MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Jay Perman, President
COPY: Dr. Bruce Jarrell, Chief Academic & Research Officer; Kathy Byington, Vice President of Finance; and Members of the Student Fees Advisory Committee
FROM: Kelsey McVey, Chair on behalf of the Student Fees Advisory Board
DATE: October 29, 2014
RE: Recommendation on Student Fee Increases (Fiscal Year 2016)

10/29/2014

In accordance with the Board of Regents Policy 260.0 VIII-2.50, revised June 22, 2012, Section I.5.i, the Student Fee Advisory Board (SFAB) is responsible for advising the President and Board of Regents of The University of Maryland, Baltimore on the type, and amount of mandatory student fees including; Student government association, transportation, housing, and support facilities. The role of the SFAB is to be consulted in the establishment or change of mandatory student fees. The SFAB will then make recommendations for consideration by the University President for his subsequent formulation of the annual operating budget.

This year the SFAB met for the first time on August 25, 2014. The committee is comprised of the following students and staff:

**Students**

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| Benedicta Asamoah | School of Pharmacy |
| Laura Bozzi | Graduate School |
| Sirah Ali | School of Social Work |
| Seda Tolu | School of Medicine |
| Kelsey McVey | School of Social Work |
| Joe Vandigo | Graduate School |
| Frederick Curtis | School of Law |
| Kimberley Lebron | School of Dentistry |
| Jonathan VanRyzin | Graduate School |

**Stakeholders**

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| Bill Crockett | Support Facilities |
| Robert Milner | Transportation |
| Spencer Todd | Student Government |
| James Reynolds | Housing |

**Committee Administration**

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| Flavius Lilly | Advisor |
| Meghan Bruce-Bojo | Co-Advisor |
| Anna Roskowinski | Co-Advisor |

The committee considered four mandatory fees including:

1. **Support Facilities Fee** which supports URecFit, student affairs programming and the operations of the SMC Campus Center. The current fee is $720 per semester for full-time students and $80 per credit hour for part-time students. The proposed increase in this fee for fiscal year 2016 is $18 for full time students and $2 per credit hour for part time students. The Student Fee Advisory Board denied this fee increase. While the Student Fee Advisory Board felt the proposed career and advising center is a great initiative, the Student Fee Advisory Board does not feel as though it would benefit each individual school the way it is currently proposed. In our discussion, it was determined that these services were provided to some extent by each of our individual programs (e.g. the Research Career Development (RCD) program offered through the School of Medicine and Career Development Opportunities available through the Graduate Program in Life Sciences). We were unsure as to the additional benefit that would come from a generalized approach to career development. We acknowledge that there are universal professional skills that we all should develop. However, we feel that due to the unique nature of the career trajectories in the various schools, the expected benefit from centralized career development center would not justify the additional fee. The Student Fee Advisory Board is open to a fee increase for expansion of facility hours and an increase due to a decline in student enrollment.

2. **Student Government Fee** which supports the University Student Government Association and its associated operations and programming. The current fee is $10 per semester for both full-time and part-time students. There is no proposed increase in this fee for fiscal year 2016.

3. **Student Transportation Fee** which supports the operation of the UM Shuttle service. The current fee is $110 per year for full-time students and $55 per year for part-time students. This fee is requesting an increase for the fiscal year 2016 of $11 per year for fulltime students and $5.50 per year for part time students. The Student Fee Advisory Board for the fiscal year 2016 approved this fee increase. Despite infrequent usage at "off-peak" hours, the advisory board felt that the recent security concerns on campus justified keeping the extended hours to provide safe, reliable transportation to students looking to arrive to campus early or leave late. The Student Fee Advisory Board also approved a proposed approximation fee increase of $31 per year to provide a shuttle that will serve the Canton and Fells Point areas for the fiscal year 2016. Students and their representatives have consistently voiced their desire for expanded service to Canton at University Student Government Association meetings.

4. **Housing Fee** which supports the operation of Pascault Row. The current fees are relative to the unit. See below:

| 2013 Renovated Units | Apartment Type | Size of Apartment (approximate) | Fall Semester | Spring Semester |
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| **Pascault Row Apartments 651 W. Lexington Street and 653 2BR** | Efficiency | 400 square feet | $4,764.12 | $4,474.41 |
| | 1 bedroom | 480 square feet | $5,562.12 | $5,308.41 |
| | 2 bedroom | 750 square feet | $7,931.32 | $7,449.01 |
| | 2 bedroom 2 people | 750 square feet | $4,075.92 each | $3,828.06 each |
| | **Apartment Type** | **Size of Apartment (approximate)** | **Fall Semester** | **Spring Semester** |
| **Pascault Row Apartments 653-665 W. Lexington Street** | Efficiency | 400 square feet | $4,542.12 | $4,265.91 |
| | 1 bedroom | 480 square feet | $5,430.12 | $5,099.91 |
| | 2 bedroom | 750 square feet | $7,709.32 | $7,240.51 |
| | 2 bedroom 2 people | 750 square feet | $3,853.92 each | $3,619.56 each |

There were no submitted fee increases for FY 16.

In closing, the Student Fees Advisory Board appreciates the transparency displayed by the stakeholder members of the committee and is pleased to be included in an advisory capacity to the President regarding the setting of mandatory student fees.