



**TOWN HALL**  
**FY19 Fee Proposal**

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# FY19 Proposed Student Fees

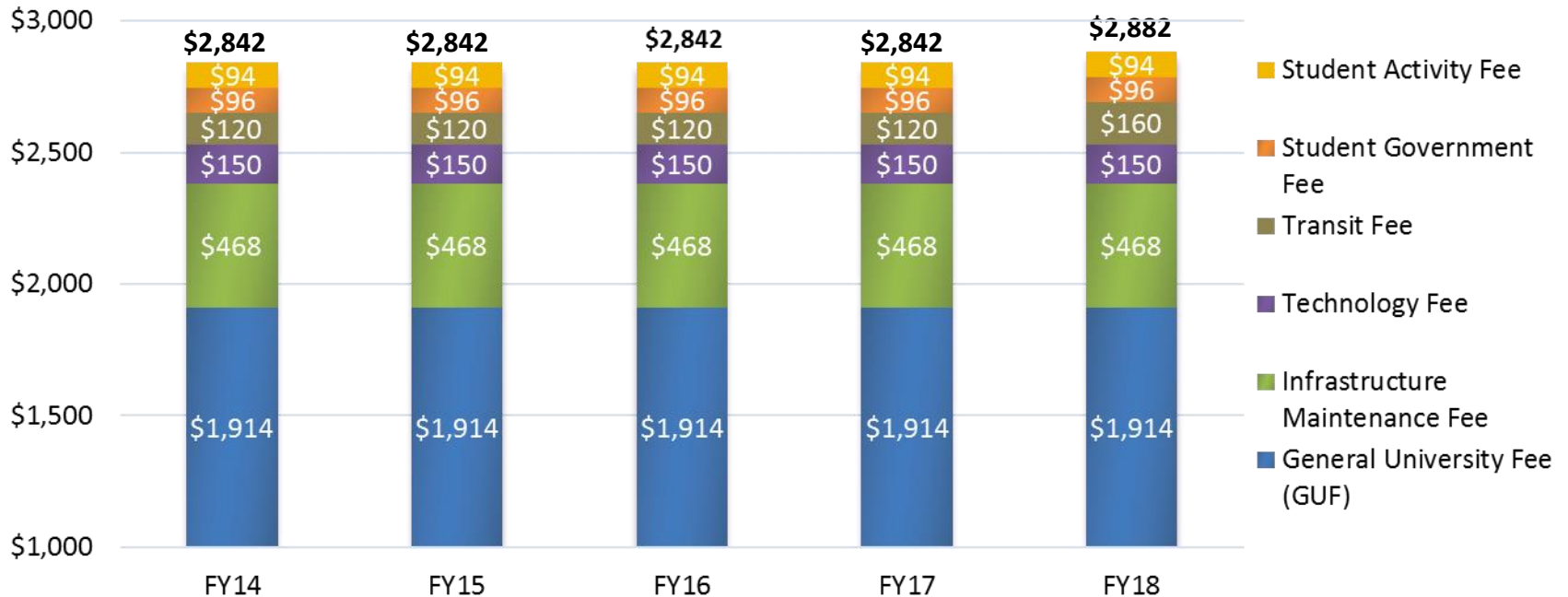
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## **Guiding Principles:**

- Protect affordability by only increasing fees when necessary
- Promote simplicity and transparency for all student fees
- Ensure financial stability and adequate student services for the University

# Mandatory Student Fee History

Since 2014, undergraduate mandatory fees have only increased \$40, representing the UPass program which allows students full access on any CT public transit



# Committee on Student Fees

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“Fees, of course, are not all created at once. They are implemented over the years for many different reasons. Because of that, a patchwork of fees develops – all dating to different decades and eras, and many are arrived at through different processes.”

*President Herbst during the announcement of the Committee on Student Fees in December 2016*

## **President’s Committee on Student Fees:**

- Established in December 2016
- Chaired by Scott Jordan, EVPA&CFO
- Comprised of students, faculty, and staff
- Scope included all fees charged to students excluding Room, Board, and Program fees
- Committee charged to evaluate fees in an effort to simplifying the fee structure, improve transparency, and ensure a consistent, logical application of fees

