition and fees for the athletic department, how about the college charge more for tickets to get into the games, or even give students the ability to opt out of their free ticket so they don't have to pay extra in tuition and fees. I picked this college because it was the cheapest for a 4 year college. I am a math major and have spent my entire time at in some part of KOM or midget building. Our tuition and fees should be relocated to finding better math teachers and making KOM up to par/standards. I feel like every year the tuition goes up and every year some ridiculous fee is added, yet nothing new happens at the KOM or Peck Hall, or even the dramatic arts buildings. I understand education costs money, but the majority of tuition and fee increases should NOT go to the athletic department! This is COLLEGE, a place to LEARN not for learners to pay for student athletes to catch their big break.</p>
23	Current student	<p>Not gonna be paying MTSU a dime. MTSU hasn't upgraded any of my departments equipment for over 3 years. The money is just going to pay for new buildings we do not need. The school has already lost the 50% state funding for developing new buildings because they abused it. This is just another toll on the working class to pay for less than a tenth of a new building.</p>

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24	Current student	I understand that the increase in tuition and fees will be paying for necessary services like parking and scholarships but I don't believe the tuition increase is completely needed. An increase in fees can be accepted but a tuition increase, especially since it will be appearing on the school's website, may deter considering students from choosing MTSU for their higher education. Students who receive scholarships from the university will benefit but those who cannot receive them will be negatively affected and may find it that much more difficult to afford to attend MTSU. MTSU is known by many in-state students as being a good affordable choice and increasing the cost of tuition and fees may make it harder for those seeking a higher education. I believe that if it is possible to reroute some funds from programs that are better off to those in need of this money then that should be the decision the university is considering, not a tuition increase. If this cannot be done then I suppose the tuition and fee increase isn't too outrageous to not consider, but it should not be the first choice of solution.
25	Current student	We don't need any more student loans. I think it go only go with freshman and everyone that started with the Tuition with the price it is now it should stay that way till they graduate.
26	Current student	Being brutally honest, an increased in-state tuition is the worst idea ever. You already take a % of the tuition, and now you are going to increase it more? We are forced to wait sometimes hours trying to call the MTONEstop, and half the time the service is poor. Don't increase the tuition without fixing services first

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27	Current student	MTSU's current costs are already difficult for many students. Students from all kinds of backgrounds are working hard to earn degrees so that they may build a better life for themselves and their families. All around the country, people are struggling to pay for college and many of them have to work difficult jobs at the same time which makes it even harder. Many students often drop out due to the pressure of having to maintain their grades and work to make sure they can still eat, have a home, and go to school. MTSU already has a subpar graduation rate. 46% is reported to be the statistic on Google, and other 3rd party sources share similar numbers. The increase in cost mentions enhancing scholarship programs for students, but it doesn't seem to address it more than that compared to the other items it addresses. Scholarships as is do not come close to covering costs for students. The highest scholarships straight from MTSU (such as the Trustee and Centennial ones, not ones that give specifically a few students full coverage) are already for a very small group of students and don't even fully cover their tuition. In fact, a scholarship program I'm in is ending and I'm receiving less funding for the future. If MTSU is going to do anything, it should be to make the institution even more cost effective for students so more than (barely half of) 46% of students graduate.
28	Current student	I am already working two full time jobs plus going to school. I am struggling already with meeting my basic life needs and paying for my college education.
29	Current student	This is absolutely ridiculous. College students are suffering enough and the main reason y'all want to do this is for scholarships y'all barely give out, athletics, and promotions for faculty? this should come from the state! not the students! Disappointed greatly in MTSU for this. I thought this was a school for opportunity not a cash cow milking money from students. especially undergraduates ? that's so sickening
30	Current student	The extra increase will help students on scholarship and hurt ones that aren't. The extra revenue generated for scholarships that some students aren't eligible for because of MTSU's faulty policies and weird requirements. A real change would be looking into what the differences are between a dependent and independent student. I am ineligible for all MTSU scholarships because i am considered dependent by MTSU even know i am Independent and i have lived out of my house for 3+ years, and my parents live 2 states away, but yeah charging more tuition is cool.

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31	Current student	By making current students pay more, regardless of if it builds up the possibility of new scholarships, you are taking away the possibility of anything close to proper affordability. I have 3 scholarships and government loans. With the projected increase in tuition and fees, i would still have over 7k to pay out of pocket. I can't make that in a summer ethically. My parents sure as hell can't help. You would rather us go further into debt for a POTENTIAL to help future students, but you won't even help your current attendees.
32	Current student	Students already pay a significant amount in fees and tuition. Some students are in positions that make it difficult to pay for what we already have to pay for. This increase can cause difficulties for certain students who already struggle to pay what we pay right now. Increasing will put us in a spot that causes more stress and worries about finances. Sure we have opportunities to earn scholarships and other resources, but what are we expected to do when we apply for this but don't get accepted or receive that, we are left worrying about finances. This increase will only add to that worry and stress for students.
33	Current student	I do not see a need for renovations on campus or a need for my tuition to be paying for those renovations. I understand inflationary costs and money going towards classroom expenses. College is already expensive and if the board wants renovations for buildings out of no reason other than aesthetic they should pay out of their own pockets because students couldn't care less.
34	Current student	Please don't
35	Current student	I am an undergraduate student that has yet to find a job with my bachelors degree that I got from Middle Tennessee State University. I am having to work 50+ hours a week at my job to pay for my families bills and cover school costs and I am barely getting by. I am not able to receive any funds from fafsa and here we are discussing raising the tuition for students. I just want to know if you guys ever think about the people that are having to pay this tuition or who decides it is a good time to just raise tuition like we are not already paying enough money.
36	Current student	I feel as though that this change should be made. Seeing as though, the school give free concerts every year if this change was made to eliminate the free concerts then tuition for in state students would not have to be raised.
37	Current student	As someone already working two jobs on top of being a full time student just to be able to afford tuition, this is unacceptable. It is unfair for those who are responsible for their own tuition as first generation college students. Many students will have no choice but to drop out if they can't afford it anymore.

