

**Meeting Summary**  
**Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, November 28, 2018**

**1. Welcome and Minutes**

Committee members and attendees introduced themselves. Per the attached attendance list (Attachment 1), seven student members were present, with one represented by an alternate. One faculty member was represented by an alternate. Both staff members were present, including a third non-voting member. The Committee reviewed the minutes from November 9, 2018. The minutes were approved as posted on the website.

**2. Discussion of Future Meeting (number 4)**

The Committee discussed the need for fourth committee meeting in January to cover questions and proposals related to three fees: Athletic Fee, Student Health Fee, and Student Activity Fee. The consensus was to proceed to vote on the fees which are not recommended to change.

**3. Consideration of Mandatory Fee Proposals for Fiscal Year 2020**

**A. Transportation** – From the previous meeting there was a question about ridership on the Stingerette and other transportation-related matters. These are addressed in Attachment 2.

**B. Fees Recommended for No Increases** – Vathsan Ramprakash made a motion to recommend to the President that there be no increases in the following fees:

- Recreation Fee (CRC debt service)
- Student Center Operation Fee
- Transportation Fee
- Campus Recreation Center Operations Fee
- Technology Fee

Andrew Cox seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**C. Student Health** – Student committee members raised the need for more discussion of the Student Health fee and its funding of psychiatric services. JulieAnne Williamson addressed the committee about the current year's health fee increase. She explained the difficulty of turnover of psychiatrists due to the salary levels. There was a suggestion that the committee consider

recommending that a portion of the health fee be split out to create a new fee designated specifically for assisting students with mental health issues. The discussion of this will resume at an early January meeting.

**D. Fees for Consideration in Next Meeting** – Vathsan Ramprakash made a motion to delay the votes on the following fees until a committee meeting in January:

- Athletic Fee – deferred because Marvin Lewis was not able to attend this meeting and the previous one;
- Student Activity Fee – SGA consideration of a requested increase due to pressure to fund student organizations;
- Student Health Fee – vote deferred to consider a fee increase for expanded mental health services and a possible new mental health fee.

Andrew Cox seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **4. Plans for Fourth Meeting**

Staff will schedule a meeting in January to consider the Athletic Fee, Student Activity Fee, and Student Health Fee once student and faculty committee members have their class schedules.

**5. Adjourned** – The committee adjourned after completing its work.

<b>FISCAL 2019 COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FISCAL 2020 FEES Wednesday, November 28, 2018</b>	
<b>Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b><u>Students (8 members)</u></b>	
Evan Gillon, Undergraduate Student Body President (UG)	Present
Vathsan Ramprakash, Joint VP of Finance (UG)	Present
Andrew Cahill, Joint VP of Campus Organizations (UG)	Present
Gurjote Sethiu, VP of External Relations for the Student Center Programs Council (UG)	Present
Andrew Cox, Graduate Student Body President (G)	Present
Kristin McKenna, Treasurer (G)	Present
<i>Michelle Frenssen on behalf of</i> Rebecca Berge, Senator (G)	Present
Narayan Shirolkar, VP of Conference Funds (G)	Present
<b><u>Faculty and Staff (4 members)</u></b>	
Jim Kirk, Asst. VP - Inst. Budget Planning & Admin (Co-Chair, MSFAC)	Present
Isabel "Yiny" Lynch, Budget Mgr. (Co-Member w. Jim Kirk)	Present
Jacqueline Garner- Lecturer, Scheller College of Business	Present
Chris Reaves-Director, Center for Academic Enrichment	Present
<i>Darren Nowell on behalf of</i> Angela Hicks, Asst. Director-Financial Ops., College of Mechanical Engineering	Present
<b><u>Support to Committee:</u></b>	
Kevin McConnell, Inst. Budget Planning & Admin	

<b><u>Other Students and Staff in Attendance:</u></b> Aaron Fowler, Edo Diabaka, Betsey Kidwell, John Stein, Lindsay Bryant, John Scuderi, Tamara Lyons, Amanda Richardson, Latonya Culberson, Michael Edwards, Barbara Hanscke, Perry Kchao, JulieAnne Williamson, Shery Davidson, Dan Taylor.
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### **Transportation Fee Questions**

Aaron Fowler shared a [presentation](#) to answer the committee members' questions regarding the Stingerette and other services.

**Q.** Are those actual numbers?

**A.** Yes, actual riders.

**Q.** Are staff and faculty allowed to use those services or are we just to call GTPD?

**A.** No, anyone that has a GT login can use these services.

**Q.** Looking at that chart, we are using them at a much higher rate than last year are you going to add to the Stingerette program and if so what will be the cost?

**A.** We are looking into growing and at new vehicles while rebranding the midnight Rambler. We found that a lot of people using the Stingerette could be using the midnight Rambler.

**Q.** Transportation had a fee increase last year, correct?

**A.** No, there was a recommended fee increase by the committee and the president of \$1, but it was not approved by the BOR.

**Q.** Have you seen a decrease in riders along 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> street?

**A.** No, actually we are seeing rider increases throughout all our routes.

**Q.** Why was (the green bus) reverted back to the original route?

**A.** It is just a matter of money and funding.

**Q.** Do you think that if the fee was increased \$1 that you would be able to increase the green bus route?

**A.** Yes

**Q.** Do you know why the \$1 increase was not approved?

**A.** It appears that the BOR was attempting to minimize fee increases and that the health fee increase took precedence.