

USF St. Petersburg Campus Board
October 2, 2009

Issue: Activity & Service, Athletics and Health Fees

Proposed Action

Approval of the implementation of an increase to the Activity & Service, Athletics, and Health Fees

Background Information

The recommendation of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Student Government and Administration is to raise student fees by the allowable five percent or \$.68 of the fee cap. Student Government recommends that the \$.68 be distributed as follows:

- \$.10 A&S – Student Government
- \$.20 Athletics
- \$.38 Health Services

The rationale for the fee increases is as follows:

- 1) The most recent increases to Athletic fees at USF St. Petersburg were the fall of 2004 – \$.25/credit hour. This increase indicates student support of the Sailing Program and continued interest in access to USF Athletic events.
- 2) The health fee has remained at \$.60 for over a decade and public health issues over the last several years have raised concerns. In addition, the significant increase if sustained annually can contribute to the creation of a USFSP Health Center that continues to be the highest priority of students on recent surveys.
- 3) A modest A&S increase will allow the Student Government Association to address rising costs for student life supplies, operating expenses, entertainment/entertainer costs, and new program initiatives including leadership programs.
- 4) Student organizations that depend on A&S fees for operating expenses, activities, marketing and travel have increased from 47 to 70 since the fall of 2008.

The Student Government Association voted unanimously in favor of the increase and was favorably recommended by the Student Fees Committee at its September 30 meeting.

Strategic Goal(s) Item Supports: Goal IV

Workgroup Review: October 15 Finance and Audit Workgroup

Supporting documentation:

Student Government Bill 09-101 “Resolution to increase the Student Fee”

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