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38	Current student	I along with all other 'regular students' implore you to not raise tuition. I and so many others like myself barely make enough to pay for tuition as it is. Language used such as, 'a *modest* 2% increase' show either a disingenuous or out of touch spirit from those that profiteer from our hard earned dollar. I fully expect the tuition to be raised as making money is the bottom line for enterprises such as this, but I will humbly ask, for that is all I can do, to not raise the tuition.
39	Current student	One of the biggest reasons I chose MTSU was its affordability and not having to go into debt to go to college. Even though the increase is small, I don't think it's fair for students! You market yourselves as an affordable university'stay that way!
40	Current student	I would like to see a full breakdown of where the funds are going, but as long as they are used to pay employees and workers on campus and used to provide more opportunities for students, then it's good to me. Also, I know it's mentioned, but I hope adverse financial effects to students are averted as much as possible as a result of the tuition increase
41	Current student	ððððð we're broke too tf
42	Current student	I do not believe that an increase in tuition fees in today's economic climate is inherently necessary. In fact, I believe that increasing fees in concurrence with the recent rising of prices in all fields including but not limited to housing costs, grocery costs, and gas prices is in effect quite inconsiderate of the overall challenges that students of all ages face. These rising costs are also coupled with stagnant wages, with the federal minimum wage still remaining at a paltry \$7.25. If our tuition prices are allowed to be raised, more and more students will be faced with the choice between taking out predatory student loans with ludicrously high interest rates or not even attending college at all, the latter of which will mostly affect students of more limited means.
43	Current student	Against it

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44	MTSU faculty	Explanation for the Proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increase 'The modest 2.98% increase proposed will help fund enhanced scholarships, new or expanded academic programs, and inflationary costs associated with utility costs, software maintenance, and campus technology infrastructure.' I do not think asking for tuition fee increases to cover inflationary costs is wrong. As an MTSU employee, I know how frugal we are to save costs at every opportunity. However, it is unfair to put increased costs on students to raise scholarship funds for others. Students and their families sacrifice a lot to cover college costs, including taking on student loans. Knowing that this increased financial burden will be placed on students to fund scholarships for other students is alarming and disheartening. I also do not favor placing a financial burden on students for new or expanded academic programs. Again, as an MTSU employee, I am somewhat familiar with new program development. Frankly, I am alarmed at how many we are attempting and how thinly staffed and supported most of them are. We must do well with what we have and place more energy into showing the world what we have. At present, it appears that we are trying to do it all badly. Placing the burden on students is another layer of fishing for funding opportunities that will not work. Please do not raise tuition any more than is absolutely necessary. Families are already struggling with inflation and the phrase, 'MTSU is pricing themselves out of business' is a phrase that is becoming common. I have never commented on the tuition fees before, but I feel obligated to tell you what I'm seeing from on campus and around Murfreesboro.
45	Current student	Unnecessary, we spend too much money on athletics that barely accomplish anything that could be better spent on any of the reasons for this increase that is stated. Increasing financial strain on your students is not wise especially in the economy we are in currently.
46	Current student	As a current student, it is already hard enough for me to pay my tuition. I am already working a lot during the school year to pay it. I do not want to be in years of debt. As I do this, I am having to stay up way later to do my homework and just take care of myself in general. It is genuinely exhausting and frustrating.
47	Current student	I disagree with the proposal to increase tuition. President McPherson salary increased by 4.75% from 2021 to 2022. Based on the average amount a President of a college makes in Tennessee, this is 46.82% higher. However, minimum wage stays consistent at \$7.25 since 2009. The amounts shown to cover inflation will punish students, who do earn salary wages, instead of considering long term effects of increased student loan debt. This increase seems highly unethical. I cannot fathom increasing tuition for years that will follow me.

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48	Current student	In my opinion, raising already high tuition costs won't benefit anyone, especially given the rising cost of both off-campus and on-campus housing as well as the high price for meal plans. Some students are becoming more indebted and unable to pay their fees as it is. Due to their parents' high incomes, some students do not qualify for financial help, which makes it challenging for those who already pay out of pocket. It may not be a huge difference in price to the board but it is to many of your students. As a result of this some may drop out of MTSU.
49	Current student	This needs to be taken into extremely careful consideration because there are students such as myself who with additional cost would struggle or potentially not even be able to come back to school. How is it fair that a student who made the Deans List in spring possibly not be able return in the fall based off increases in mandatory fees and tuition rather than the merits of their hard work. If there is going to be an increase in mandatory fees, there should be an increase in state aid, scholarships, and the money received from them. The numbers of students who can't just pay thousands of dollars out of pocket greatly outnumbers the number of students who can on MTSU's campus. Please be considerate of the majority of middle-class students that this could affect.
50	Current student	As a mtsu student the mtsu fees are ridiculous high. I an almost paying 1000+ every semester along with the tuitions. Please think of your students who are struggling to pay their bills. We do not need more buildings especially for athletes when 70% of the student won't be able to use it. Please think for the rest of the students who are barely making it.
51	Current student	I am completely against this, it's unnecessary.
52	Parent of a current student	My daughter is enrolled here and she is working a lot to keep up with tuition payments. My husband and I are also trying to add in, but we are having trouble to make ends meet as it is. By doing this, more students are going to go in debt. Working while doing school can be a struggle sometimes. They're always exhausted because they have no time to do anything besides school and those who work.

