

Minot State University
Student Fee Committee Meeting Minutes
Dec. 1 – 2, 2021

December 1

Committee members present: Kevin Harmon, Brent Winiger, Laurie Geller, Jorge Talamantes Baez, Lordina Yeboah, Faith Hauck, Tanner Thompson and Maggie Anderson

The committee heard presentations from the areas that are requesting a fee change. The committee then had the opportunity to ask questions. Requesting areas were:

Athletics, represented by Andrew Petco. Athletics is requesting a \$3.99 increase to Women's Hockey to bring them up to the same amount as Men's Hockey. They are also asking for a general Athletics Fee increase of \$6.01, which will cover anticipated increases in costs of athletic training and performance staff. This brings the total fee increase request to \$10.00.

E-sports, represented by Ethan Valentine. E-sports is requesting a new fee of \$5.00. Ethan explained what e-sports is and added that we are behind other schools who have already established e-sports opportunities for their students. Fees would cover purchase and maintenance/replacement of computers as needed, as well as staffing of a coach.

Native American Cultural Center, represented by Annette Mennem. The center is requesting a fee increase of \$2.10 for a total fee of \$5.00. This fee is used strictly for the annual Honor Dance and Powwow and covers many of the expenses of the event. The event grows larger every year, and many MSU students are involved in running and working the event. They have had requests to increase it from a two-day event to three days.

Northwest Art Center/Gallery, represented by Greg Vettel. The art center is asking for a fee increase of 19 cents. This would cover a 16-week student position within the center.

December 2, 2021

Committee members present: Kevin Harmon, Brent Winiger, Laurie Geller, Jorge Talamantes Baez, Faith Hauck, Tanner Thompson and Maggie Anderson

The committee met to review and discuss the proposals that were presented and vote on recommendations that will be represented to SGA at their January meeting for their approval. Final approval is given by Dr. Shirley.

After discussions Jorge Talamantes Baez moved that the committee approve the Native American Cultural Center and NW Art Center/Gallery requests and to deny the requests of E-sports and Athletics. The motion was seconded by Tanner Thompson. The motion passes 6-0.

With a limit of total fees increases of \$34.45 and only \$2.29 being approved, students asked about the possibility of directing the remaining fee allowance toward the Student Center Renovation Project. Brent suggested that we not act on that now, as he will need to check on a few things to make sure that is possible, and if it needs to be acted on now, or if it can be submitted later. If approved the revenue from that fee would build each year and will help reduce the bond request when the project begins.

Discussion was also held on the term "club" that is connected to men's and women's hockey teams. They prefer not to be referred to as club teams any longer. This is a matter that can be discussed more in the future.

NOTE: These recommendations were presented to SGA at their monthly meeting, and they voted to approve an additional fee of \$32.14 for a Student Infrastructure Fund to help pay for Student Center renovations that have previously been approved.