

Student Fees Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/3/2021

Time: 9:00AM

Location: Teams Meeting

In Attendance: 21 participants

Paul Donnell (Chair)

Faculty and Staff—Amanda Funches, Shane Allen, Shaun Bohannon, Jennifer Brannon, Geoffrey Dyar, Holly Geiger, Autumn Lucas, Sonja Rivers, Chip Smith, Michael Stewart, Leigh Ann Tate, Mimi Ford, Corey Guyton, Carol Melton

Students—Alegra Graham, Seth Hall, Katrina James, Elijah Stinehelfer, Claritoria White

Opening

- Paul Donnell called the meeting to order.

Amanda Funches stated that no increases in any fees were being asked of students. As a result of a drop in enrollment for Fall 2021 and furthermo

Corey was asked to cut the FY 22 budget by about \$10000. He had to make some tough decisions to accomplish that.

Elijah Stinehelfer asked for clarification on why he was asked to cut the budget. Corey stated that we did not take in the amount of student fees that was projected.

A motion to accept the amended FY 22 budget was made by Elijah Stinehelfer and seconded by Alegra Graham.

Corey then moved to the FY 23 budget. He explained the cuts a bit further by stating that salaries could not be cut and he will continue to fund Intramurals and SGA. All other extracurriculars were cut from the budget.

It was stated that the pool is being funded by another area so it is no longer in the Student Life budget.

Sonja Rivers asked which semester was used for enrollment counts. It was clarified that the budgets were based on Fall 2021 enrollment.

In regards to the Student Life activities that are no longer being funded, it was stated that several of those were more department or campus specific. Because of this, Jennifer Brannon stated that it has been discussed that some departments may fund their specific activities. Generally, the events being paid for with Student Life funds are to benefit all students (instead of just a small subset of them).

Claritoria White asked if there were plans to try to improve enrollment. Amanda Funches and Jennifer Brannon both spoke to the work being done by MGA to increase enrollment, and therefore to increase student fees.

Seth Hall stated that he felt many students were not aware of the activities available to them. Corey Guyton encouraged him to reach out after the meeting to brainstorm ways to better inform the students of what is going on. Claritoria recommended that Faculty and Staff announce events in class.

Sonja Rivers asked about the possibility of charging fully online students fees in the future since a lot of them do enjoy certain services on campus anyway. Amanda Funches stated that at this time it is not allowed by USG. However, MGA has asked USG to reconsider this policy and will continue to push for this change. The State Legislature is also looking at student fees so there could be changes in the future. For now, federal funds are helping to fill in the gap created by the lack of student fees.

A Motion to accept the FY 23 budget was made by Sonja Rivers and seconded by Elijah Stinehelfer.

The voting form was shared via Teams and members voted. The budgets were approved.

Sonja Rivers suggested a centralized calendar of all athletic events to encourage more participation in them.

Elijah Stinehelfer also suggested a D2L portal for announcements to inform students about all activities on campus.

The FY 23 budget is mostly the same as the FY 22 revised budget. It has the same increases, but they are applied over the whole year.

A Motion to accept the amended FY 22 budget and proposed FY 23 budget was made by Elijah Stinehelfer and seconded by Alegra Graham.

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5. Health Services—Autumn Lucas

There have not been any significant changes to the budget. GEMA and Federal funds have greatly helped in the past year. They have provided PPE/testing/vaccinations.

The budget really cannot be cut further without reducing the services provided to students.

Sonja Rivers asked about how they accommodate for non-paying students who want to utilize the health services and was told that those students can pay the same fee per semester and then can receive unlimited services. Not many students take advantage of this, but it is a great option for fully only students who need medical attention.

A Motion to accept the amended FY 22 budget and proposed FY 23 budget was made by Sonja Rivers and seconded by Claritoria White.

The voting form was shared via Teams and members voted. The budgets were approved.

6. Parking—Amanda Funches

There have been some changes in salaries. MGA must also pay for the software and hardware used to determine if cars are parked correctly.

There is a surplus in this account, but that is expected and necessary. When major work needs to be done to parking lots, it is a major expense. Keeping a surplus ensures that the money will be available when needed.

FY 23 budget has no other significant changes.

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That concluded the voting for fees. Jennifer Brannon and Amanda Funches both thanked the