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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Richard D. Gray
Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer

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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Fiscal Year 2015 Student Activity and Service Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve a schedule of Student Activity and Service Fees for Fiscal Year 2015 comprised of increases in the General University Fee (GUF) and Transit Fee for Storrs students, and the Graduate Student Activity Fee.

BACKGROUND:

The University has an established student fee review process that categorizes the fees as follows: (1.) Institutional Fees, which require central administrative approval, such as Tuition, Room, Board, Infrastructure Maintenance Fee and self-supporting programs; (2.) Academic Materials Fees, which are for consumables and instructional materials that are specific to a particular course or major; and (3.) Student Fees, which include the General University Fee and student activity and service fees. Senior Management charged permanent committees with promoting a fee structure for the academic and student fees that supports excellence, provides comprehensive procedures, and is uniform without sacrificing efficiency and flexibility. The committees are comprised of students, faculty, and administrative representatives. These fee proposals were presented to and approved by the Provost and Executive Vice President and the Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer.

See attached schedule for summary of recommended annual Student Activity and Service Fees.

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University of Connecticut - Storrs & Regional Campuses
Summary of Recommended Annual Student Activity and Service Fees
Fiscal Years 2014-2015

Fees designated as "student activity and service fees" include the General University Fee (GUF), the Student Activity Fees and the Service Fees (Parking and Transit). These fees are typically paid by all students thus making it desirable to have students involved in the fee establishment, continuation and review process. The Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee is advisory to the University's leadership.

	<u>FY 2014 Current</u>	<u>FY 2015 Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
	<u>Annual Rates</u>			
GUF - Storrs Undergraduates	\$1,848	\$1,914	\$66	3.6%
GUF - Storrs Graduates	\$1,368	\$1,416	\$48	3.5%
Transit Fee - Storrs Campus	\$110	\$120	\$10	9.1%
Graduate Student Activity Fee	\$26	\$32	\$6	23.1%

GUF Funded Programs

The Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee recommends that the GUF rate be increased by 3.6% for Storrs Undergraduates and 3.5% for Storrs Graduates to support the continuation of current programs offered by GUF funded units. GUF rates at regional campuses and the Law School are not increasing. FY15 funding is recommended as follows:

	<u>FY 2014 Current</u>	<u>FY 2015 Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Student Health Services	\$10,004,357	\$10,464,138	\$459,781	4.6%
One Card Office	303,200	307,731	4,531	1.5%
Jorgensen Center for Performing Arts	1,349,660	1,486,421	136,761	10.1%
Division of Athletics	9,929,474	10,202,710	273,236	2.8%
UConn Marching Band	319,306	331,885	12,579	3.9%
Student Union	3,426,662	3,535,162	108,500	3.2%
Student Activities	4,908,489	5,198,699	290,210	5.9%
Fraternity and Sorority Life	476,186	499,995	23,809	5.0%
Career Services	1,824,596	1,922,029	97,433	5.3%
Wellness and Prevention Services	986,789	831,789	(155,000)	-15.7%
Off-Campus Student Services	307,310	322,675	15,365	5.0%
Parking & Transportation	495,618	495,618	0	0.0%
	<u>\$34,331,647</u>	<u>\$35,598,852</u>	<u>\$1,267,205</u>	<u>3.69%</u>

Transit Fee-Storrs Campus

Beginning in the Fall 2014 semester, the Committee recommends the Storrs Transit Fee be raised from \$110/year to \$120/year. The primary rationale for this adjustment is increased fuel prices, labor costs and maintenance of the shuttle buses and accessible vans.

Graduate Student Activity Fee

Beginning in the Fall 2014 semester, the Committee recommends the Graduate Student Activity Fee be raised from \$26/year to \$32/year. The adjustment is requested to provide additional program options for graduate students including the enhancement of professional development opportunities, and continued direct financial support to graduate students through the Graduate Emergency Loan.

University of Connecticut - Storrs and Regional Campuses
General University Fee
Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015

FY 2014 Current						
Classification	Undergraduates - Storrs/Regionals		Graduates/Professional Schools ^(A)			
	# of Credits	Annual Rate	Graduate Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate	Non-Grad Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate
Storrs:						
Full-Time	(12 or more)	\$1,848	(0 - 9)	\$1,368	(9)	\$1,368
Half-Time	(6 - 11)	\$924			(5 - 8)	\$912
Less Than Half-Time	(1 - 5)	\$462			(0 - 4)	\$456
Regional Campuses:						
Torrington	Flat Amount	\$74				
Other than Torrington	Flat Amount	\$112				
Professional:						
School of Law					Flat Amount	\$74
School of Social Work					Flat Amount	\$74

FY 2015 Proposed						
Classification	Undergraduates - Storrs/Regionals		Graduates/Professional Schools ^(A)			
	# of Credits	Annual Rate	Graduate Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate	Non-Grad Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate
Storrs:						
Full-Time	(12 or more)	\$1,914	(0 - 9)	\$1,416	(9)	\$1,416
Half-Time	(6 - 11)	\$958			(5 - 8)	\$944
Less Than Half-Time	(1 - 5)	\$478			(0 - 4)	\$472
Regional Campuses:						
Torrington	Flat Amount	\$74				
Other than Torrington	Flat Amount	\$112				
Professional:						
School of Law					Flat Amount	\$74
School of Social Work					Flat Amount	\$74

^(A) Graduate Assistants are classified as full-time students and are charged the full-time rate. Continuous Registration Students who are registered for GRAD 5998, 5999, 6998 and 6999 are less than half-time students and are therefore charged the less than half-time rate.