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53	Current student	I find this extremely unnecessary and almost disrespectful to hardworking students. These changes MTSU are trying to introduce come with a cost to students who are working 40+ hour work weeks just to afford school and that causes most of these students to struggle and sometimes even fail a class. Which then in turn requires students to retake the class costing them more money in the long run just so MTSU can use this money to provide for things that majority of students on campus are not using or wanting. I find it ridiculous to raise prices on students who are already scraping by on the bare minimum and running up their credit to afford a home and food to get an education at a school that doesn't seem to care.
54	Current student	I am frustrated to hear that the cost of tuition and fees is increasing. MTSU will be gaining \$3,750,600 in total revenue from the tuition increase alone. The explanation states, 'The 'modest' 2.98% increase proposed will help fund enhanced scholarships...', but this is nonsensical. Why would MTSU charge everyone more money in order to fund scholarships that would then pay for the increase in tuition? If anything, it is counterintuitive, and will likely wind up benefitting the wrong people. Public colleges typically attract a larger portion of low-income students, because attending a public university is the lower-cost option. Minorities are statistically more likely to fall in the low-income group than Caucasian students, therefore are much more likely to NEED scholarships to be able to afford to attend. Minority students are significantly less likely to receive scholarships than Caucasian students. Roughly 71.5% of Caucasian students receive scholarships, while minorities only receive about 28.5%. The odds of a Caucasian student being awarded a scholarship is 14.2%, and the odds for minority students is only 11.2%. Breaking that down further, the odds for winning a scholarship is only 11.4% for Black students, 9.1% for Hispanic students, and 10.5% for Asian students. Additionally, middle-income students win roughly 13.8% of scholarships, while only about 10.6% of low-income students receive scholarships. If my money would be going to someone that needed a scholarship to pay for their education, someone that didn't come from money and actually NEEDED the money to go to school, I would be more than happy to pay more. But seeing as this increase in tuition cost is more likely than not going to go to a student for a scholarship that they likely do not actually need while also raising the cost for those that already struggle to afford to attend it makes me really sad.
55	Current student	I do not support this, i believe the money should be used to support housing and education. Some of the Housing halls were disgusting and have mold.

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56	Current student	I don't think this is right to raise the tuition fees. Us students are having trouble to pay the tuition right now and if you guys are raising it then it might be hard for us to pay it.
57	Current student	I think it is wrong that the increase will go towards enhanced scholarships. That is raising the price of college for all students at the benefit of only a select few.
58	Current student	Really? You're really going to increase my tuition in the middle of my time here after I've been trying so hard to save up my money and work through college and live off campus commuting an hour each direction so that I don't get in a ton of debt? Well! At least make sure you add some new parking so I don't have to walk 47 miles to class. Thanks!!
59	Current student	While I understand a requirement for increased funding especially in today's economy, why should that increase be absorbed by the students? Many of us choose to go to a state university due to the monetary contribution being lower. I don't even want to know how much money is contributed to our football team which, truth be told, is not very good. Many of us are already in positions of being screwed by the university whether it is by lack of proper facilities, or professors who lack a care for student learning. Why should we contribute to a system that isn't doing us any favors in the first place? I chose to come here from Georgia 4 years ago due to the engineering program and over the last 2 years I could not be more disappointed in the quality of education I have received. Multiple professors have left in recent years and I feel like I am getting the scraps when it comes to quality instruction. I don't even blame the professors, I blame the lack of quality facilities for the engineering department. I likely won't even be here when the new engineering building opens.
60	Current student	To whom it may concern, Up yours. Sincerely, A Student Who Paid \$160 for a Textbook That She Will Only Need for 3 Weeks

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61	Current student	This is very greedy and pitiful of MTSU. Our current tuition is high already for even an in-state commuter student like myself, and I really don't see any change or improvement. As do my peers as well. Professors do as they please, using 10 year old PowerPoints and exams, just going through the motions and collecting a check, some not even reachable or willing to help their students. The green parking lots are falling apart as well, since they are for the commuters bringing in the least money. We were due a new engineering building 15 years ago, and that is just now starting to happen. The music facilities are also falling apart, among other major programs that we already have that are falling apart, and the university is only interested in giving people raises. I'm sure the people proposing this are never in those buildings that are falling apart, or have air conditioners louder than semi trucks. I am a Murfreesboro native, and I have watched this campus grow over the course of my life so far, but it seems like it's never the right thing growing here. I would be fine with a slight increase if it was proven that there has been proper use of funds over the last decade, but it has clearly not happened. But I don't matter because I'm not a white collar pocketing every dime I can of peoples hard earned money, right?
62	Current student	Does this affect international students and if so can you please consider the fact that we pay way more to attend this university so slight increments like this can determine if we continue with our education. My I-20 had the expected fees I was to pay before I started and so far it was way off and far misleading, consequently a lot of unexpected costs have arisen.
63	Current student	I do not support the increase in tuition and mandatory fees. Tuition is already very expensive and increasing costs would make it more difficult for myself and other students to continue our education.
64	Current student	Why tf would u fund tuitions when u can just have students pay less in the first place? Please don't raise tuition more than it is ppl are already dropping out cuz they can't afford it
65	Current student	I feel like tuition should not be raised, not everybody can be blessed and have scholarships to help pay for school. I have friends who are paying a lot out of pocket for them to be able to attend this school and rising tuition is going to impact them.
66	Current student	Raising tuition without insuring that students are capable of paying off their student debt or, like me, able to pay off their tuition as the term goes along, is an incredibly irresponsible move from the school. Many of us work multiple jobs in order to responsibly go to school and are not able to continue with a significant increase in tuition for selfish intentions from the school.

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67	Current student	I'm already struggling to pay tuition and all of the fees. I dont need it to be more expensive. Its not jus me,, most people dont go to college because of the expenses if you raise it then there will be more and more people not going and not furthering their education because of colleges raising tuition. I'll be a first generation graduate but if it gets raised then i dont know if that dream will continue to be true.
68	Current student	I would prefer the tuition to not increase as I already can barely afford what it is at thank you
69	Current student	I don't think it's fair to increase instate tuition, why can't we just increase out of state tuition?? Students chose to go to a school in state to save money but this increase would make students wonder if it's worth it; because while it's a small change now, multiple small increases will add up. Also why would our instate tuition increase to help fund future students?? We can't even afford our own schooling let alone other students.. I really hope y'all think this through and maybe even try tuition DECREASE. That'll help us out.
70	Current student	Don't do it
71	Current student	I can understand the inflation point. However, there are so many single parents like who who are already bearly meeting their fees and struggling to pay it. That would be stressful for them. I hope the institution will take these in consideration before proceeding to make any further decisions. Thank you.
72	Current student	We have students who can't afford the tuition as it is. Although it's only a 2.98% increase that still puts an impact on students. People are graduating with a degree to join the workforce just so they can pay off their student debt. I oppose to raising tuition. If we are wanting more people to go to college I don't think raising tuition will persuade them to get a degree.
73	Current student	MTSU charging excessive fees ... are we taking our business model from Spirit Airlines?
74	Current student	If Tuitions and Fees increase I expect changes within payment plans to be adjusted accordingly. So that payment plans continue to be a tool for students and not a burden on them.

