Georgia Institute of Technology

Overview of Mandatory Fees
Fiscal Year 2012

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MANDATORY FEES REQUESTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

Mandatory Fee: Health Services

Current Fee Level FY12: $154 per semester

Proposed Fee Level FY13:

FY 2011 Revenue: $7,121,329

Fee Review Organization: Student Health Advisory Committee

Current Use of Revenue:

Health Services provides medical, health education, and specialty services to eligible students and spouses. Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Registered Nurses, and Medical Assistants offer professional expertise in all areas of primary care medicine. Psychiatric, Gynecological and Nutrition services are available as well. The facility includes 18 exam rooms, two observation rooms, two procedure rooms, Women’s and Psychiatry Clinics, Radiology, Laboratory, Pharmacy and Health Promotion. On-line scheduling and self check-in help to streamline the appointment process and decrease waiting time for patients.

General Services Covered by the Health Fee include:

- Unlimited visits to physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and nurses in Primary Care and Women’s Health
- X-ray/interpretation by radiologist
- EKG
- Urgent care & first aid
- Some medications and lab tests
- Health Promotion services
- Consultations with a pharmacist
- Travel Clinic consultations
- Flu shots
- Pregnancy testing
- Blood pressure screening

The health fee allows the following services to be offered at a low cost:

- Psychiatry Clinic
- Allergy Clinic
- HIV testing
- Medical/orthopedic supplies
- Travel medications
- Laboratory testing
- Prescription contraception
- Gynecological testing
- Nutrition consultations

Eligibility determination is based on enrollment at Georgia Tech and payment of the health fee. Students taking 4 hours or more are automatically assessed this fee and are eligible upon registration. Students taking less than 4 hours, taking a semester off from class or participating in a cooperative program are eligible as long as they pay the health fee. Students’ spouses and domestic partners are also eligible as long as both the student and the spouse/domestic partner have paid the health fee.
Mandatory Fee:  Transportation

Current Fee Level FY12:  $76 per semester

Proposed Fee Level FY13:

FY 2011 Revenue:  $3,825,068

Fee Review Organization:  Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee

Current Uses of Revenue:
Fee revenue and other income from transportation operations are used for the day-to-day operation of the Tech Trolley, the Stinger Bus, and Stingerette services. The Stinger and Trolley offer multiple routes with 13 buses and 8 trolleys to transport people to various locations on campus, Technology Square, NARA/TEP, MARTA and Georgia Tech facilities along 14th Street.

Stinger service provides 10 continuously running buses (with 3 spares) operating Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 10:07 p.m. Shuttle service to Publix-Atlantic Station is provided from 10:10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. The Stingerette Van Escort Service provides after-hours call-in campus transportation for students, operating daily from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Disability transport service is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Tech Trolley provides 6 continuously running trolleys (with 2 spares) operating Monday through Friday from 5:45 a.m. until 10:14 p.m.; from 10:00 a.m. to 6:38 p.m. on Saturdays; and from 3:00 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. on Sundays, providing service between the Campus Recreation Center and the Midtown MARTA Station. Service is also provided to the midtown Publix on evenings and weekends. The new Midnight Rambler provides nighttime transit service Sunday through Thursday from 8:54 p.m. to 3:21 a.m., connecting west to east campus. The route includes convenient stops at the new Clough Undergraduate Learning Center and the North Avenue Dining Hall. The Midnight Rambler is in service during fall and spring semesters only.

Fees are also used for capital expenses such as vehicle replacement, communication equipment, and transit shelters.

Transportation receives two major sources of revenue which include Student Fees and Institute Allocation dollars. This revenue represents approximately 93% of the department’s total revenue.

Trolley and Stinger services are currently provided through a contract with a private vendor - Groome Transportation, and Stingerette services are staffed by Parking and Transportation employees.

The annual service hours are approximately 19,150 for the Trolley, 26,043 for the Stinger service and 18,300 hours for the Stingerette.
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Mandatory Fee: Technology

Current Fee Level FY12: $107 per semester

Proposed Fee Level FY13:

FY 2011 Revenue : $5,697,834

Fee Review Organization: Technology Fee Committee

Current Uses of Revenue:

The Technology Fee was implemented at Georgia Tech in fiscal year 1997. Tech was one of only four institutions in the university system to be granted approval for the fee at that time. The fee was initiated to help meet the ever-increasing demand and need for technological funding, as it became evident that traditional sources of funding could not keep pace with the need for technology expenditures. All units of the University System now have a technology fee in place.

The Technology Fee is used:

"to fund refurbishment of existing technology-based education equipment and innovative projects for the use of technology in education in the 21st century. Funds for refurbishment of technology should be made available on a broad, equitable basis to ensure modern technology for all students. Simultaneously, funds to develop new applications of new technologies enhancing education in the future should be funded through a competitive proposal process." (Technology Fee Policy)

Recommendation: The Technology Fee Committee while recognizing the steadily increasing technology needs for all programs, especially for basic classroom technology, a request will not be made for an increase in this fee for FY2013 in consideration of other fee increases requested.
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Mandatory Fee: Athletic Association

Current Fee Level FY12: $127 per semester (summer $40)

Proposed Fee Level FY13:

FY2011 Revenue: $4,786,859

Fee Review Organization: Georgia Tech Athletic Association

Current Uses of Revenue:
The Georgia Tech Athletic Association currently receives (for FY 2012) an athletic fee from the students that funds approximately 8.1% of the total athletic operating budget of $58,856,000. Athletic fee funding is essential to assuring that the Athletic Association produces student athletes who succeed on and off the field of competition.

The Athletic Association currently provides free general admission to all athletic events for GT students as well as works closely with student government to insure access by all students to as many of these events as possible. In FY 2012, the athletic fee increased $4 per semester. There was no increase in the athletic fee in FY 2011.
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Mandatory Fee: Student Activity Fee

Current Fee Level FY12: $123 per semester

Proposed Fee Level FY13:

FY 2011 Revenue: $4,818,244

Fee Review Organization: Student Government Association

Current Uses of Revenue:

The Student Activity Fee (SAF) is used to support various organizations benefiting students, such as the Campus Recreation Center (CRC), the Student Center, Student Publications, Intramurals and student-run organizations. The student activity fee is administered through the Student Government Association (SGA).

Over the past six years the number of students enrolled at Georgia Tech has increased steadily starting at 16,000 students in the fall of 2005 to the current enrollment of 20,000 students. This increase in enrollment correlates directly to an increase in the use of the primary facilities that the SAF supports, particularly the CRC and the Student Center.

There has also been an increase in the number of student organizations on campus. For the past several years SGA has received well over $5 million in funding requests annually. The SAF, which is the only source of funding for such requests, reached its highest level of funding in Spring 2009, generating $4,369,838 in allocations.

Due to the other requested fee increases for FY2012, Student Activity did not request an increase.