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TO: Peter Nicholls, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Richard Gray, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
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FROM: David Clokey
Chair, Student Fee Advisory Committee

RE: Student Fee Recommendations (FY10 and FY11)

Cc: Student Advisory Fee Committee

The Student Advisory Fee Committee has reviewed and endorsed the enclosed set of recommendations and adjustments for FY10 and FY11 for the University's Student Activity and Service Fees.

I will send letters to each group who participated in the hearing process so they understand the Committee's recommendations that have been forwarded for your consideration. They will be reminded that final decisions and any adjustments will not be determined until you make your recommendations to the Board of Trustees and the Board takes final action on the proposed budget package.

The Committee is hopeful that you will find our recommendations and adjustments to be reasonable and worthy of your support. We greatly appreciate that each group that came before the Committee was prepared and flexible and understood the need to consider the greater good of the institution in these hard economic times. Please let me know if you need further information or clarification.

**FY10 and FY11 Student Fee Recommendations (Review)
Based on Hearings conducted by the Student Fee Advisory Committee
February and March 2009**

Student Fee Advisory Committee conducted public hearings on February 13, 24, 27 and March 3, 2009 with representatives from organizations and departments that are funded through Activity Fees, the General University Fee, and Parking and Transit Fees. The following will explain the Committee's recommendations and special requests.

Storrs Based Activity Fees

Each Student Activity Fee-Funded organization is strongly encouraged to reduce their Fund Balance to a reasonable amount, unless a specified need is supported by the Committee. We are currently reviewing when the activity fees are disbursed to the organizations in the fall. If the time frame for the disbursement of funds to the organizations is well in advance of the beginning of the fall semester planned activities the Committee will ask that Fund Balances be reduced appropriately.

The Daily Campus

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the Daily Campus Fee continue to be assessed on the fee bill at a rate of \$14/year (\$7/semester).

Graduate Student Senate

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$26/year (\$13/semester).

UConn Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the UConn PIRG Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$10/year (\$5/semester) and students have the option of waiving the fee on their fee bill. Every three years the Storrs UConnPIRG chapter, based on their constitution, request that the undergraduate students reaffirm their status as a student organization with a \$5/semester fee that can be waived. This year the results were 69% (2835) of the 4099 students voted in favor thus the Committee recommends the Fee continue to be assessed as a \$5/semester fee that can be waived.

UCTV

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the UCTV Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$10/year (\$5/semester).

WHUS Radio

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the WHUS Radio Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$18/year (\$9/semester).

Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG)

No increase was requested or recommended.

The Committee recommends that the SUBOG Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$46/year (\$23/semester).

Nutmeg Yearbook

Requests a \$4/year (\$2/semester) to \$10/year (\$5/semester) fee increase effective FY10 from its current rate of \$6/year (\$3/semester).

The Student Fee Committee discussed the Nutmeg Yearbook's request for consideration of a fee increase. Although Committee members understand the desire to make the yearbook a high quality publication, because of the unprecedented economic difficulties the State and the University are facing, the Committee felt strongly that they couldn't support reviewing a fee increase this spring. The Committee suggests that the Nutmeg Yearbook submit their formal request to increase their fee in the fall of 2012 in preparation for next year's budget hearings/review.

The Committee also encourages the Nutmeg Yearbook to review additional opportunities to increase revenue and/or alternative methods for producing yearbooks – including electronic/digital options.

Storrs Undergraduate Student Government (USG)

No increase was requested or recommended.

The Committee recommends that the USG Fee continue to be assessed at the rate of \$80/year (\$40/semester).

General University Fee (GUF) Funded Programs

Overall GUF Funding

The Committee recommends the following regarding the overall GUF budget:

In May 2008, the Committee recommended that the GUF rate should be increased by 4.6% for FY11 to support the programs offered by GUF units. In February, FY10 GUF allocations were reduced to the FY09 dollar amount (a zero percent increase) for all units except Student Health Services and Athletics. Once the FY10 GUF rate of 6.45% was approved by the Board of Trustees in March the Committee requested updated budgets from each unit for FY11 using the new FY10 base and the 4.6 % increase. The recommended rates below reflect these changes.

If any further reduction to the GUF unit budgets is necessary for FY11, the Committee respectfully requests the opportunity to reconvene in order to re-budget.

1. With the additional income as a result of the additional student population, the 6.45% increase in the GUF rate for FY10 and keeping all but Student Health Services and Athletics allocation at the FY09 rate, the Committee, with agreement from senior administration, have moved the Departments of Career Services and Wellness and Prevention Services (formerly known as Alcohol and Other Drug Education Services) to be funded by GUF beginning in FY10.
2. Instead of specifically indentifying the few additional services that have traditionally been fund by GUF (Office of Special Programs that no longer exists, and the annual contribution to Parking and Transportation Services including the late-night transportation costs) the Committee recommends that a percent of the GUF budget should be allocated centrally to cover these costs. The central fund contribution should no more than 3% of the GUF revenue budget.
3. Continue to maintain an annual Operating Fund Balance that is 6%-8% of the annual Revenue Projection to cover any potential shortfall. Any money above this threshold shall be available for one-time disbursements to GUF funded units. Any money not disbursed for one time disbursements should be moved to a Plant Fund account for GUF unit capital improvements.
4. If there are reduced or eliminated collective bargaining agreement wage increases for FY10 and there are substantial unspent dollars that result in a Fund Balance, the Committee recommends capturing these dollars and returning them to the central GUF Fund Balance once the FY10 is closed out in the summer of 2010.