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75	Current student	As the parent of an alumnus of MTSU, a soon-to-be graduate of MTSU myself, and the parent of a prospective student of MTSU, I do not agree with the increase in tuition and fees this year. Our country is entering a recession period. While I understand inflation is increasing, the alternative is to cut back on spending and not add new programs and activities if it is necessary to keep the already sky-high tuition rates in check. The value vs. cost proposition of universities is already reaching a point where the return doesn't justify the \$100K+ price tag. Wages and salaries have stagnated. The current generation can't afford housing, and many with college degrees struggle to purchase essentials. Increasing tuition and fees will only increase the already financially overburdened students and set them up for a lifetime of financial debt due to the ever-increasing cost of higher education.
76	Current student	The vast majority of my classes so far haven't even really been taught or graded by my actual professors. They just pass it on to 3rd party learning module software and homework systems to do that work for them. Students then exploit this by using Chegg or ChatGPT to then do this online work for them. I don't see why the school will need to increase tuition. Why, so I can pay more for professors to do this while also having to pay for said 3rd party software? If you're going to make us pay more tuition, at least use it for something useful like having more than 1 microwave on the entire campus for student use.
77	Prospective student	aw hell nah in this economy? ppl just wanna get a degree and try to earn money bro i don't actually think any students will read your reasons why or care about them (mayhaps that is just me) unless there's increased scholarships of course or perhaps increased quality of education. but overall i see this as potentially getting a lot of pushback from the community honestly, people just too damn broke
78	Current student	I can't even afford college now and you want to increase the price.
79	Current student	I am against the new plan of raising tuition and fees. Personally as a student, there are requirements that other students cannot provide because of either being in the progress to satisfy them or their parents can't prove. If the plan is accepted, will the 'enhanced' scholarships cover the set amount? Along with any other fees that are with it.

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80	Current student	<p>With funding for higher education being outrageous as it is. Some students, such as myself, have already received military assistance in tuition and may be coming to the end of that assistance. Or, as is in my case, out of that assistance. Turning to the Federal Government for student loans seems to be a non-starter as I'm out of money there as well. Which means that if I can't find money for the fall semester in another student loan form, I'm coming out of pocket for my last semester. Which means I'm going to scrutinize my spending more than I already do. Can you provide detailed balance sheets and budget sheets for the money you're already getting, the delta in what you're budgeting for for 2023-2024 with this increase, and then clearly detail where the money is going - with names redacted properly for privacy? I know it seems a silly question, but if you're going to parade around the increase, as first mentioned, for enhanced scholarships, we should be able to clearly see how much income you're getting and what your expenses are, as if it were an IRS audit. And we should be able to see them with the mental note that not all students who would be interested in seeing this are graduates of the Accounting program, so laymans details would be appreciated.</p>
81	Current student	<p>Please stop using 'inflation' as an excuse and do nothing for a while. If MTSU does decide to increase tuition and fee, please accurately show that MTSU is using money correctly. I do not desire this proposal to go through at all because I will graduate in 2024. Are those fees and tuition increase going to affect current senior students? If not, just charge incoming students, freshman, and sophomore etc., who would actually have benefits from this proposal. One of the proposals says 'enhanced scholarship programs for incoming and continuing students.' Does this 'continuing students' include seniors who are graduating one or two semesters later? I guess the answer is 'no'. If all money is not used in fall 2023, why do I need to pay and what am I paying for? I'm basically throwing money away to trash can if those 'increase tuition and fee' does not affect me. I do not mind if I were freshman and saw this proposal, but not as a senior student. Please improve 'quality' and use money on reasonable reasons and timing. Please consider more about 'who' you need to charge. Hopefully senior students will be excluded since we will not receive benefits from that. Thanks.</p>
82	Current student	<p>I believe if this benefits the students further, it should be done. From reading why it would be raise, it is a good idea to raise it. Hoping other students actually read and know it will help them in the long run.</p>

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83	Current student	I am okay with the proposed changes if the money is actually used as intended. We're talking \$143 increase for 20,000 students. So with \$2.8 million, a lot of good can be done: scholarships, maintenance, etc. A note: KOM is in need of so much love! Let's see some help there
84	Current student	While it may be beneficial to other students to increase tuition for the enhanced scholarship programs, it is hurting those of us who are not receiving such scholarships. It is not fair for us to be paying for our fellow student's education in addition to our own.
85	Current student	A vast majority of the students at MTSU are attending because it has one of the lowest tuition costs in the area. Increasing these rates will likely decrease the ability for many students to attend full time, even if it is a \$102 difference.
86	Current student	Please exclude senior students from this. We, seniors, have high chance of not receiving any benefits even though the tuition and fees are increased. If MTSU wants to provide those benefits shown above to incoming students, please increase the incoming students' tuition. Please stop taking money away from those who are graduating soon and have almost zero benefit on paying extra money. Please consider more about what you mean by saying 'continuing students' at the June 20, 2023 meeting. I am sure senior students who are only one or two semester away from graduating should not be included in 'continuing students.' I am looking forward to hearing from MTSU and its decision. I hope the decision is reasonable and smart as university should be.

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87	MTSU faculty	<p>Even though I am MTSU faculty who has a child beginning studies at MTSU this Fall, I understand why tuition must increase. The fact that a tuition increase well below the rate of inflation is being proposed tells me that university administration has made a careful assessment of revenue needs that rely on tuition as the source, and I can thus accept the tuition increase to be reasonable. However, when it comes to student fees, and especially those that are designated to university team athletics, I am oppose to ANY increases. Considering that so many MTSU coaches earn two to more than ten times as much salary than faculty, who are the TRUE revenue drivers for MTSU, not the coaches, then the coaches need to work harder to put together and train teams that will actually win in order to drive up attendance at our sports venues, and thus help convince television networks and the NCAA to start sharing additional television revenues to benefit these programs. Success should breed success. Lack of success should not fall on the shoulders of those who do not benefit at all from these sports programs. The fact that you take fees from MY students, many of whom are going into debt to fund their respective educations, to prop up failing sports programs (both in terms of revenue and win/loss record), is, to me, completely unethical and unconscionable. How can you justify an increase in fees to prop up the salaries of coaches (just football, as an illustrative case) to earn \$80,000 to \$821,704 is completely beyond me, especially since MTSU is an educational institution.</p>

