A Resolution to Accept the Recommendations of the 2010 – 2011 Student Fee Review Committee

Whereas, The Student Fee Review Committee, to be hereafter referred to as SFRC in this document, is a committee consisting of graduate and undergraduate students created by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to review and give feedback on budgets that receive funding, in whole or in part, from non-academic student fees, and

Whereas, The recommendations of the SFRC are further communicated to the University of Missouri system Board of Curators for consideration when setting non-academic student fees, and

Whereas, After a thorough review of the process, the SFRC submitted the following recommendations:

ASUM - No change

The committee sees that ASUM is working towards cuttings its carry forward and has agreed to give $31,914.06 back to the Vice-Chancellor to use towards projects bettering students.

Club Sports - 0.75% increase amounting to $0.03 per student

The increase is being given to cover rising salary and insurance costs. The committee feels that the selective nature of club sports makes giving an inflationary increase to the entire fee unjustified.

Counseling Center - 21% increase amounting to $1.30

This increase is being given for the Counseling Center to hire another counselor. The committee feels that the mission of the Counseling Center is vital to the safety and betterment of students on campus and recommends more marketing, assuming the Center can handle in the influx of students as a result.
Diversity Fee - No change

The committee agrees with the proposed changes within this fee. The proposal put to the committee was changing the percentages to better spend the money already coming in and the committee endorses this proposal.

Divisional Student Councils - No change

The committee was concerned with a few councils not spending the money they are allocated, however the amounts did not merit any action by this committee.

Jesse Auditorium - No change

No increase was asked for by the administrators at Jesse Auditorium and the committee feels no cuts to their budget are necessary.

Memorial Student Unions - 1.5% increase

This increase is being given to cover inflationary costs associated with utilities, salaries, and other costs.

O.R.G - 2.3% decrease amounting to a $0.22 decrease per student

The committee recommends decreasing the Student Organization Fee due to the extreme amount of carry forward that occurs each year for every year the committee had access to their budget. This decrease is meant to decrease the amount of money left over at the end of the year. The committee also recommends changing internal policies to prevent the large amounts of carryover. If these measures are met the committee recommends to future committees to increase funding back to previous levels. If these measures are not met the committee would like to see drastic action to reduce the carry forward.

Parking Garage - No change

These funds are used to repay bonds and therefore are a set cost every year. No change is necessary.

Readership Program - 25% decrease amounting to a $0.77 decrease per student

This was proposed to the committee by the administrators of the Readership Program. The committee feels that this amount will give administrators of the program the necessary funding to accomplish their goals without damaging circulation. This amount has been agreed upon by the administrators of the program.
SFCIC - 5% decrease amounting to a $0.22 decrease per student

The committee feels that the growth of the endowments and other funds allows for a decrease in student funding while keeping funding at the FY2009 and FY2010 levels.

Student Government – (Undergraduate – No change) (Graduate – No change)

The Missouri Student Association did not request any change to their funding levels because they feel their carry forward can cover any unexpected changes next year. The Graduate Professionals Council was requesting an inflationary increase, however they withdrew the request.

Student Life - 5% increase amounting to $0.84 per student

With the Department of Student Life facing mandated salary and benefit increases along with General Operating decreases the committee recommends increasing the fee by 5% to offset a portion of these costs and cuts.

Sustainability Fee - No change

No change was requested and the committee feels that this money is being put to good use.

Transportation - No change

No change was requested.

Student Health - 1.5% increase amounting to $1.39 per student or inflation as defined by SB 389

The committee recommends an inflationary increase to Student Health for covering increases in institutional support, salaries, and computing costs. The committee stresses that this money should go to supporting the core mission of Student Health, which the committee feels is medical services. While other programs, such as stress management, are an important part of campus life the committee feels Student Health should focus not on these projects and leave them to other campus entities (such as the Wellness Resources Center and Counseling Center)

Recreation Fee - 0.67% increase amounting to $0.89 per student or inflation as defined by SB 389

The committee feels that because the Recreation Fee has not received an increase in two years and is facing mandatory salary and benefits increases as well as increases in supply costs they are justified in receiving an inflationary increase on the portion of the fee which is not going to bond repayment.
Division of IT - No change

The committee recommends no change due to the ability of the Division to bring in other revenue and the appearance that the Division has to look for new ways to spend money already coming in, instead of looking for ways to be cost effective.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Graduate Professional Council supports the recommendations made by the 2010 – 2011 SFRC.

Respectfully Submitted,

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