

MEMORANDUM

December 4, 2007

To: President John Cavanaugh

From: Deborah L. Ford
Vice President, Student Affairs

Subject: Request to Increase Activity & Service, Athletic, and Health Fees for 2008-2009

I submit the attached request for increase in the Activity & Service, Athletic, and Health Fees for 2008-2009 for your approval and that of the Board of Trustees at the December 14, 2007 meeting.

In order to continue moving the student fee assessment process toward a strategically driven model, a new process was initiated this fall. A single Student Fee Committee with equal representation of students and faculty/staff was created, rather than three committees working independently of each other without regard to the overall priorities and without appropriately balancing the distribution of the fee increases. This was approved by the Faculty Senate Governance Committee.

This committee met on Friday, November 30, 2007, and the meeting was facilitated by Jim Hurd. The committee members were provided with a variety of contextual material including the past history of each student fee since 1983, a spreadsheet illustrating how UWF is situated among the other state universities in Florida in regard to these fees, an estimate of how much each fee would need to increase to support salary projections without reducing operating costs, and a comprehensive divisional priority list of needs for these funds beyond salary maintenance.

The goal of this meeting was to recommend, based on the Committee's best judgment, the distribution of potential fee increases in a manner that appropriately addressed critical need areas. This goal was accomplished and the proposed fees are attached.

If you need additional information, please let me know.

Attachments

cc: April Jardine, SGA President