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87	MTSU faculty (cont'd)	<p>At least the students in my program graduate into jobs, with our program having had a 100% employment rate over the last 4 years. How many football players, basketball players, soccer players, etc., have gone on from MTSU athletics into careers in professional sports? The football coach alone earns over 6 times the combined salaries of all faculty in my academic program. In what disciplines does he have his graduate degrees, including for his doctoral studies? I am not targeting Coach Stockstill personally; if I were him, I too would accept his salary!! However, it is university administration's poor decision making that continues to reward our team sports coaches with a seemingly unending amount of dollars for salaries, as well as for new administrators, another topic with which I have serious concerns, while faculty, the TRUE heart and brains of a university, get the scraps. Do not forget, it is not sports teams that make a university: it is faculty!! Without faculty, none of those coaches would have jobs, and your sports teams would not exist. If all faculty were to resign on August 25th, you would have no university left for the ~21,000 student who will be ready to start studies on August 28th. What would you do then? Hire more coaches and/or administrators? In closing, increasing fees on students who have to pay for these increases by going into more debt is unethical and unconscionable, especially those fees designated to sports teams that cannot support themselves with their own revenues.</p>
87	MTSU faculty (cont'd)	<p>Yes, the annual report states that the sports programs are revenue neutral, but that is easy to accomplish with 'creative accounting' along with ever-increasing fees along with ever-increasing debt loads for students to help MTSU sports programs break even. How about making MTSU coach pay increases or salaries even contingent on how their respective team's success brings in more revenue? Goodness knows that administration has no problem dropping the issue of declining enrollments right onto the laps of faculty while our teaching loads remain the same or increase despite MTSU reaching R2 status. Drop the issue of declining spectator and television revenues on the laps of the coaches! Help reduce the tertiary student debt crisis by not putting the burden of supporting MTSU sports teams on student debt loads. I truly wonder how some administrators can sleep at night without considering this downward spiral of mediocre sports performance and increasing student debt loads. I wish nothing more than for our teams to be successful in their respective sports disciplines, but enough is enough!! It is time to make some hard decisions, and these should not fall on students nor faculty!</p>

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88	Current student	The cost of living is already astronomical, increasing fees will make it harder for students to afford an education. Not to mention that most of the degrees that are issued will not yield high salaries fresh out of college high enough to live comfortably in this country, let alone the state. God forbid that students (most do) have student loans that are expected to be paid from their miniscule salaries while living in basically poverty after paying them and the exorbitant cost of living. Please don't do this.
89	Current student	I hope this increase is not approved. We are all students not only has the price of everything increased such as gas, rent, food, etc. We don't need our tuition to also be increased.
90	Current student	The economy is bad, and the student is already poor, so I do not understand the reason why and who would propose this kind of idea. Many public universities do not increase their tuition, but only MTSU. Many students come to MTSU because of the low cost compared to other universities. If we increase the tuition, we are not only losing the future generation from coming to MTSU but also our reputation. I feel like there is another better option than just increasing the tuition.
91	Current student	Once again this administration seeks to increase the financial burden placed upon its locally based students. Many of the students this would affect are already struggling to pay for their tuition or are up to their eyeballs in debt in an attempt to pay for it. Despite this, this administration is not satisfied with the current financial burden on their students, and seeks to increase it. While some of the goals pursuant to this proposed increase are admirable, many are unnecessary and do nothing to benefit the majority of the students that such an increase would affect. If such an increase is necessary, then the burden of the increase should at least be shared by all students rather than just those who reside in-state.
92	Current student	Increasing the cost in tuition could be a potential threat for many current and future students. It's already hard enough trying to pay for college itself and trying to pay for food and other expenses. Don't make it harder on us to have to afford an education!
93	Prospective student	Good morning, I hope all is well! The increase of tuition is due to inflation and inflation in America is a major factor of the decline in economic development. The rise of student debt has been so severe that even though I have been able to pay tuition for a few semesters, I was forced to take 2 semesters off just to survive day to day. Thanks be to God, about 90% of my monthly income was spent on tuition fees; so I had money to buy gas to get to class. I'm not confident that increasing tuition is a good idea. The fact is that if we don't get to some fund raisers of something like that going forward it is difficult to make due.

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94	Current student	I disagree with the tuition increase. Due to financial struggles I may not be able to afford to attend college, even with student loans.
95	Current student	With the increased cost of living, higher gas prices to get to class, food stability being a concern because of cost, the cost of books have increased and overall difficulty for students and parents of the student to pay current bills, please don't add to our cost. I understand you're a business, but students continuing their education seems to lower every year. Raising cost will just increase the amount of students who can't attend.
96	Prospective student	I do not agree with the proposed tuition increase. Students are struggling to pay fees and having to take out an excessive amount of loans, work late nights to have enough money to survive, etc. I don't believe there is a point in a \$102 increase; tuition should remain the same.
97	MTSU faculty	MTSU provides a fantastic value for students. Faculty and staff work very hard to provide an excellent education, mentor students, and assist students who face challenges. It is imperative that MTSU has more resources and raising tuition is one way of doing this, so I fully support this increase. I recognize that many students and families struggle to afford tuition and fees but MTSU struggles to carry out its mission so additional funding is needed.
98	Current student	This is frankly ridiculous. We already pay thousands of dollars every semester to come to this public institution, and making the cost higher is taking away opportunities. I have not seen or heard of any scholarships that will make this campus more accessible, and fear that by the time my I have children, the costs will be too high to even attend a college. The costs are already extremely high, and for no reason that is obvious to the majority of students. Combine this with a dead campus life for almost all students, and I am not sure what the purpose of these raised costs are, as the university already pulls in millions from the thousands of students that attend. This itself may be a small increase, but there have been many small increases that have caused college to be many times more expensive than when our parents attended. This was meant in a cordial but concerned way, and all respect is given to faculty, but I fear the best interest of students is not what is driving this increase.