# Committee on Student Fees - Recommendation

## Overview of Recommendations:

	Committee Recommendation		
	Overview	Current Rate	Revised Rate
<b>University Mandatory Fees</b>			
<u>General University Fee (GUF)</u>			
Storrs			
Undergraduate	Make Student Health Services a separate fee	\$ 1,914	\$ 1,334
Graduate	Make Student Health Services a separate fee	\$ 1,416	\$ 836
Regional Campuses	Allocate 75% of revenue to respective campus	\$ 112	\$ 112
Professional Programs	Charge Regional Campus rate *	\$ 74	\$ 112
Infrastructure Maintenance Fee	No Change	\$ 468	\$ 468
*Proposed* Student Health Services	Remove from GUF, create separate fee	\$ -	\$ 580
Technology Fee	No Change	\$ 150	\$ 150
<u>Transit Fee</u>			
Storrs	No Change	\$ 160	\$ 160
Regional Campuses (ex. Avery Point)	No Change	\$ 40	\$ 40
*Proposed* Professional Programs	Add Professional Program	\$ -	\$ 40
<b>Total Major Fees</b>			
All Major Fees	-Eliminate all Major Fees -Provide funding to School or College -Any new funding requests will be assessed during annual Budget Hearing process	\$10-700	0
<b>Academic Material Fees</b>			
171 Courses	-Eliminate all Academic Materials Fees -Provide permanent funding to School or College, offset by administrative savings -Any new funding requests will be assessed during annual Budget Hearing process	\$10-\$95	0

\* Impacted students include fee based Business and Social Work programs at regional campuses and Law School

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## 1) Eliminate all major fees

### Problem

- Major fees place burden on students in select majors
- Fees are applied somewhat haphazardly and may not reflect actual program cost differential
- Students may select majors based on cost, rather than academic preference

### Solution

- Eliminate Major Fees
- Fund schools/colleges for lost revenues
- Place moratorium on future Major Fees
- Over 3,262 students will save between \$10 to \$700 per semester

Current Major Fees	Rate	Number of Students
Landscape Architecture	\$700	23
Maritime Studies	\$25	22
Drama	\$60	121
Business	\$10	2,538
Nursing	\$250	43
Music	\$500	167
Digital Media and Design	\$45	348

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## 2) Eliminate all Academic Material Fees (AMF)

### Problem

- Students have a reasonable expectation tuition should cover the cost of academic instruction
- Nearly 11,000 students pay AMFs, comprising 18,000 billings per year
- Added complexity to the fee bill and feels like being “nickel and dimed”
- Costly to administer

### Solution

- Eliminate all Academic Materials Fees
- Fund schools for lost revenues
- Nearly 11,000 students across 170 courses and 1,096 sections will no longer pay additional materials fees
- Lost revenue of \$434k will be recovered through administrative savings



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## 3) General University Fee (GUF):

- GUF is the largest of all Mandatory Fees at \$1,914 for undergraduate and \$1,416 for graduate students
- GUF funds a variety of student activities

	Current GUF Funding
Athletics	8,280,611
Career Development Center	2,365,174
Fraternity and Sorority Life	567,821
Jorgensen Performing Arts Center	1,739,993
Marching Band	412,819
Off Campus Student Services	365,914
One Card	317,000
Student Activities	6,247,137
Student Health Services	12,206,709
Student Union	4,035,798
UConn Recreation	2,750,866
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 39,289,842</b>



Several changes are being proposed, including removing Student Health Services from GUF, reallocating GUF revenue to Regional Campuses and standardizing GUF rates.

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## 3a) Create a new Student Health Services Fee, separate from GUF

### Problem

- Student Health Services are unique from other GUF funded activities due to the nature of their services including Counseling & Mental Health, Nutrition Services, Wellness and Prevention, Women’s Health, Primary and Urgent Care, etc.
- This causes challenges when allocating limited recourses and trying to compare student activities and vital services relating to student health and welfare

### Solution

- Create a separate “Student Health Services Fee”
- Offset the current GUF rate by the same amount, resulting in no additional cost to students and better transparency
- Student Health Services will be reviewed separately as part of the annual fee process

	Current	Proposed
General University Fee	\$ 1,914	\$ 1,334
Student Health Services Fee	\$ -	\$ 580
Total	\$ 1,914	\$ 1,914

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## 3b) Reallocate 75% of the GUF revenue generated by Regional Campus Students to Campus Directors and standardize rates

### Problem

- Regional campus students have limited access to GUF funded activities due to proximity; some of this issue is resolved in different rates, as Regional campus students pay \$112 compared to \$1,914 at Storrs
- Students at the same Regional Campus may pay a different rate based on program, i.e. currently Professional Program students pay \$74 versus \$112 for other tuition based graduate students at regional campuses
- Campus Directors have no access to GUF funding for programing to meet individual campus needs

### Solution

- Allocate 75% of the Regional Campus GUF revenue to each campus Director to offer services and programing to that specific campus
- All regional students, including Professional Programs will pay the same rate, \$112/yr



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## 4) Ensure objectivity and compliance with Board policy

### Problem

- No formal committee reviewing new student fee requests or providing policy guidance
- No documented policy precluding individuals representing GUF funded units to serve on the Student Activity & Service Fee Advisory Committee (SASFAC)

