

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Jay Perman, President
COPY: Dr. Bruce Jarrell, Chief Academic and Research Officer and Senior Vice President; Dr. Flavius Lilly, Senior Associate Dean, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs and Assistant Dean; Robert Milner, Director of Parking and Transportation Services; Amber Mueller, President of University Student Government Association; James N. Reynolds, Assistant Vice President, Fiscal and Administrative Affairs; Members of the Student Fees Advisory Board
FROM: Laura Bozzi, Chair on behalf of the Student Fees Advisory Board
DATE: November 14, 2016
RE: Recommendation on Student Fee Increases (Fiscal Year 2018)

Laura Bozzi
12/05/16

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 September 27, 2016. The board is comprised of the following students and staff:

Students

Jenny Afkinich	Graduate School
Laura Bozzi	Graduate School
Shi Yoon Kim	School of Pharmacy
Fernando Kirkman	School of Law
Chidiogo Nkume	School of Social Work
Julia Peter	Graduate School
Seda Tolu	School of Medicine

Stakeholders

Flavius Lilly	Support Facilities
Robert Milner	Transportation
Amber Mueller	Student Government
James Reynolds	Housing
James Reynolds	Online Student Services

Board Administration

Meghan Bojo	Co-Advisor
Anna Borgerding	Co-Advisor

The board considered five 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 \$756 per semester for full-time students and \$84 per credit hour for part-time students. There is no proposed increase in this fee for fiscal year 2018. The board voted to change the name of this fee to the **Campus Center Infrastructure and Services Fee**, to better reflect why this fee is assessed. The Campus Center Infrastructure and Services Fee will remain at \$756 per semester for full-time students and \$84 per credit hour for part-time students for fiscal year 2018.
2. **Student Government Fee** which supports the University Student Government Association (USGA) and its associated operations and programming. The current fee is \$10 per semester for both full-time and part-time students. The proposed increase for fiscal year 2018 is \$2 per semester for full-time students and part-time students. The Student Fee Advisory Board denied this fee increase. The board discussed while there is value in the fee, there was no need for the increase. In the future, projected estimations of money allocation to student groups under the new fee would be helpful in assessing the need for an increase. Also, the difference between the amount student groups request and USGA's current allocation of funds should be provided to determine if an increase is needed. The Student Government Fee will remain at \$10 per semester for both full-time and part-time students for fiscal year 2018.
3. **Student Transportation Fee** which supports the operation of the UM Shuttle service. The current fee is \$89.50 per semester for full-time students and \$44.75 per semester for part-time students. This fee is requesting an increase for the fiscal year 2018 of \$2 per semester for full-time students and \$1 per semester for part-time students. The Student Fee Advisory Board for the fiscal year 2018 denied this fee increase. The proposed fee would cover maintenance, fuel and labor. However, the Department of Transportation did not explain the actual costs of each item and was opaque about where the money is going. Our last year's memorandum stated the following:

"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."

They did not come prepared with the required material put forth in last year's memorandum. The Student Fees Advisory Board welcomes a presentation in the future that addresses our concerns of ridership and transparency. The transportation fee will remain at \$89.50 per semester for full-time students and \$44.75 per semester for part-time students for fiscal year 2018.

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 is no proposed increase in this fee for fiscal year 2018.

5. **Online Student Services Fee** The new online fee is to support the costs of providing student services such as ADA accommodations, writing center consults, other related student services to online students – which require different resources and solutions. The Support Facilities Fee was eliminated for distance education students; this online fee is a means to continue to fund student services for these students but at a much lower cost to those students. This newly proposed fee is \$25 per credit hour, up to six credits, per semester for online students. The Student Fee Advisory Board for the fiscal year 2018 approved this fee. The board recognized that students who do not have campus access should not have to pay the Campus Center Infrastructure and Services Fee. This new fee would facilitate programs that online students can utilize, such

as the writing center, disability students, and international student support. Though assured by stakeholders that this new fee will not affect non-online students, the board is concerned that the budget reduction in support facilities would result in an increase in the Campus Center Infrastructure and Services Fee. The Online Student Services Fee of \$25 per credit hour, up to six credits, per semester has been approved for online students for fiscal year 2018.

In closing, the Student Fees Advisory Board is pleased to be included in an advisory capacity to the President regarding the setting of mandatory student fees.