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99	Current student	If we are to have a tuition increase, the money should not be used to increase anyone's salary or promote any employee or faculty member. Student workers are underpaid and work to pay their tuition and other bills, yet reap no benefits from this change. No current faculty should be assuming any increases in pay until buildings such as both Saunders Fine Arts and Wright Music building or Kirksey Old Main are updated or new buildings are erected, even if it displaces classes during the construction process to other buildings. More student parking space must be available as well before increasing the pay of parking services as we currently have few parking spaces to accommodate all students, both commuting and on-campus. Many students, including myself, are also fed up with fees being used on athletics. We understand that they tend to bring the majority of outside money to the school, but other departments are suffering. So if you are to charge us a fee for updates to buildings and facilities, as someone who is not an athlete and does not attend these events, these fees put towards athletics defeats the purpose of non-athletes paying them when they are not going to the departments we participate in. So, I emplor you to either not increase tuition, allocate funds differently, or,if there is an increase, to change the current plan.
100	Current student	My only concern would be, has the school exhausted all options to find another way to raise funds, except for raise our already high tuition?
101	Current student	I know that increased tuition may help students but it also may hurt them. Students already struggle to pay tuition and clearly the school isnt hurt for funds. The school is currently building a new tennis building whilst some classrooms are in run down classrooms in the basement of the athletic buildings. If the school really cares for all students ensure that current funds are actually going to all students and not just the athletes.
102	Current student	I can barely afford food. I can't handle a tuition increase and the fact that they are considering this is a slap in the face for students such as myself who are struggling. We don't need anymore stress in our lives and we don't need to be kept up at night wondering if we can afford to continue going to college.
103	Current student	I do not appreciate the potential increase in tuition and fees as I am someone who not only is dependent on financial aid and loans to help but also a person who now has to get help from family members as well as work a part time job to help secure enough money.

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104	Current student	Hello, I am a current student at MTSU who does not participate in any school athletics but does support TRUE BLUE! However, I think it is disrespectful to use majority of the funds received from (STUDENTS) to use them for athletics and their facilities. Respectfully, what does that do to improve retention rate or academics? If (STUDENTS) tuition are increasing, then why are (STUDENTS) not benefiting from the increase the most. To be completely honest it should say majority of the tuition adjustment is going to athletics. I have no problem supporting athletics, but if the board at MTSU decides that then they should take those dollars out of student-athletes scholarships or tuition because it benefits them. I, myself, as a (STUDENT) here at MTSU came here and used my money to get the best academic programs in the state and to receive my degree. Not go to athletic events and such, even though I thoroughly enjoy them. Kindest Regards, MTSU STUDENT
105	Current student	I am a student at MTSU and I have enjoyed campus and the education I have received from the university. However I am not an athlete at MTSU (which is all majority of the students attending MTSU) and it is disrespectful and unfair to those students who are being forced to pay more to help support athletic programs and services. I am an out of state student which means I have to pay more already and with this increase it will be a struggle to keep attending MTSU. I thought MTSU was a school for education, video and film, science, and history. Yes I understand that Athletics are important but Athletics already receives a good amount of funding as well as the football and basketball teams performing wonderfully during the 2022-2023 semester. By doing this your are hurting majority of your students and attendees. Please reconsider. Thank You.
106	Current student	mtsu claims to be a 'free' college but yet you want to raise the price for those of us who can barely afford it, housing, living expenses, etc. i barely receive any financial aid compared to the tuition and debt given to me. To say it's for parking service is not okay because the parking services here are flawed. there is never enough room. please do not penalize your community .
107	Current student	This makes no sense to me. Why are paying more in tuition for something we aren't even apart of? Parking services ask for \$2, student recreation ask for \$2, but the student athletic center ask for \$23. I've been in the Murphy Center literally only for class, nothing more. The way MTSU cares more about the athletes here is ridiculous!

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108	Current student	Hello I am currently working as much as I can, while taking care of family, and taking on 2 summer courses all at once. I feel that this tuition increase will do nothing but make everything 10 x harder for students currently attending MTSU. I already work the max amount I can at work and barely make enough as is to afford school, this will do nothing but make my mental health decline as if I'm barely keeping it together already having thoughts of not wanting to be here anymore. Please consider the mental health of me and thousands of others of students. Thank you.
109	Current student	I am already struggling to make ends meet. I am living on my own independently and rely on my own income and charity to make it by. I am a senior this year and would like to see the school remain as it was before. An increase in tuition and fees will burden me more than it helps, I cannot give my attention to my academics as well if the looming financial burden of increased tuition and fees is looming over my head.
110	Current student	I agree with the idea of myself paying more to enrich my college experience through restoration and maintenance efforts. However, I don't believe my issue is with the plan itself, but with the credibility of the financial department and higher ups. How will I know where my money is being allocated? And how can I trust that I am not funding someone's personal salary or a project that may infringe on my rights and comfort. Furthermore, I do not trust in the judgement that increasing student tuition is the only option to properly fund the various programs in the plan. How is the current budget being distributed now? How do the projections for the 2023-2024 year look like? Not having these documents available to the public elicits suspicion. I would love to see them.
111	Parent of a current student	Are you going to also increase scholarship ? It is already difficult to make the current payments!
112	Current student	First of all to do this without consent would have been very problematic. Please think about students that are out of state.
113	Current student	I believe that this proposed tuition is unnecessary and unwarranted - I do not want it to be applied to the 2023-2024 academic year.
114	Current student	I do not think a raise in tuition is necessary
115	Current student	The proposed tuition is unnecessary and unwarranted.
116	Current student	I believe that the proposed tuition rates are unwarranted and unnecessary. Students pay thousands of dollars per semester for their education. Many MTSU students are non-traditional. Many students struggle to pay for tuition, books, transportation, etc. Raising tuition fees would only further discourage people from pursuing a college education.

