

*Student Service Fee Advisory Board
Recommendations Report for Fiscal Year 2007*

TO: Dr. Dean Bresciani
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FROM: Jack Hooper
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DATE: November 11, 2005

RE: SSFAB Recommendations regarding the Student Service Fee,
Health Center Fee, and Recreational Sports Fee

In satisfaction of the requirements stated in the Standard Operating Procedures of the Student Service Fee Advisory Board (SSFAB), the Chair of the Board submits the Board's recommendations for the Student Service Fee, University Health Center Fee, and Recreational Sports Fee to the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA), and provides a copy of these recommendations to the Student Senate and Graduate Student Council. This report contains the SSFAB recommendations for the Student Service Fee, Health Center Fee, and Recreational Sports Fee for FY 2007 and satisfies the requirements of the SSFAB standard operating procedures.

Currently the Student Service Fee at Texas A&M University is \$12.50 per semester credit hour, with a \$150.00 maximum per student per semester. At this rate, the student service fee generates approximately \$12.8 million in funding for 20 departments receiving student service fees. The student service fee state-mandated cap is \$250 per semester.

Student Service Fee Increase Scenarios

In accordance with legislation passed in 2001, the student service fee may be increased up to 10% per year until we reach the current cap of \$150. A student referendum must be passed or majority vote of the Student Senate and Graduate Student Council obtained in order to exceed the \$150 cap. The amount approved by referendum becomes the new marker and the student service fee can be increased up to 10% of that amount annually until we reach the new cap, \$250.

DETAILED DEPARTMENT BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Student Health Services

Student Health Services requested a \$5.00 per semester fee increase for FY 2007. **The Student Service Fee Advisory Board recommends that the Health Center Fee for FY 2007 be increased from \$55 per semester to \$60 per semester.**

Recreational Sports

Recreational Sports requested a fee increase of \$20.00 per semester for FY 2007. **The Student Service Fee Advisory Board recommends that the Recreational Sports Fee for FY 2007 be increased from \$78.00 per semester to \$98.00 per semester.** A student referendum was held in the Fall in which 79.1% of the students voting supported this increase.

Student Service Fee

The Student Service Fee Advisory Board recommends the student service fee be increased from \$12.50 per semester credit hour (\$150.00 maximum) to \$13.08 per semester credit hour (\$156.96 maximum), beginning September 1, 2007. This recommendation reflects an increase to the Student Service Fee of \$0.58 per semester credit hour (or 4.6%).

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Student Service Fee Recipients

Following are the Student Service Fee Advisory Board's individual department recommendations.

I. Aggie Band

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$184,200	FY 2007 Request:	\$244,200
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$244,200	Total Increase:	\$60,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Texas Aggie Band Travel Fund	\$60,000
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II. Child Care

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$59,300	FY 2007 Request:	\$120,500
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$94,300	Total Increase:	\$35,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Funds for Student Rate	\$35,000
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III. Choral Activities

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$339,210	FY 2007 Request:	\$365,650
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$354,210	Total Increase:	\$15,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Fuel Increase	\$10,000
2. Texas Collegiate Women's Chorus Festival	\$ 5,000

IV. Disability Services

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$211,044	FY 2007 Request:	\$242,290
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$242,290	Total Increase:	\$31,246

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Student Assistants	\$ 4,326
2. Grad Student Testing Accommodation	\$ 6,920
3. Testing Administration Center Assistant	\$20,000

V. Graduate Student Council

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$49,926	FY 2007 Request:	\$49,926
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$49,926	Total Increase:	\$0

No increase requested

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VI. *Greek Life*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$233,000	FY 2007 Request:	\$258,000
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$233,000	Total Increase:	\$0

VII. *International Student Services*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$202,680	FY 2007 Request:	\$204,680
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$204,680	Total Increase:	\$2,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Partial Funding ISM Program	\$2,000
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VIII. *Memorial Student Center*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$2,286,522	FY 2007 Request:	\$2,469,522
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$2,378,276	Total Increase:	\$91,754

