

**Minot State University**  
**Finance Committee Minutes**  
**December 10, 2014**

**Committee members present:** Brian Foisy, Kevin Harmon, Lenore Koczon, Rick Hedberg, Cassandra Stauffer, Jacques Stanley, Chelsea Geis for Josh Sandy, Marley Kotylak

Micah Bloom (faculty) and Ann Palmer (student) were present to answer questions about the art fee requests. The art department had class fee requests totaling \$230 for a number of their classes. Following discussion Rick Hedberg moved that all art fee requests be approved, barring any large fund balances that might be out there. Seconded by Marley Kotylak. Motion passed. Brian will check on fund balances to ensure that they are not excessive.

Lisa Eriksmoen was present to represent the Multicultural Activities Fee. The committee wanted to visit with her regarding their thoughts on discontinuing that fee for a while due to the large accumulation of money in that fund. Lisa agreed to that with the understanding that they can come back later to ask that it be reactivated. That fund helps support activities of the Diversity Committee and the university is trying to strengthen that committee and the work it does.

At Monday's Student Government Association meeting Marley presented the committee's discussion on the Sustainability Fee. Students voted to repeal the Sustainability Fee that was approved last fall. They agreed that they can do quite a bit with money from the parking fee increase that was designated to be used for sustainability activities and initiatives, and would rather not tax students with the fee for a full-time sustainability position. Instead they will create a new position within SGA to handle sustainability at a student level to carry out ideas and activities.

After much discussion the committee agreed that the following recommendations should be presented to SGA at their January meeting for their approval:

- Fund the Wellness Center request of \$23.50 plus \$1.00 for a total of \$24.50
- Fund the Writing Center request of \$2.00
- Fund the CETL Mentoring request at \$1.50 (down from \$5.50). The committee will research other funding possibilities for first year student activities – possibly increase orientation fees.
- Approve repeal of Sustainability Fee of \$5.00
- Reduce SGA Club Funding from \$5.00 to \$4.50.
- Repeal the Multicultural Activity Fee of \$2.00 until the excessive balance is more in line with their spending. They may re-apply at that time.
- Accept the withdrawal of the request for an increase to the Student Activities Fee.

These recommendations will result in a total fee increase of \$20.50 overall. The "1% of tuition" cap is \$24.70 so we are well within that.