

Texas A&M University-Central Texas
Student Affairs Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

10:00 am

Warrior Hall, Conference Room 303B

Members Present:

Brandon Griggs, Chair

Danielle Clouden, Staff

Brittany Hanchett, Student (2 yrs., 2nd Year)

Kyle Horndt, Student (2 yrs., 2nd year)

Elisa Davis, Student (2 yrs., 1st year)

Monique Bullock, Student (1 yr.)

Antonio Sandoval, Student (1 yr.)

Tommie Barker, Student (1 yr.)

Members Absent:

Alex Burnett-Hayes, At-Large Faculty

Administrative Support:

Jamie Wiatrek

Key Words:

Fee Increase

Student Services Fee

Recreational Sports Fee

Student Health Center Fee

Attachments:

None

1. **Review of Charge**

- a. The Student Affairs Advisory Committee allows for students to formally give input and advice in the ongoing delivery of student support and campus life programs and to serve as the Student Services Advisory Fee Committee.
- b. The Fee Committee is mandated by law. The Committee advises the President on the type, amount, and expenditure of the Student Services Fee, Student Health Fee, and Recreational Sports Fee.

2. **Student Services Fee**

- a. Education Code
 - Reviewed the State Education Code Section 54 pertaining to student services fee.
- b. FY25 Fee Increase, Revenue, and Budget
 - Brandon Griggs proposed to the committee to increase the student services fee, which is currently \$23.00/SCH. The proposal is to increase to \$26.00/SCH. The maximum amount will remain capped at \$250.00, which is set by the state.
 - The last increase was implemented in Fall 2019.
 - The proposed increase will remain affordable compared to peer universities within the state and will still be below the state average.

- The benefit to students would be to increase programming within the student support, academic support, campus life, and career success offices.
 - Increase will support the cost of inflation, which includes staff salaries and student worker hourly rate increases to attract quality candidates.
 - With the Guaranteed Tuition Program, the increase will take 3 years to fully phase in (around 33% per year).
 - Anticipated FY25 New Revenue: \$34,667.00
 - Anticipated FY25 Total Revenue: \$990,167.00
 - Total Budget FY25: \$1,000,592.00
- c. Timeline for Proposed increase:
- November 2023 –Student Affairs Advisory Committee meet to review and vote.
 - December 2023 – Present to the Student Government Association
 - January 2024 - Conduct Student Forums
 - February 2024 – Student Referendum
 - Increase would take effect in the 2024-2025 academic year for those not on the guaranteed tuition plan for that year.

The President’s office and TAMU System office preliminary reviewed the increase proposal and has given their consent to move forward with student forums and referendum.

3. **Student Health Services Fee**

- a. Education Code
- Reviewed section 54.507 of the State Education Code pertaining to Student Health Services Fee.
- b. FY25 Fee Increase, Revenue, and Budget
- Brandon Griggs proposed to the committee to increase the Student Health Fee, which is currently \$35.00/semester for Fall/Spring and \$25.00 for Summer. The proposal is to increase Fall/Spring Semesters to \$45.00 with no change to the Summer Semester fee
 - The state maximum allowed is \$75.00/semester.
 - A portion of the Student Services Fee is still funding the deficit in the Student Health Services Fee.
 - The benefit to students will be to retain and increase qualified staff to serve the growing number of students participating in Student Wellness and Counseling Center programs.
 - Anticipated FY25 New Revenue: \$10,560.00
 - Anticipated FY25 Total Revenue: \$170,910.00
 - Total Budget FY25: \$190,820.00
- c. Timeline for approval:
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 - January 2024 - Conduct Student Forums

- February 2024 – Student Referendum
- Increase would take effect in the 2024-2025 academic year for those not on the guaranteed tuition plan for that year.

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4. **Student Recreation Fee**

a. Education Code

- Reviewed section 54 of the State Education Code pertaining to Recreational Sports Fees.

b. FY25 Fee, Revenue, and Budget

- No Proposed increase in Fee
- The current fees are \$35.00/semester for Fall/Spring and \$25.00 for Summer
- Anticipated FY25 Total Revenue: \$386,400.00
- Total Budget FY25 Total Budget: \$323,640.00

VOTE: Brandon Griggs called for a motion to approve the increase in Student Services Fee and the Student Health Services Fee. Elise Davis motioned to approve; Tommie Barker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Open Floor**

- Brandon Griggs brought to the committee that there have been student requests to add more options to the Warrior Class Ring, such as a non-traditional ladies design and opening up to all jewelers. – The committee discussed and made a few recommendations of their own, like having more options to add to the side of the ring or re-designing the ring all together.

Action Item: Brandon Griggs proposed to meet with the Student Government Association (SGA) to begin talks on this matter. Will send SGA a request to be added to their next meeting agenda.

Brandon Griggs requested this committee meet again in the spring with SGA and Alumni representatives.

6. **Adjourn**

- 11:02 am - Elise Davis motioned to adjourn; Tommie Barker seconded.