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Business Associate III	\$28,000
2. Reclassifications	\$14,254
3. Hispanic Heritage Month	\$ 4,500
4. Aggie Nights	\$45,000

IX. *Multicultural Services*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$764,089	FY 2007 Request:	\$787,339
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$775,089	Total Increase:	\$11,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. ERASE	\$ 1,000
2. Professional Development	\$10,000

X. *Student Activities*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$1,865,412	FY 2007 Request:	\$1,943,715
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$1,926,215	Total Increase:	\$60,803

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. New Accounting Position	\$32,599
2. Reclassifications (2) Program Coordinators	\$12,204
3. SDS Career Ladder	\$16,000

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XI. *Student Counseling*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$2,717,969	FY 2007 Request:	\$2,768,586
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$2,743,525	Total Increase:	\$25,556

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Staff Professional Liability Insurance	\$9,854
2. Licensure for Defrayal	\$1,500
3. Career Ladder Upgrades	\$9,702
4. QPR	\$4,500

XII. *Student Organization Finance Center*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$158,586	FY 2007 Request:	\$158,586
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$158,586	Total Increase:	\$0

No increase requested

XIII. *Student Financial Aid*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$1,054,865	FY 2007 Request:	\$1,120,461
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$1,054,865	Total Increase:	\$0

No increase

XIV. *Student Government*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$169,268	FY 2007 Request:	\$178,728
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$174,763	Total Increase:	\$5,500

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Increase in Student Wages	\$5,500
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XV. *Student Life*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$1,173,693	FY 2007 Request:	\$1,173,693
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$1,173,693	Total Increase:	\$0

No increase requested

XVI. *Student Life Studies*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$259,816	FY 2007 Request:	\$280,816
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$280,816	Total Increase:	\$21,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Graduate Assistant	\$21,000
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XVII. *Student Media*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$22,000	FY 2007 Request:	\$22,000
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$22,000	Total Increase:	\$0

No increase requested

XVIII. *Study Abroad*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$152,568	FY 2007 Request:	\$155,568
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$155,568	Total Increase:	\$3,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Web Development for Student Worker	\$3,000
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XVIII. *University Art*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$127,644	FY 2007 Request:	\$132,644
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$132,644	Total Increase:	\$5,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. Museum Education Programming	\$5,000
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XX. *Vice President for Student Affairs*

FY 2006 Allocation:	\$576,792	FY 2007 Request:	\$651,792
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$651,792	Total Increase:	\$75,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1. IT Position	\$ 75,000
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XXI. *FY 2007 Salary Pool*

The Vice President for Student Affairs has proposed a salary pool to be allocated to all departments receiving student service fees for the purpose of staff and graduate assistant salary increases in the event the University authorizes a salary program for FY 2007. Allocations will be made to departments in accordance with guidelines approved by Texas A&M University President Robert Gates.

In the event the University does not authorize a salary increase program, the funds will be held centrally until a salary program is authorized.

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

FY 2007 Request:	\$146,389
FY 2007 Recommendation:	\$146,389

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One-Time Funding Requests

I. Choral Activities - \$10,000

The department asked for an additional \$20,000 increase to pay for an increase in fuel prices. We recommended \$10,000 in recurring funds. We ask that you consider up to an additional \$10,000 in one-time funds until we can get a better read on fuel prices.

II. Aggies R We - \$3,640

Due to the fact that this program has just started, we did not have a good feel for what the true costs will be. The Board is very supportive of this program and recommends that you provide one-time funds up to \$3,460 to cover the actual costs of the program for FY07.

III. Greek Life - \$25,000

The Board had a difficult time determining the exact need for Greek Life, due to the fact that they just started spending their one-time funds for this year. The Board recommends your office review their programs and success at the end of this year and provide one-time funds up to \$25,000 for FY07 as you feel necessary.

cc: Student Senate
Graduate Student Council