Student Health Services

The adjusted request for FY10 is \$8,989,088 and FY11 is \$9,402,586.

Both rates are supported by the Committee.

One Card Office

The adjusted request for FY10 is \$273,786 and FY11 is \$286,380.

Both requests are supported by the Committee.

Jorgensen

No additional increase was requested for FY10 (\$1,056,660) and the adjusted request for FY11 is \$1,099,660

Both requests are supported by the Committee.

Division of Athletics

The adjusted request for FY10 is \$8,533,402 and FY11 is \$8,925,938.

Both requests are supported by the Committee.

UConn Marching Band

The adjusted request for FY10 is \$93,104 and FY11 is \$97,387.

Both requests are supported by the Committee.

Two years ago the Committee recommended that additional funds be allocated directly to the Marching Band to support the infrastructure needs as a result of the increased cost of the Band. The Band is also funded by the Division of Athletics through their GUF allocation. After two years of operations the Committee would like a full review of the costs associated with providing for and delivering the band in order to determine that the allocation is appropriate. Once this review is completed, the Committee recommends permanently moving the dollars appropriated to the Division of Athletics to the Band in order to streamline the allocation process for the Band.

Student Union

The adjusted request for FY10 is \$2,908,391 and FY11 is 3,042,177.

Both requests are supported by the Committee.

Student Activities

The adjusted request for FY10 is \$3,902,197 and FY11 is \$4,081,698.

Both requests are supported by the Committee.

Fraternity & Sorority Life

The adjusted request for FY10 is \$401,699 and FY11 is \$420,177.

Both requests are supported by the Committee.

Off Campus Student Services

The adjusted request for FY10 is \$271,655 and FY11 is \$284,151.

Both requests are supported by the Committee.

Career Services

The new request for FY10 is \$1,177,109 and FY11 is \$1,231,256.

Both requests are supported by the Committee.

Wellness and Prevention Services

The new request for FY10 is \$556,247 and FY11 is \$581,834.

Both requests are supported by the Committee.

Other Storrs Based Service Fees**Parking**

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the Storrs Parking Fees continue to be assessed at \$110 for residents; \$88 for Graduate Assistants; \$324 for North and South Parking Garage and \$86 for commuters.

Transportation

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the Storrs Transit Fee continue to be assessed at \$70/year (\$35/semester).

Storrs Summer Session Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the Storrs Summer Session fee continue to be assessed at \$16 per student per summer session.

Regional Campus Activity Fees**Avery Point Student Government Fee**

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the Avery Point ASG fee continue to be assessed on the fee bill at a rate of \$70/year (\$35/semester).

Hartford Student Government Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the Hartford ASG fee continue to be assessed on the fee bill at a rate of \$60/year (\$30/semester).

Hartford UConn PIRG Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the Hartford UConn PIRG Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$10/year (\$5/semester) and students have the option of waiving the fee on their fee bill.

School of Social Work Student Activity Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends that the School of Social Work Student Activity Fee continue to be assessed at \$50/year (\$25/semester).

Torrington Student Government Fee***No increase was requested or recommended***

The Committee recommends that the Torrington Student Government Fee continue to be assessed at \$70/year (\$35/semester).

Waterbury Student Government Fee***No increase was requested or recommended***

The Committee recommends the Waterbury Student Government Fee continue to be assessed at \$70/year (\$35.00/semester).

Law School Student Bar Association Fee***No increase was requested or recommended***

The Committee recommends that the Law School Bar Association Fee be assessed at \$164/year (\$82/semester) as already approved.

Stamford Student Government Fee***No increase was requested or recommended***

The Committee recommends that the Stamford Student Government Fee be assessed at \$80/year (\$40/semester)

Regional Campus Parking Fees**Avery Point Parking Fee*****No increase was requested or recommended***

The Committee recommends that the Avery Point Parking Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$40/year (\$20/semester).

Hartford Parking Fee***No increase was requested or recommended***

The Committee recommends that the Hartford Parking Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$40/year (\$20/semester).

Stamford Parking Fee***No increase was requested or recommended***

The Committee recommends that the Stamford Parking Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$40/year (\$20/semester).

Torrington Parking Fee***No increase was requested or recommended***

The Committee recommends that the Torrington Parking Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$40/year (\$20/semester).

Waterbury Parking Fee***No increase was requested or recommended***

The Committee recommends that the Waterbury Parking Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$40/year (\$20/semester).

Law School Parking Fee***No increase was requested or recommended***

The Committee recommends that the Law School Parking Fee continue to be assessed at \$40/year (\$20/semester).