

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Jay Perman, President
COPY: Dr. Bruce Jarrell, Chief Academic and Research Officer and Senior Vice President; Flavius Lilly, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs and Assistant Dean; Robert Milner, Director of Parking and Transportation Services; Members of the Student Fees Advisory Board
FROM: Laura Bozzi, Chair on behalf of the Student Fees Advisory Board
DATE: November 10, 2015
RE: Recommendation on Student Fee Increases (Fiscal Year 2017)

Laura Bozzi
12/11/15

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 October 1, 2015. The board is comprised of the following students and staff:

Students

Jenny Afkinich	Graduate School
Valencia Barnes	School of Dentistry
Laura Bozzi	Graduate School
Jonathan Meyer	School of Pharmacy
Debra Mills	School of Law
Seda Tolu	School of Medicine
Jonathan VanRyzin	Graduate School

Stakeholders

Flavius Lilly	Support Facilities
Robert Milner	Transportation
Geoffrey Heinzl	Student Government
James Reynolds	Housing

Board Administration

Meghan Bruce-Bojo	Co-Advisor
Anna Borgerding	Co-Advisor

The board 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 last Support Facilities fee increase was fiscal year 2012. The proposed increase for fiscal year 2017 is \$36 for full-time students per semester and \$4 per credit hour for part-time students. The Student Fee Advisory Board accepted this fee increase. This increase will ensure that Campus Center continues to function as is, with all the current programs available. We understand that while student enrollment has declined, student utilization of campus services has increased. The Student Fees Advisory Board would like to see continued use of such student services as URecFit, the Writing Center, Student Leadership, the Wellness Hub etc. and this fee increase would keep such services accessible. Flavius Lilly has made many reductions to operations in an effort to reduce costs. An increase in students' fees is the next step in order to keep all the current programs functioning.
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 2017.
3. **Student Transportation Fee** which supports the operation of the UM Shuttle service. The current fee is \$87.00 per semester for full-time students and \$43.50 per semester for part-time students. This fee is requesting an increase for the fiscal year 2017 of \$2.50 per semester for full-time students and \$1.25 per semester for part-time students. The Student Fee Advisory Board for the fiscal year 2017 approved this fee increase. The increased fee covers the transition for the UM Shuttle from the current Freightliner model to the more durable Gillig buses. This will include four buses for all routes (Biopark, Mount Vernon, Canton, and Federal Hill) as well as an additional reserve bus. In the past two years, the Student Transportation Fee has increased to include a reserve bus and the Canton route. The Student Fee Advisory Board recognizes the student demand for the UM Shuttle and need for an adequate bus fleet.

Recommendations for Student Transportation Fee

In the future, the Student Fee Advisory Board requires a breakdown of current and proposed expenses covered by the Student Transportation Fee. The Student Fee Advisory Board expresses concern that students are paying 80% of the UM Shuttle cost, which may not be proportionate to student ridership. This fee should be reflective of student ridership and not contribute to non-student ridership. In the event that non-student ridership is greater than 20% of total riders, the board suggests that the University

explore other avenues to generate revenue, such as monthly passes for non-student riders. In addition, the Student Fee Advisory Board requires an itemization of the University's 20% contribution to the UM Shuttle to guide the Board to make more informed decisions in the future.

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

Renovated Units (2013)	Apartment Type	Size of Apartment (approximate)	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
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
Spousal/Domestic Partner Fee	All Apartments	N/A	\$200.00/month	\$200.00/month

There were no submitted fee increases for FY 17.

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