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117	Current student	I feel like us students already pay enough money to attend this university. The prices that students pay now makes it hard for us to pay bills, eat, and more. If MTSU care about their students like they preach they should think more about the students and their well-being instead of themselves.
118	Parent of a current student	Increasing tuition will create a burden on students who are struggling in this extremely inflated economy. Students and families are struggling to afford basic needs, any increase will exacerbate their financial difficulties.
119	Current student	Living in Murfreesboro all of my life and seeing its continued growth I can understand the need for money, especially as the cost-of-living increases. However, I do not believe that increasing tuition and additional fees is the correct course of action. Tuition is already expensive for the average student who is paying out of pocket, we already have to pay unnecessary fees like parking (which I think students shouldn't have to pay), and the scholarships that are mentioned are not guaranteed. I can suggest trying to get money through other modes such as fundraising, donations, sponsors, etc.
120	Current student	It's gonna be harder for students that's on aid and some scholarships to cover it because aid from the government doesn't cover all of the fees, and ends up with students having to pay outta pocket.
121	Other	I don't think that the school should raise tuition due to athletes and their department needing more money. What does that have to do with the students that don't play sports? Athletics bearly do their own work anyways and most are on scholarships. Students that have to work to pay their tuition or bearly making it do y'all pay attention to them. Athletics nice support like boosters!!!! What does the other student body have?
122	Current student	Many students stress that they can't afford current college prices and chose MTSU because of its affordability. There should be a gradual increase in fees if requesting from students.
123	Current student	This really comes out of the blue. The money should be allotted to building another green lot, or adding more parking spaces to lots, instead the money is going to the parking services employees who give out tickets right around pre-registration time. I think this should be re-evaluated. We need more green lots, another healthy food option, the Stu open later than 10 and better elevators. Thank you.

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124	Current student	As a student who has already completed their freshman year, this increase could possibly break my chances of not completing my degree here. My freshman year I only had \$12,000 in scholarships, not to mention that I didn't qualify for any financial aid, and my parents still had to pay roughly \$6,000 out of pocket. Unfortunately, this caused more hardship on them to help pay for my degree so I guaranteed them that I would work to help pay for the part of my tuition that was not covered by scholarships and the financial aid that I was denied for twice. By this proposal to increase tuition, this would make me have to work even more harder than actually dedicating more time towards my schooling and career because of the financial hardship that this would place on me. I know that I am not alone when I say that our tuition is already very expensive now, and it does not help that we don't get enough scholarships or financial aid to cover most of our expenses so by increasing tuition it only opens up more opportunities elsewhere. I always made MTSU my number one school since the 7th grade, and I would love to complete my undergraduate degree here, but if there is an increase in tuition that becomes extremely high for me to pay then my dream would be completely crushed.
125	Current student	The amount of debt I'm incurring as an out of state, pro-pilot student is just ridiculous. I'm paying MUCH more than in state students and it's outrageous. PLEASE stop increasing costs to attend MTSU
126	Current student	No thanks
127	Current student	With inflation and everything already being so expensive, students/families are already struggling trying to pay and make sacrifices to attend college and get a degree. If there's an increase in tuition, there should also be more scholarships offered or an increase in scholarship amounts.
128	Current student	As a student I feel like you guys should understand not everyone can afford tuition. Y'all need to look at all the pictures instead of thinking about the wealthy rich people be more considerate and understand both sides not one.
129	Current student	As a student who already pays MTSU, I definitely disagree with this proposal. Middle Tennessee State University makes too much money and also takes too much money away from students already. Having to pay more for schooling could put a pause or end to my career here at Middle Tennessee. And I truly don't want that.

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130	Current student	If MTSU is concerned about revenue instead of raising the tuition for those in state they should instead consider raising tuition for those out of state. The campus is also saturated by too many students, so if they're concerned about not having enough money for resources for those students they should also consider limiting the amount of students accepted into the university.
131	Current student	please do not raise there is absolutely no reason for it we pay you guys enough money as is
132	Current student	Please don't. I can barely afford now
133	Current student	I do not think that tuition and fees should be raised, thought it is not an enormous amount it is still challenging for students. As of late, prices has been rising everywhere for every thing so it is concerning as a student to heard that they are considering increasing prices. I am especially concerned for non traditional students and those who are paying their own tuition/fees along with daily expenses.
134	Current student	Please keep in mind that accessible education saves lives, creates jobs, and keeps future generations out of poverty. With an increase in tuition this proposal could deny many young students the opportunity to receive a higher education. Making scholarships and education more available to students will only make things better in the world. Please consider the needs of future students, not just extra funds for the state.
135	Current student	As if tuition and fees are not high enough? This is ridiculous. Are y'all that broke that y'all need \$143 more from each and every student? We already spend so much money for classes and advisors that don't even advise us correctly. What is MTSU actually doing for it's students besides taking advantage?

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136	Current student	<p>I am against this proposition to increase student tuition and fees. My main issues are two things. The first is scholarships. I am about to go into my 3rd year at MTSU and have received only the freshman dream scholarship. I have a high GPA, excellent attendance, am apart of one of your more prestigious programs, I am a determined student, and I receive the pell grant. I have all the qualifications needed and expected of me to receive scholarships however I am not awarded any. With that being said, why should part of this tuition increase be me paying other peoples scholarship money when you won't award me any? I cannot agree with my money to go to someone else when I am an extremely hard working student who struggles to pay the tuition already. The other issue I do not agree with is my money going towards athletics. I am not an athlete. The majority of the students attending MTSU are not athletes. Why should we be paying for athletics? I can say that for me, and most other students, that I did not chose MTSU because they have amazing athletics. I chose this school because of your programs. I have never attended a game and have never wanted to. At our previous homecoming for football, more people were watching the Tennessee vs Alabama game instead of attending their own homecoming. It is not fair, nor okay for students to be paying for other students both in scholarships and in athletics. Increasing tuition is also going to be putting even more of a burden on students. I could not pay my tuition fast enough this past semester to be put on the deans list even though my GPA is a 3.7. I haven't even been able to see my own final grades yet. I am an excellent, hard working, and determined student who doesn't get awarded any scholarships from my school even though I am struggling to pay my own tuition. My money doesn't need to go to anyone else.</p>
137	MTSU staff	<p>I disagree with this proposal because our students are already struggling to get themselves through college. This tuition increase will only make the struggle harder on them. We should not rely on our students to pay for things that should come with their university experience.</p>

