

Meeting Summary
Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 6, 2016
Student Center Room 319, 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

1. **Attendance** – During the first voting session, for mandatory fees which are recommended to remain the same, one member was absent. All committee members were present or represented during the votes for fees proposed for increases and the proposal to split the Student Activity Fee. Additional staff members were present per the attendance list on Attachment A.
2. **Review of Agenda** – Jim Kirk provided a brief overview of the meeting’s agenda.
3. **Review of Meeting Summary (November 17, 2016)** – The Committee reviewed the Meeting Summary from November 17, 2016, and no amendments were proposed. Decker Onken made a motion, seconded by Skanda Prasad, to approve the minutes as posted on the website. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
4. **Consideration of Mandatory Fee Proposals for Fiscal Year 2018**

NOTE: Fee Participation Forms for all fees are attached (Attachment C).

- a. **Student Recreation Facility:** Nagela Nukuna made a motion, seconded by Decker Onken, to recommend to the President that there be no increase in the Student Recreation Facility fee. The motion passed unanimously 11-0, with one member absent.
- b. **Athletics:** Skanda Prasad made a motion, seconded by Decker Onken, to recommend to the President that there be no increase in the Athletics fee. The motion passed unanimously 11-0, with one member absent.
- c. **Technology:** Skanda Prasad made a motion, seconded by Shane Mudrinich, to recommend to the President that there be no increase in the Technology fee. The motion passed unanimously 11-0, with one member absent.
- d. **Student Activity:** Jackson Turnbull made a motion, seconded by Leanne Francis, to recommend to the President that there be no increase in the full Student Activity fee. The motion passed unanimously 11-0, with one member absent.
- e. **Transportation Fee:** Sherry Davidson and David Williamson reviewed and clarified answers to the questions asked in Meeting 1, included on the committee website. They also answered questions submitted by e-mail from committee member Steven Girardot, who was not present. Additional questions were presented to Transportation regarding services and financials. Staff provided clarification to the committee regarding the basis for FY18 revenue projection. Transportation staff errs on the principle of conservatism in both revenue and expenses. They also clarified their philosophy for when reserves should be used. Transportation stated that reserves are used on a regular basis to fund capital projects. They also would probably use some combination of reserves and service reductions if no increases were passed. The committee expressed concern that annual fee increases would become the new norm under this current contract, and future years would not necessarily be covered by the increase in student population alone.

Decker Onken presented a motion, seconded by Leanne Francis, to recommend to the President no increase in the Transportation Fee. The motion was based on the assumption that revenue was conservatively estimated and that additional revenue, along with transportation reserves, should cover most of the deficit. The vote passed unanimously 12-0.

- f. Student Health Fee: Dr. Gregory Moore, John Scuderi and Vladimir Oge reviewed and clarified answers to the questions asked in previous meeting. The proposed full increase for this fee was \$7, which staff prioritized for the committee. They also answered questions submitted by e-mail from committee member Steven Girardot, who was not present. Decker Onken suggested a possible \$3 or \$5 raise and asked for opinions from the committee. These levels were based on the additional care coordinators and health educators as priorities. Staff indicated that care coordinators for mental health take top priority. The committee felt a pharmacy technician should be paid via the pharmacy users not by all students.

Decker Onken presented a motion, seconded by Skanda Prasad, to recommend to the President a \$5 increase in the Student Health Fee, with the new revenue to be directed towards care coordinators and health educators. The motion passed 10 to 2, with two graduate committee members dissenting.

Jackson Turnbull, representing Quintin Kreth, expressed in his dissent that he felt that the increase should have been \$3. In his dissent Vineet Tiruvadt indicated that he thought the increase should have been for the full \$7 or \$0, not an amount in between.

5. Student Activity Fee Split Vote – The committee reviewed the proposal prepared by Decker Onken (Attachment B) to split the Student Activity Fee into three separate fees for: Campus Recreation Center Operations, Student Center Operations, and Student Organizations. Jim Kirk explained that there are other USG schools with a similar split.

Decker Onken made a motion, seconded by Nagela Nukuna, to propose the three-way split of the Student Activity fee per the attached proposal, with the fee levels as follows:

- \$51 – Campus Recreation Center
- \$32 – Student Center
- \$40 – Student Organizations.

The motion passed by a vote of 11-1, per the attached form. (NOTE: This total fee level of \$123 equals the current overall level for the current Student Activity Fee.)

Jackson Turnbull, representing Quintin Kreth, was the single dissent, in which he stated: “It appears to me that the approval of the fee split removes control of over 60% of the Student Activity Fee from the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and Graduate Student Senate (GSS) and places it with this committee. This transfer delegates power even further from the voice of the students, and in my view, is undemocratic.” Jackson indicated that he had conferred with Quintin on this position.

