

# University of Connecticut Office of the Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer

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TO:

Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM:

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Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer

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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE:

Fiscal Year 2014 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 2014 comprised of increases in the General University Fee (GUF) and increases in the following fees for Storrs students: Transit Fee, Daily Campus Fee and Undergraduate Student Government 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 support excellence, provide 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 for Academic Affairs 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) Summary of Recommended Annual Student Activity and Service Fees Fiscal Years 2013-2014

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.

		Annual Rates			
	FY 2013	FY 2014	0/ Inamaga		
	Current	Proposed	% Increase		
GUF - Storrs Undergraduates	\$1,776	\$1,848	4.1%		
GUF - Storrs Graduates	1,314	1,368	4.1%		
Transit Fee-Storrs Campus	100	110	10.0%		
Daily Campus	14	20	42.9%		
Undergraduate Student Government-Storrs	86	96	11.6%		

#### **GUF Funded Programs**

The Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee recommends that the GUF rate be increased by 4.1% for FY 2014 to support the continuation of current programs offered by GUF funded units. GUF rates at the regional campuses and the Law School are not increasing. This funding represents increases of approximately 3% to 8% for most units, with the exception of Career Services which received a 33.5% increase in GUF funding in order to expand outreach to employers and to better prepare students to enter the job market. Additionally, GUF support for Parking and Transportation is being reduced by 36.7% as Parking Services moves towards self-sufficiency. FY2014 funding is recommended as follows:

	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Increase
	Current	Proposed	/o filcrease
Student Health Services	\$9,564,217	\$10,004,357	4.6%
One Card Office	270,150	303,200	12.2%
Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts	1,249,660	1,349,660	8.0%
Division of Athletics	9,640,217	9,929,474	3.0%
UConn Marching Band	295,645	319,306	8.0%
Student Union	3,207,010	3,426,662	6.8%
Student Activities	4,512,102	4,908,489	8.8%
Fraternity & Sorority Life	441,186	476,186	7.9%
Career Services	1,366,739	1,824,596	33.5%
Wellness and Prevention Services	986,789	986,789	0.0%
Off-Campus Student Services	298,359	307,310	3.0%
Parking & Transportation	783,370	495,618	-36.7%

#### Transit Fee-Storrs Campus

Beginning in the Fall 2013 semester, the Committee recommends the Storrs Transit Fee be raised from \$100/year to \$110/year. The primary rationale for this increase is for Transportation Services to become self-supporting.

#### Daily Campus

Beginning in the Fall 2013 semester, the Committee recommends the Daily Campus Fee be raised from \$14/year to \$20/year. The increase is recommended in order to cover increased newspaper production costs and to help the Daily Campus cover facility costs for their building.

#### **Undergraduate Student Government-Storrs**

The Committee recommends that the Storrs Undergraduate Student Government (USG) fee be raised from \$86/year to \$96/year in order to fund the increased demand for support by registered student organizations.

## University of Connecticut (Storrs and Regional Campuses) General University Fee Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014

FY 2013 Current							
	Undergraduates - Storrs/Regionals			Graduates/Professional Schools <sup>(A)</sup>			
Classification	# of Credits	Annual Rate		Graduate Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate	Non-Grad Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate
Storrs:			_				
Full-Time	(12 or more)	\$1,776		(0 - 9)	\$1,314	(9)	\$1,314
Half-Time	(6 - 11)	\$888				(5 - 8)	\$876
Less Than Half-Time	(1 - 5)	\$444				(0 - 4)	\$438
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 2014 Proposed

	Undergraduates - Storrs/Regionals		Graduates/Professional Schools <sup>(A)</sup>				
Classification	# 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	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(A)</sup> 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.