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138	Current student	Hello, I just would like to know the reason behind the increase in tuition. Do you not think students struggle enough to pay for school? If you are increasing tuition is their an increase in scholarships? Since you are increasing tuition for all of us will you be giving all of us scholarships? This school is getting too money hungry for a place where the professors they keep around are usually not even worth it. We are paying more just to be fined more for parking in the wrong color area, we are paying more to fail more and learn less because the piss poor quality teachers you hire, we are paying more so you will not add any more parking for commuter students closer to campus just to buy more buses no one will be using. Stop it! If anything decrease the tuition and realize where we are. An average school filled with less than average teachers with semi average opportunities. Most are not going to be able this tuition you are ruining lives that are already made hard enough.
139	Prospective student	No,i do not agree.I'm a work study student who has no dependant. I only have financial aid to help with my tuition fee and miscellaneous which couldn't cover all.
140	Current student	I honestly do not believe tuition should be increased simply because students are struggling as it is trying to make ends meet. Tuition is high enough as well as student housing, many of us would love to graduate with little to no debt as it is. I understand that the facility would like for MTSU's athletic department to thrive but we are honestly not even that good to try to increase tuition prices. If the athletic department was actually good it would be a different story but not really. MTSU has more than enough money to help the athletic department as well as not making it hard on regular students. If anything help regular students get a few more scholarships. It's crazy that a tuition increase is even being brought up in the conversation.
141	Parent of a current student	I have three children in college, with two at MTSU, my kids don't receive. scholarship money. With costs from food , insurance, and taxes going up, I plead that you limit the tuition increase, Thank You
142	Current student	I am against the increase of tuition based on the current state of our economy. Many will not be able to afford education and during covid times, a lot of students paid for services they did not have access to. With this in mind, the tuition increase will negatively impact students.

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143	Current student	Absolutely disgusting and abhorrent that yet again the onus for education is falling on the individual instead of the institutions and state government entities which are meant to provide said services to us with our tax money. instead we see time and again private interest and the police state reaping the benefits of not paying taxes and stealing the working class's hard earned labor value. you all should be ashamed of yourselves for increasing this cost in the middle of a recession and a global pandemic which has not even remotely ended. if budgets are so strained and the university needs help paying costs (which seems hardly believable given the decisions to build incredible construction projects that have been taking place on campus and elsewhere) then maybe our board of trustees, 'security', and other administrative fluff salaries can be cut more. Those bodies that decided to construct those buildings should own up. you all should be pressuring our state government to cough up the cash, and do what they are supposed to do---Provide for the people who's taxes and work fund them. not the people who are already being stripped of what little they have. the fact that mandatory fee increases are included in the university's contract is literally insane. do yall not see yourselves???? where is the introspection. if there is any mandatory fee increase it should be from the governmental bodies that are supposed to provide for us!!! its already our money. Whats not clicking???? educational institutions are not businesses and should never be treated as such.
144	Parent of a current student	Please consider keeping costs at current rate to keep costs affordable for middle class students. Lower income get help and higher income can afford increase but middle income don't get anything and are burdened by additional costs that make collage unaffordable by making these increases year after year.
145	Current student	This does not benefit me and my education. How does raising the tuition and fees benefit me and my degree. I don't even attend the games, our athletic department sucks! How does me paying extra money help them win games. This supports the white majority, how can I benefit something from this. Student Success and Campus Rec asked for \$2 and the Athletic department asks for \$23? You want me to pay \$23 for them to loose?! NO THANK YOU!!!
146	Other	This is not very helpful towards us as students half of us don't even play sports we have over 300 different majors why should we support mainly white students when we don't even attend the games that they loose we are putting more money in there pockets when we all have the same goal to Graduate we need more support in other departments rather than sports
147	Other	This is not a good idea they loose anyway

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148	Other	I'm definitely going to transfer
149	Current student	As a student, I appreciate that it is a modest fee that is being voted on for the fall. I understand that the university must charge to remain functioning and appealing to prospective students, new students, and returning students. However, the modest charge does not help working families with students who are just over the threshold of receiving financial aid or who do not qualify for scholarships. The increase in everything except workers' wages, have really caused hardship for a lot of families. I feel that hard decisions will need to be made for some students in regard to their educational futures.
150	Parent of a current student	Please do not increase tuition and fees . Though your tuition is reasonable comparatively speaking, it is still very difficult to pay tuition and other fees while making ends meet in this economy.
151	Parent of a current student	Comparatively speaking, tuition entities at MTSU are reasonable and we value that! Fall will be our son's ninth and final semester as an engineering student so he will no longer receive his presidential scholarship. This means he will already be paying the full amount so any increase will certainly be a challenge. Please do not increase tuition and fees at this time. Thank you for your consideration!
152	Other	To Whom it may concern, You can write all the reasons to raise tuition and fees, however they will never be enough. Every year you find the reasons why they should be raised. There is no reason to burden students with more increases. I have gone through the list of mandatory fees, and I am still trying to figure out what each fee covers. I have not gotten a raise in my job according to the inflation rate, while should professors get a raise? Are they getting performance reviews and getting a raise based on that? Why professors are getting tenured, to enshrine their ideology? Certainly, that doesn't serve any student. Most important it takes away the student's ability to think critically and for their own opinions. Why do online student have to pay for mandatory fees when there is zero chance that the student will use those services? There is a reason why they are online students. Universities are part of the problem on student debt? You are aware that students can get loans to pay for tuition prices, therefore you keep on doing because the government will keep on loaning the money to students. It is a never ending cycle where the students are the ones carrying the burden.
153	Current student	Everything is more expensive now. Why not make tuition more expensive? I understand the need for an increase but do not support a tuition increase.

ID	Status	Comment
154	Current student	I understand that with the inflation and efforts to better our student and professor community fees and tuition may need to be increased. But for a lot of us that will impact us negatively. I myself am a new mother and cannot work right now due to my newborn. I heavily rely on the scholarship money I get back and if the tuition and fees increase then I will not have enough to support myself and much less my daughter. This will force me to work and that will take me away from my daughter and decrease the amount of time and effort I can put into my schoolwork. I am against this increase.
155	Other	I am an incoming student and while I do understand why these proposals have been made, my biggest concern is that if the amount scholarships are raised does not match the higher prices, than the scholarships have effectively been cut, which I am ultimately against. What has been laid out here seems mostly reasonable and I understand the motivations behind it, but vaguely saying that it will be used to enhance scholarships has me personally worried that it will ultimately be a cut to scholarships, even if the dollar amount for the scholarship has technically raised. While I understand that inflation is a factor here in the raising of the prices and it does affect the college, it affects us students just as much so I hope you consider this if the college does go through with raising tuition and fees and raises the scholarships to an appropriate level. Thank you.