

Meeting Summary
Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee
Friday, October 5, 2018

1. Welcome and Minutes

Committee members and attendees introduced themselves. Per the attached attendance list, seven student members were present, with one represented by an alternate. One student member attended via conference call. One faculty member was represented by an alternate, and one was absent. Both Staff members were present, including a third non-voting member. The minutes for the January 19, 2018 and April 19, 2018 meeting (posted on website) were reviewed but were previously approved by the 2018-2019 committee.

Q. Why was the \$1 increase for transportation declined?

A. Georgia Tech's President recommended both the \$1 increase in Transportation and \$3 increase in Health fees. The BOR declined the \$1 increase to focus on the \$3 health increase. No other reasoning was provided by the BOR.

2. Committee Responsibilities and Operations

Jim Kirk reviewed for the Committee the following:

- [BOR Business Procedures Manual Section on Fees](#)
- GT Policy Statement including highlighted changes to the policy
- Operational Ground Rules

The committee elected Vathsan Ramprakash as committee co-chair with Jim Kirk by acclamation.

Q. What is difference between CRC Operations Fee and Recreation Fee?

A. CRC Operations fee goes to pay for CRC day to day operations expenses. The Recreation Fee is a facility fee and goes to paying the CRC debt service.

Q. Does the Recreation Fee continue for perpetuity or is the debt service a fixed length?

A. The Recreation Fee was designed to last for the 30 year duration of the CRC debt service. Only a certain percentage of the debt service is covered by the fee Yiny Lynch will update the committee on this percentage.

Q. Is the Special Institutional Fee (SIF) a mandatory fee? Why don't we vote on it?

A. Yes, it a mandatory fee but, was specifically designated by the BOR as one the Mandatory committee does not vote on. See the SIF FAQ posted to the Budget

website: [@http://www.budgets.gatech.edu/Tuition](http://www.budgets.gatech.edu/Tuition) @
<http://www.budgets.gatech.edu/File?F=24> .

Q. Which fees are covered by HOPE and Pell Grants?

A. HOPE does not cover fees including the SIF, while the Pell Grant will cover all fees and other charges on a student's account.

Q. How does the Accounting for Parking and Transportation work?

A. Sherry Davidson (Sr. Director – Parking and Transportation) provided a brief overview of the accounting for Parking and Transportation. The two are accounted for separately, and Transportation fees cover only Transportation expenses. There was a brief discussion on how Auxiliaries function as quasi-business like enterprises and must cover their own capital costs and thus the need for ten-year capital plans and reserves.

Q. Since Auxiliaries operate as separate entities, do they have their own financial statements and can they be provided to the committee?

A. Yes, Auxiliaries are separately included in the Institute's annual financial statements, and we will work to provide a the committee a copy.

Q. Who must make the business case for an increase in fees?

A. The unit requesting the fee must provide the committee and BOR with a strong business case for any increase in the fee.

3. Review of Current Mandatory Fees

Jim Kirk provided a brief overview of the ten year fee history, posted [here](#) on the committee's website.

4. FY20 Budget and Fee Outlook

Jim reviewed the letter from the Chancellor and suggested that a FY20 Budget outlook be provided in our upcoming meeting.

5. Future Meetings:

Future meetings will be scheduled so that a final vote can be made before holiday break to allow the committee to meet the mid-December deadline for submission to the BOR.

FISCAL 2019 COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FISCAL 2020 FEES Friday, October 5, 2018	
Member	Attendance
Students (8 members)	
Evan Gillon, Undergraduate Student Body President (UG)	Present
Vathsan Ramprakash, Joint VP of Finance (UG)	Present
<i>Jacob Bruhm on behalf of</i> Andrew Cahill, Joint VP of Campus	Present
Gurjote Sethiu, VP of External Relations for the Student Center Programs Council (UG)	Present (Conference call)
Andrew Cox, Graduate Student Body President (G)	Present
Kristin McKenna, Treasurer (G)	Present
Rebecca Berge, Senator (G)	Present
Narayan Shirolkar, VP of Conference Funds (G)	Present
Faculty and Staff (4 members)	
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	Absent
<i>Lacy Hodges on behalf of</i> Chris Reaves-Director, Center for Academic	Present
Angela Hicks, Asst. Director-Financial Ops., College of Mechanical Engineering	Present
Support to Committee:	
Michael Cox, Institute Finance Support Team	
Kevin McConnell, Inst. Budget Planning & Admin	

<p>Other Students and Staff in Attendance: Dan Taylor, Michael Edwards, Perry Kchao, Benjamin Hofton, Lindsay Bryant, John Sanders, JulieAnne Williamson, Barbara Hanscke, Sherry Davidson, Glenn Kurtz, Amanda Richardson, Edo Diabaka</p>
