

Minot State University
Student Fee Committee Meetings
Fall 2019

Dec. 5, 2019

Committee members present: Kevin Harmon, Brent Winiger, Andy Carter, Laurie Geller, Janel Bortoluzzi, Jorge Talamantes Baez and Dylan Hennessy

Committee members listened to presentations by the following who have requested an increase in their current fees:

- Melissa Fettig presented for Student Health, requesting an increase of 9.91, from 61.99 to 71.90. They are seeing a large increase in services they provide, and a drastic increase in counseling services. They are also paying a large fee for their annual Medicat membership. While they are now able to bill and recover some of their expenses, they are still lacking in funding to cover their operations. With loss of staff and reduction in hours, all due to budget cuts, they are at a bare minimum for staffing.
- Greg Vettel represented the NW Art Center in their request for an increase of \$5.50, going from \$4.50 to \$10.00. This increase is needed to cover increased collections management, exhibition space, event demands and opportunities for additional programming. Funding is also needed for additional staffing.
- Beth Odahlen spoke on behalf of the Academic Support Center and their request for an increase of \$4.50 in their mentoring fee, raising it from \$3.00 to \$7.50. She explained what the fees are used for and noted that there is not enough funding for the mentors to provide adequate services for their mentees, and many end up using their own money to provide those services.
- Leon Perzinski presented his case for a new fee of \$26.58 which would support the Student Center Director position. In the past, funding for his position and that of the Student Activity Coordinator, was provided by food services revenues. That source is no longer working. In looking at other institutions it appears that many of them fund that position through student fees.

Dec. 10

Committee members present: Kevin Harmon, Brent Winiger, Andy Carter, Laurie Geller, Janel Bortoluzzi, Jorge Talamantes Baez, Dylan Hennessy and Cole Brose

The committee heard from the following areas who were requesting new or increased fees:

- Athletics was represented by Haley Hildenbrand from Women's Basketball. Haley noted that an increase is needed to cover increased travel expenses. They would also like to be able to travel separately from the men which would allow them to get back to Minot sooner, and would like to reach the standard of other schools.
- Neil Roberts and Christina Paxman presented the need for a fee increase, stating that they have turned into a full-fledged station and are starting a podcast series. They have

partnered with Midco Net and are now a 24/7 radio station. Current funds don't cover the much-needed tech support.

- Sayeed Sajal spoke for the Diversity Council and reminded committee members that the fee was discontinued a few years ago due to a large surplus that needed to be spent down. They are now out of money and would like that fee, plus in increase reinstated.
- Art Department/Hartnett Hall Gallery was represented by Ryan Stander and Angela Decker. They are using the space vacated by the NW Art Center and want to use it for a student run, student centered exhibits. They would like a paid position for the director.
- Ryan Miner presented on behalf of Women's Hockey. The program has grown from 10 to 16 and now to 22 students, with plans to have a full roster of 26 next year. The increase in the number of players adds to expenses. We 'pay to play' so we don't get the players we want, as they go elsewhere so they don't have to pay. He would like to get the assistant coach to a full-time paid position and need a marketing intern to help market the program.

Dec. 12

The committee met to discuss the requests and make recommendations. They were each asked to write down their ranking of the requests, with the most needed rated at the top. From this process the following ranking was produced. Their requested increase amounts show in middle column, and after much discussion, the last column shows proposed increase amounts which would allow us to keep our total fee increase under the 1% of tuition limit.

	<u>Requested Amt.</u>	<u>Suggested Amt.</u>
1) Student Health	\$9.91	\$9.43
2) Student Center	\$26.58	\$10.00
3) Diversity Council	\$2.99	\$2.00
4) Women's Hockey	\$6.50	\$3.50
5) Art	\$1.35	\$1.00
6) Athletics	\$8.00	\$3.50
7) KMSU	\$2.00	\$1.00
8) Mentoring	\$4.50	\$0.00
9) NW Art Center	<u>\$5.50</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$67.33	\$30.43

The committee was asked to think about the requests and suggestions and convey their thoughts to Kevin by the end of the day next Thursday.

Fri. Dec. 20

Remainder of process was carried out by e-mail.

Student members of the Student Fee Committee have met and discussed the fee change proposals that were reviewed at committee meetings on Dec. 5, 10, and 12. An additional recommendation that \$.50 should be moved from Athletics to the Diversity Committee is reflected in the list below in red. Today,

Dec. 20 Janel Bortoluzzi moved to approve the recommendations below with those two changes, Dylan Hennessy seconded the motion.

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With no further discussion submitted, Kevin Harmon called for a vote. Seven members (Harmon/Bortoluzzi/Winiger/Geller/Hennessy/Carter/Talamante) voted yes. Motion passed.