6. Adjourned – The committee adjourned after completing its work.

Attachment A – Attendance List

FISCAL 2017 COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FISCAL 2018 FEES Tuesday, December 06, 2016	
Member	Attendance
<u>Students (8 members)</u>	
Nagela Nukuna, Undergraduate Student Body President (UG)	Present
Decker Onken, Vice President of Finance (UG) (Co-Chair, MSFAC)	Present
<i>Leanne Francis - attending on behalf of</i> Sujay Peramanu, Vice President of Campus Services (UG)	Present
Shane Mudrinich, Executive Vice President (UG)	Present
David Scripka, Graduate Student Body President (G)	Present
<i>Jackson Turnbull - attending on behalf of</i> Quintin Kreth, Executive Vice President (G)	Present
<i>Vineet Tiruvadt - attending on behalf of</i> Raunak Bhattacharyya, Treasurer (G)	Present
<i>Skanda Prasad - attending on behalf of</i> Sathya Balachander, Vice President of Communication (G)	Present
<u>Faculty and Staff (4 members)</u>	
Jim Kirk, Asst. VP - Inst. Budget Planning & Admin (Co-Chair, MSFAC)	Present
Stephanie Curry, Financial Mgr II, College of Sciences	Present
<i>Mysty Connelly - attending on behalf of</i> Steven Girardot, Associate Vice Provost of Undergrad Education, VP for Undergrad Education	Present
Jonathan Clarke, Associate Professor, Sheller College of Business	Present
<u>Support to Committee:</u>	
Michael Cox, Institute Finance Support Team	
<u>Other Students and Staff in Attendance (Partial List):</u>	
Tina Clonts, Marvin Lewis, Paul Strouts, Tamra Lyons, David Williamson, Greg Moore, John Scuderi, Edo Diabaka, Vladimir Oge, Robert Junko, Lance Lunsway, Perry Kchao, Daniel Taylor, Glenn Kurtz, Michael Edwards, Yiny Lynch, Sherry Davidson, Rich Steele, Lindsay Bryant, Latonya Calberson, Betsey Kidwell	

Attachment B – Proposal to Split Student Activity Fee

Proposal to Split the Student Activity Fee

Decker Onken
Student Government Association
Vice President of Finance

Background: Until FY16, SGA allocated funding to the Campus Recreation Center and the Student Center through detailed line item budgets, similar to how SGA funds student organizations. This detail was deemed unnecessary as SGA funding represented only a portion of CRC and Student Center total funding. Thus, for FY16, SGA switched to a lump sum allocation model for many reasons, removing the minutiae of line item decisions:

- For this scale of budgets, it was unreasonable for SGA to be continually assess line item allocations as very few could understand the impact and scale of each line item.
- Line item restrictions could be readily and easily met by the organizations through their revenue accounts.
- We wanted to begin working on transitioning CRC and Student Center into separate fees that would break the Student Activity Fee into three separate fees. Making this change to our budget signaled student backing and was the first requisite step of the process.
- The fluctuations and funding uncertainties from year to year added unnecessary stresses on the CRC and Student Center as the student legislatures change from year to year.
- This change allowed us to focus our budget onto supporting only student-run orgs, and make this the sole charge of the Student Activity Fee.
- SGA had minimal control over much of the CRC and Student Center budgets as SGA could not edit or remove line items for professional staff (i.e. we had no HR authority over hiring, salary, and raise practices).

For FY17, we continued this transition of our allocation process to a fee model decided by MSFAC. Essentially, we broke up the SAF into three separate fees internally per the breakdowns voted on by MSFAC. However, in the eyes of the Board of Regents and the Bursar, there was still only one fee, the \$123 Student Activity Fee. This breakdown internally was based on the following fee breakdown but was technically allocated as the associated percentage of the Student Activity Fee revenue to ensure that the smaller summer fee instances were dispersed in the same ratio:

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| • \$51 for the CRC | 41.46% for the CRC |
| • \$32 for the Student Center | 26.02% for the Student Center |
| • \$40 for Student Organizations | 32.52% for Student Orgs |

Proposal: This year, we propose the final step of this transition: the official split of the Student Activity Fee into the CRC Operations Fee, the Student Center Operations Fee, and the Student Activity Fee at the rates utilized internally in FY17. To accomplish this transition, three fee changes are required with the approval of MSFAC, President Peterson, and the Board of Regents:

1. The creation of a new fee (CRC Operations Fee) at \$51
2. The creation of a new fee (Student Center Operations Fee) at \$32
3. The reduction of the Student Activity Fee to \$40 (an \$83 decrease from \$123)

In addition to the points enumerated above, this split is proposed for the following reasons:

- Increased transparency will be achieved as students will see more specifically what departments their fees go toward.
- Requested increases in CRC, Student Center, or Student Organization funding levels can be considered more specifically and individually without affecting other levels. Currently, if the CRC or Student Center requested an increase, it would come at the expense of Student Organizations and the other department, unless an increase to the Student Activity Fee is requested and received first.
- As we look ahead to the new Student Center, an increase in the yearly operating budget will be needed. As of right now, that will require an increase in the Student Activity Fee, which will muddle explanations.

Attachment B – BOR Fee Participation Forms