Student Fees

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Who makes decisions about student fees?

- **Student Fees Audit Committee (SFAC)**
  - 4 Grads
  - 4 Undergrads
  - 1 Staff Advisor

- **Student Fees Advisory Subcommittee (SFAS)**
  - 2 Grads
  - 2 Undergrads
  - ≈ 5 Faculty/Staff

- **Tuition and Fees Advisory Taskforce (TFAT)**
  - 1 Grad
  - ≈ 3 Undergrads
  - ≈ 12 Faculty/Staff

- **Board of Trustees (BoT)**
  - 1 Undergrad
  - 5 Faculty/Staff

Who makes decisions about student fees?
SFAC/SFAS 2013-14

- Student Childcare Services Fee
- Student ID Fee
- Carolina Union Operating Fee
- Campus Recreation Fee
- Student Health Services Fee
- Athletic Fee
- Student Transit Fee
- Graduate Programming Fee (Graduate Students only)
- Registered Dietician Fee (Nutrition only)
- JumpStart! Fee (Social Work only)
SFAC/SFAS 2013-14

• Student Childcare Services Fee
  • Recommended 1.5% increase = $13.30 annually

• Student ID Fee
  • Recommended 1.6% increase = $7.42 annually

• Carolina Union Operating Fee
  • Recommended 1.3% increase = $141.02 annually

• Campus Recreation Fee
  • Recommended 1.5% increase = $110.42 annually
SFAC/SFAS 2013-14

- Student Health Services Fee
  - Recommended 1.6% increase = $443.00 annually
- Athletic Fee
  - Could not reach consensus
  - Requested a 1.7% increase ($4.75) = $283.75 annually
- Student Transit Fee
  - Recommended 6.2% increase = $154.75 annually
SFAC/SFAS 2013-14

- Graduate Programming Fee (Graduate Students only)
  - Recommended changing to annual fee with revenues = 2013-14 FY
- JumpStart! Fee (Social Work only)
  - Recommended 1.6% increase = $53.52 one-time
- Registered Dietician Fee (Nutrition only)
  - Recommended $107 one-time (New Fee Request)
- Student Fees will increase approximately $20 for FY 2014-15
Learn more about fees!

• Fee Descriptions
Current Goals

• Develop a strategy to implement zero-based budgeting in review processes
• Solicit feedback from all students regarding fees
• Consider differing fee levels for grads and undergrads
Higher Education Price Index (HEPI)

• More accurate indicator of changes in costs for colleges and universities than the more familiar Consumer Price Index (CPI)
  • 1.6% for FY 2013-14

• Based on common operating costs of universities
  • professional salaries and fringe benefits of faculty, administrators and other professional service personnel;
  • non-professional wages, salaries and fringe benefits for clerical, technical, service and other non-professional personnel;
  • contracted services such as data processing, communication, transportation, supplies and materials, and equipment;
  • library acquisitions; and
  • utilities
Zero-Based Budgeting Perspective

• SFAS Policies and Procedures Manual
  • “The Committee shall conduct a complete review of student fees from a zero-based budgeting perspective and shall make recommendations to the chancellor for establishing fees effective with the upcoming fall semester”

• Opposite of traditional budgeting
  • Managers justify only variances versus past years; assumes “baseline” is automatically approved

• In ZBB, every line item of the budget must be approved, rather than only changes
  • No reference is made to the previous level of expenditure
Student Feedback on Fees

- Survey graduate, professional, and undergraduate populations
  - Educate about fees
  - Gauge usage of fee services
  - Gauge support for fees
- IFF a student population is grossly over/under-represented in fee service usage, discuss different fee levels for grads and undergrads
  - No student population will be able to completely opt-out of a fee
Questions? Comments?
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