

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY
Student Fee Committee Meetings
November 28 & 30, 2018

November 28, 2018

Members present: Laurie Geller, Brent Winiger, Kevin Harmon, Andy Carter, Cambree Smith, Kaitlin Walker and Cassandra Daniel

Absent: Haley Hernandez

The Finance Committee met on Nov. 28 to visit with representatives from six of the seven areas that had submitted a request for a fee change. Those presenting were as follows:

Request for re-purposing of current fee:

- Erik Anderson from music requested a re-purposing of the fee that was approved last year. This would allow up to \$5,000 per semester of those funds to be used for piano tuning and would allow \$2,000 per semester to be used for accompanists.
 - Winiger moved to approve the change, seconded by Carter. Motion carried.

Requests for fee increases:

- Aili Smith presented for Theater Arts, requesting an increase of \$1.89 – from \$3.11 to \$5.00. Due to non-renewal of theater arts faculty positions, this increase is needed to pay for artistic personnel and numerous artistic supplies needed to produce two main stage productions each year.
- A request for an increase to the Student Health fee was presented by Melissa Fettig. They are asking for an increase of \$23.00, going from \$41.90 to \$71.90. This is needed to fund increased staffing and additional services, as well as cover the \$10,000 decrease in student health fees collected since 2016.
- Women's Club Hockey is asking for an increase from \$8.50 to \$20.00, an increase of \$11.50. Coach Ryan Miner and team member Sami Henry spoke on the need for additional funding to cover increased travel expenses that will be incurred as they participate in an ACHA Division I league and will be traveling to more remote locations. They also intend to run a full roster of 26 players which will increase expenses.
- Laurie Geller spoke on the requested fee increase for student travel. They are asking for an increase from \$5.00 to \$6.00 as the current fee is not enough to cover requests that they receive from students who travel for scholarly activities. They have partially funded all requests but not at the maximum of \$500 per student as stated in policy guidelines.
- Greg Vettell presented a fee increase request of \$6.60 for the Northwest Art Center, raising that fee from the current \$3.11 to \$10. This increase would fund additional staffing needs that are needed since they have moved into the new location.

One additional request from Athletics will be heard at Friday's meeting.

November 30, 2018

Members present: Laurie Geller, Brent Winiger, Kevin Harmon, Cambree Smith, Andy Carter, Kaitlin Walker, and Cassandra Daniel

Absent: Haley Hernandez

The Student Fee Committee met on Nov. 30 to visit with representatives from the last of seven areas that had submitted a request for a fee change. The request was as follows:

Requests for fee increases:

- Sal Rodriguez represented Athletics, requesting an increase of \$15.00 – from \$110 .00 to \$125.00. Due to an increase in travel expenses from \$3.59 to \$3.70 per mile and an increase in an overall usage of charter busses, they will need this increase to continue paying for charter busses for student athlete travel.

The committee continued discussion to determine recommendations on all the proposed fee changes. It was noted that the total fee increase is limited to 1% of tuition for a maximum increase of \$28.08. Increases above 1% would have to have board approval. Those recommendations are as follows:

- The committee recommends increasing the fee for Student Health by \$13.09 for a total fee in the amount of \$61.99.
- The committee recommends increasing the fee for Student Travel by \$1.00 for a total fee in the amount of \$6.00.
- The committee recommends increasing the fee for Women’s Hockey by \$5.00 for a total fee in the amount of \$13.50.
- The committee recommends increasing the fee for Athletics by \$7.00 for a total fee in the amount of \$117.00.
- The committee recommends increasing the fee for Theater Arts by \$0.89 for a total fee in the amount of \$4.00.
- The committee recommends increasing the fee for Northwest Arts Center by \$1.10 for a total fee in the amount of \$4.50.
 - The committee recommends that if Northwest Arts Center may become part of the university budget, the \$1.10 originally recommended for the Northwest Arts Center be added to the increase in Student Health for a total of \$14.19.

The motion is to increase the fees listed except in the case of moving the Northwest Arts Center request to the university budget, then it is to be recommended the \$1.10 be moved to make the total increase for Student Health \$14.19.

Cambree Smith moved to approve the stated recommendations. Seconded by Brent Winiger. Motion passed.