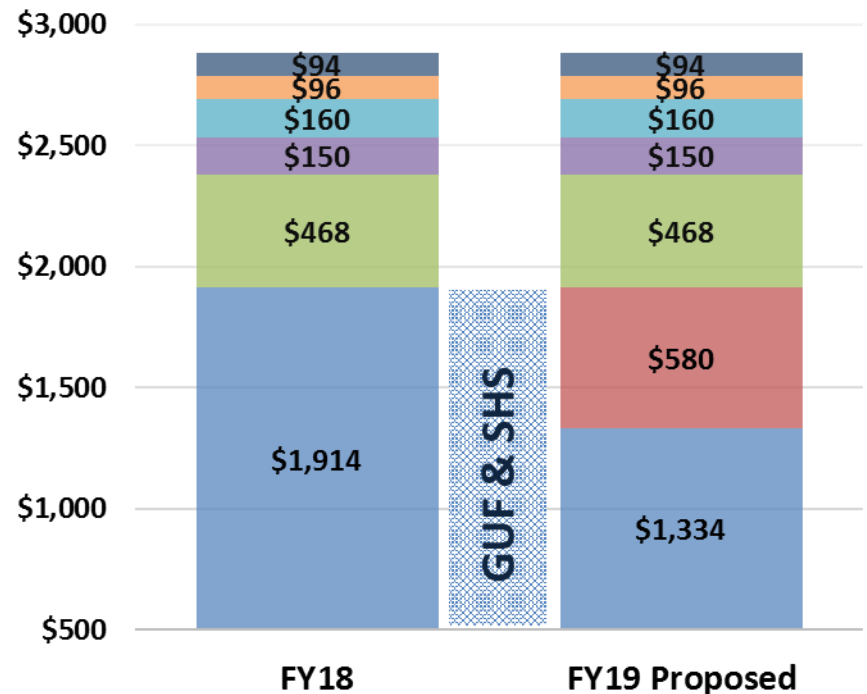
### Solution

- Establish a policy to ensure objectivity; any members of the Student Activity & Service Fee Advisory Committee (SASFAC) may not represent any unit that is funded through GUF
- Creation of an Executive Student Fee Committee (ESFC) that will review new student fee requests, policy decisions and other fee related questions on an as-needed basis led by the Provost and EVPACFO

# FY19 Proposed Student Fees-Storrs Campus

For FY19, Storrs based undergraduate students will not see increased mandatory fees

Rate	FY18 Rate	FY19 Proposed
<b><u>Undergraduate</u></b>		
General University Fee (GUF)	\$1,914	\$1,334
Student Health Services (SHS)	<i>na</i>	580
<b>Total GUF and SHS</b>	<b>\$1,914</b>	<b>\$1,914</b>
Technology Fee	150	150
Infrastructure Maintenance Fee	468	468
Transit Fee	160	160
Student Activity Fee	190	190
<b>Total Mandatory Fees</b>	<b>\$2,882</b>	<b>\$2,882</b>



Nearly 11,000 students will pay less in fees, driven by the elimination of Major and Academic Material Fees and students will pay based on campus location, simplifying the fee process.

# Student Housing

Overall student housing rates have already been approved for FY19, but a few adjustments are recommended below:

## Storrs Campus

- Creation of a new rate 8, impacting 48 apartments, or 96 beds
- Rate 8 Charter Oak/Hilltop 2 Bedroom-2 Person \$13,720
- The living space in these limited two person apartments is more private and is in high demand

## Stamford Campus

Rate	Room Type	FY18 Academic Year Rate	FY19 Proposed Academic Year Rate	Percent Change
Rate 1	Standard Shared Bedroom	\$9,950	\$10,248	3.0%
Rate 2	Premium Shared Bedroom	\$11,950	\$12,428	4.0%
Rate 3	Penthouse Shared Bedroom	\$12,480	\$12,980	4.0%
Rate 4	Oversized Penthouse Shared Bedroom	\$12,950	\$13,468	4.0%

FY18 was the first year of the residential option at Stamford and rates were set conservatively to ensure interest. The demand has been very strong and based on local market rates an increase is justified.

# Academic Fee Based Programs

Academic fees include specific program or course fees and are reviewed and approved by the Provost's Office. Academic Program fees are applied to all students within a specific program. The majority of fees are from self-supporting programs at the graduate level.

## Increases to Business School Fee Based Programs

### Comprehensive Fee Per Credit

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19 Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
All Other Graduate Certificate Programs (excluding ACP)	\$825	\$900	9%
MS in Accounting (MSA)/Accounting Certificate Program (ACP)	\$825	\$850	3%
MS in Financial Risk Management (MSFRM) <sup>1</sup>	\$1,266	\$1,350	7%
MS in Human Resource Management (MSHRM)	\$825	\$900	9%
Part-Time MBA Program (PMBA)	\$825	\$900	9%
EMBA (total program cost)	\$78,000	\$84,000	8%

<sup>1</sup>Business proposes increasing MSFRM and EMBA fees for new students only in fall 2018.

These increases generate sufficient revenue to provide high-quality graduate programs, maintain consistency with tuition increases for all UConn graduate programs and smooth out fee increases so that annual increases remain below 10%

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QUESTIONS?