


*Student Service Fee Advisory Board  
Recommendations Report for Fiscal Year 2006*

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TO: Dr. Dean Bresciani  
Vice President for Student Affairs, Texas A&M University

FROM: Jim Carlson  
Chair, Student Service Fee Advisory Board 

DATE: November 2, 2004

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 2006 and satisfies the requirements of the SSFAB standard operating procedures.

Currently the Student Service Fee at Texas A&M University is \$12.15 per semester credit hour, with a \$145.80 maximum per student per semester. At this rate, the student service fee generates approximately \$12.3 million in funding for 18 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 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 did not request a fee increase for FY 2006. The Student Service Fee Advisory Board recommends that the Health Center Fee for FY 2006 remain at \$55 per semester.

**Recreational Sports**

Recreational Sports did not request a fee increase for FY 2006. The Student Service Fee Advisory Board recommends that the Recreational Sports Fee for FY 2006 remain at \$78 per semester.

**Student Service Fee**

The Student Service Fee Advisory Board recommends the student service fee be set at \$12.50 per semester credit hour (\$150.00 maximum) beginning September 1, 2005. This recommendation reflects an increase to the Student Service Fee of \$0.35 per semester credit hour (or 2.9%).

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***Student Service Fee Recipients***

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

***I. Aggie Band***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$151,045	FY 2006 Request:	\$186,045
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$180,045	Total Increase:	\$29,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1	\$23,500	Bands operations
2	\$5,500	Student worker wages

***II. Child Care***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$59,300	FY 2006 Request:	\$94,300
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$59,300	Total Increase:	\$0

***III. Choral Activities***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$327,758	FY 2006 Request:	\$339,658
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$330,158	Total Increase:	\$2,400

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1	\$2,400	Scheduled quarterly tuning and maintenance of pianos
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***IV. Graduate Student Council***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$49,926	FY 2006 Request:	\$49,926
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$49,926	Total Increase:	\$0

***V. International Student Services***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$180,967	FY 2006 Request:	\$192,643
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$191,719	Total Increase:	\$10,752

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1	\$10,752	Partial salary and benefits for staff
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***VI. Memorial Student Center***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$2,388,610	FY 2006 Request:	\$2,600,392
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$2,388,610	Total Increase:	\$0

***VII. Multicultural Services***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$778,033	FY 2006 Request:	\$818,033
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$778,033	Total Increase:	\$0

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**VIII. *Student Activities***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$1,694,663	FY 2006 Request:	\$1,724,207
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$1,707,338	Total Increase:	\$12,675

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1	\$12,675	Graduate Assistant for Student Involvement
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**IX. *Student Counseling***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$2,617,149	FY 2006 Request:	\$2,737,922
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$2,675,429	Total Increase:	\$58,280

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1	\$58,280	Psychologist
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**X. *Student Organization Finance Center***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$123,608	FY 2006 Request:	\$123,068
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$123,608	Total Increase:	\$0

**XI. *Student Financial Aid***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$1,027,860	FY 2006 Request:	\$1,273,554
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$1,027,860	Total Increase:	\$0

**XII. *Student Government***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$173,536	FY 2006 Request:	\$423,536
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$173,536	Total Increase:	\$0

**XIII. *Student Life***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$1,958,943	FY 2006 Request:	\$2,058,143
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$2,005,943	Total Increase:	\$47,000

The Board recommends funding for the following items:

1	\$47,000	Student development position, Services for Students with Disabilities
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**XIV. *Student Life Studies***

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$254,645	FY 2006 Request:	\$254,645
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$254,645	Total Increase:	\$0

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**XV. Student Media**

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$22,000	FY 2006 Request:	\$22,000
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$22,000	Total Increase:	\$0

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**XVI. Study Abroad**

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$142,141	FY 2006 Request:	\$155,065
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$148,141	Total Increase:	\$6,000

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The Board recommends funding for the following item:

1	\$6,000	Student employee to assist with scholarship administration
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For FY06 the Board also recommends the Vice President for Student Affairs consider a \$3,000 one-time allocation to Study Abroad to be used to hire a student employee to assist with web development.

**XVII. University Art**

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$123,573	FY 2006 Request:	\$138,633
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$123,573	Total Increase:	\$0

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**XVIII. Vice President for Student Affairs**

FY 2005 Allocation:	\$295,688	FY 2006 Request:	\$295,688
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$295,688	Total Increase:	\$0

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**XIX. FY 2006 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 2006. 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 2006 Request:	\$185,059
FY 2006 Recommendation:	\$185,059

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cc: Student Senate  
Graduate Student Council