## GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY FEES REQUESTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

**Mandatory Fee:** Health Services

Current Fee Level FY20: \$172 Fall/Spring – Summer \$115

**Proposed Fee Level FY21:** \$172 Fall/Spring – Summer \$115

**FY 2019 Revenue:** \$12,174,077

Fee Review Organization: Student Health Advisory Committee

## **Current Use of Revenue**

Health Services is multispecialty, ambulatory center that provides healthcare and health education to students and their spouses/domestic partners. Our 40,000-square-foot facility within the Joseph Brown Whitehead Building provides Primary Care Clinic, Women's Health Clinic, Psychiatry Clinic, Sports Medicine Clinic, Travel/Immunization/Allergy Clinic, Pharmacy, Diagnostic Services (lab and radiology), and Business Operations. The student health fee supports all aspects of the operation of Stamps Health Services, including staffing, supplies, utilities, facilities, and other overhead. Our staff consists of board certified physicians and certified nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Our professional staff also includes registered nurses, medical assistants, pharmacists, health educators, and laboratory and radiology technologists. Appointments are required for most services. The mandatory student health fee also provides a portion of the financial resources for Health Initiatives. Health Initiatives' programming includes nutritional services, sexual assault prevention education and advocacy, and health and wellness education. In FY20 the mandatory student health fee also began supporting the salaries and related expenses of two of the assessment counselors/case managers in the Center for Assessment and Referral, otherwise known as GT CARE. CARE is the mental health intake center designed to assist students with accessing mental health resources..

## General Services Covered by the Health Fee

- Unlimited visits to a clinician in Primary Care and Women's Health. Limited visits to Psychiatry.
- Other services include
  - X-ray/interpretation by radiologist
  - Consultations with a pharmacist
  - EKG
  - Travel Clinic consultations
  - Urgent care & first aid
  - Flu shots
  - Some lab tests
  - Pregnancy testing
  - Health Promotion services
  - Blood pressure screening

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

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

Students may receive services based on enrollment at Georgia Tech and payment of the health fee or on a fee-for-service basis. Students taking 4 hours or more are automatically assessed this fee and are eligible for care upon registration. Students taking less than 4 hours, taking a semester off from class or participating in a cooperative program may receive services by paying the health fee or on a fee-for-service basis. Students' spouses and domestic partners are also eligible with payment of the health fee or on a fee-for-service basis.

## **Explanation of FY 2021 Fee Request**

For FY2021 Stamps is not asking for an increase in the health fee as we recognize that we have received a fee increase the last 3 years, had a positive net income last year and that the BOR desires to limit fee increases for students. However, since the purpose of the health fee is to support the operation of the student health center, we may need future fee increases to meet operational needs, not just to add new services. For example, a 2% merit increase for employees is equivalent to approx. a \$2 health fee increase.

**Consequences if Request for Fee Increase is Not Approved NONE**