



**SGA Executive Branch Local Fees Committee
Introductory Meeting
9/14/2023**

Call to Order: 11:06am

Members Present: Student Body Treasurer Bowling, Dr. Shelley Ducatt, Cassandra Brown, Angela Crosby, Kelly Conner, Gilman Page, Tory Kim, and Madeline King

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Members Absent: Katie Perkins, Ross Cobb, Jerryson Cirise and Carson Dale

Guests: N/A

Announcements:

- Chair
 - Land Acknowledgement:
 - The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler-colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.
- Guests
 - Public Statements: N/A
- Mission Statement of the local fees committee: "The Local Fees Committee at Florida State University is dedicated to the transparent and equitable allocation of student fees. Our goal is to responsibly fund vital campus services and enhance student well-being, guided by thorough evaluation and student input."
- Bowling: The purpose of this meeting is just to go over the memo that I sent out to you previously. I will share my screen right now so we all can take a look. I just want to get confirmation from the committee before we start disseminating this to the administration. It starts with the local fees committee, the calendar, and it talks about, by unanimous

consent, we passed to increase each fee as follows. Then, the subsequent increase should be considered for the following academic year. If anyone has questions or concerns, jump in

- The document then goes into the health fee. Basically what I did was I took the slides and the information that was given to us, then explained why we needed to raise this by 69 cents per credit hour. Then I talked about the existing services, mental health services with the statistics there, the student demands, the efficiency of future initiatives (they're trying to maintain as many services as possible), the consequences of not increasing the fee (potential loss for accreditation I believed was one of the most important things, that is why it is bolded, unable to meet timely demand, budget constraints as of now) and that the increase of funds is essential for ongoing high-quality health care services. Any questions or concerns about that part of the memo?
- Seeing none, we will continue to Activities and Service fees. With 65 cents per credit hour, the memo talks a little bit about it and the rationale for the increase, economic factors, consumer price index rising, and projected costs. I have to change the consequences of the fees section for formatting. Then there are recommendations and the approval of the recommended increase. Any questions?
- Seeing none, for the athletics fees, to sustain a high standard of athletic program facilities, it talks about raising 39 cents per credit hour, the rate rationale for the increase, the academic achievements, national championships, the return of students employed by the athletic department, no fee increase since 2013, then approving the athletic fee by 39 cents per credit hour. Any questions on this section?
- Seeing none, I made a conclusion paragraph, that the well-being, engagement, and athletic prowess remains at the forefront of our institutional values. Then, at Cassandra's request, I made a chart to explain the actual increased amount per credit hour and the new fee amount. The difference is \$1.73, that is the increased recommendation. These increases are carefully calculated for filling critical financial gaps. Does anyone have any questions about that?
- Seeing none, what I will do to confirm the committee's support of this memo, I will hold a vote by unanimous consent. Are there any objections to this memo being disseminated by the Office of the Treasurer to the administration?
 - No objections were made
- Seeing none, I want to say thank you all so much for taking the time as always for this very important yearly process. This is a holistic recommendation that I think the administration will take very seriously. You are all free to go and have a good rest of your day. Thank you for your service to Florida State.
- Questions/Comments:
 - Dr. Shelley Ducatt: Adam, I wanted to say a very good job on running the committee, also the memo was excellent and is very well done. We know you are a student and have a lot going on, but this is very well done and something you could show an employer. I just wanted to let you know you did a really good job

- Cassandra Brown: you did a very good job
 - Bowling: Thank you so much it was Cassandra and I working on it, thank you to her for the edits. Thank you for taking the time as always to help this important process to be complete.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: N/A

Meeting Adjourned at 11:14am